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Secretary Shelley Releases Final Report of Registration October 7, Statewide Special Election

Nearly 15.4 million Californians Are Registered to Vote

SACRAMENTO, CA--- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley today announced that as of the September 22, 2003, 15-day close of registration deadline nearly 15.4 million Californians have registered to vote. The total number of persons registered is 15,380,536, an increase in the number of registered voters prior to the 2002 Gubernatorial Election, which was then 15,303,469. However, the overall percentage of total registrations in the state has decreased from 71.29 percent to 70.45 percent due to an increase in the estimated number of eligible voters from the November 2002 gubernatorial election to the upcoming 2003 statewide special election, to be held on Tuesday, October 7.

The Report of Registration also summarizes how California voters have chosen to affiliate themselves politically. Registration in the qualified political parties has decreased from 84 percent to 83 percent since the November 2002 gubernatorial election. Registration totals for the seven qualified political parties are as follows:

Democratic	6,718,111	43.68%
Republican	5,429,356	35.30%
American Independent	297,707	1.94%
Green	165,722	1.08%
Libertarian	89,540	0.58%
Natural Law	37,278	0.24%
Peace and Freedom	77,856	0.51%
Declined to State	2,466,369	16.04%

For copies of the Report of Registration, please contact the Secretary of State's press office at 916/653-6575.