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Secretary Shelley Releases 60-Day Report of Registration November 2, 2004 Presidential General Election

SACRAMENTO, CA--- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley today released the latest Report of Registration summarizing the number of Californians registered to vote and how California voters have chosen to affiliate themselves politically.

Registration totals for the seven qualified political parties as of September 3, 2004, 60 days prior to the November 2, 2004 Presidential General Election, are as follows:

American Independent	304,066	1.95 percent
Democratic	6,754,308	43.23 percent
Green	156,914	1.00 percent
Libertarian	86,330	0.55 percent
Natural Law	29,078	0.19 percent
Peace and Freedom	67,511	0.43 percent
Republican	5,466,404	34.98 percent
Declined to State	2,671,142	17.10 percent

Official reports from California's 58 county elections officials incorporate list purges administered locally in odd-numbered years, as well as additional registrants.

The following are new totals as of 60 days before the November 2004 general election compared to totals as of 60 days before the March 2004 primary election:

- The number of registered voters has increased by 680,000 from 14,945,031 to 15,625,180. During the same period in 2000, voter registration increased 450,000 from 14,676,174 to 15,126,262.
- The number of Democrats registered remains the same at 43.20 percent.
- The number of Republicans registered has declined from 35.7 percent to 35 percent.
- The number of voters who decline to state a party affiliation has increased from 16.2 percent to 17.1 percent.

Voter registration updates occur at the 154th day, the 60th day, and the 15th day marks before each primary election - and 60 days and 15 days before each general election. There is one update released in February of each non-election year. The next report released will be the 15-day report and will contain registration up until October 18th.

The detailed report can be found on Secretary of State Kevin Shelley's web page at: www.ss.ca.gov. For hard copies of the September 3, 2004 Report of Registration, please contact the Secretary of State's Press office at 916-653-6575.