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## **Statement from Secretary of State Kevin Shelley's Press Office Regarding the Election Assistance Committee's Decision to Audit California's HAVA Funds**

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley's Press Office released this statement today in response to the Election Assistance Commission's decision to audit California's HAVA Funds:

**"In response to the vote of the Election Assistance Commission today, we note we are already implementing all of the recommendations from a similar review recently conducted by the California State Bureau of audits."**

**"We are convinced this audit will show that the work we've done in relation to HAVA has yielded stellar results to ensure we have modern - and secure - election equipment."**

**"The audit will address money used to fund poll-worker training, voter education outreach, the security of touch-screen voting machines, parallel monitoring of touch-screen voting machines at the March and November elections, and our program to increase permanent absentee voting - all successful programs developed by this office. We are also proud that the HAVA-related initiatives of this office created record voter participation from all parts of the political spectrum in the November 2004 election."**

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