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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