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Text of Letter from Secretary of State Bruce McPherson to Orange County Acting Registrar of Voters

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Dear Mr. Kelly:

I am closely following the recent developments in the Orange County Registrar of Voters office. All election officials understand how difficult a change of leadership can be as you prepare for major elections. I am writing to let you know that the resources of my office are available to assist you. Please call on my staff or me if we can be of any assistance as you prepare for both the statewide special election and your election to fill the seat in the 48th Congressional District.

I have asked Brad Clark, Assistant Secretary of State for Elections to be on call as your contact in my office. He can be reached at 916-653-7244. Brad has assured me that you can call on him anytime, day or night, if you need assistance. In addition he is available to be in your office on both election days if you need him.

I have come to understand during my time as Secretary of State that election workers are talented and dedicated people who rally when challenged in order to ensure all voters the right to vote. I expect that the professional staff of the Orange County Registrar of Voters office will do just that and pledge my support and assistance.

Sincerely,

Bruce McPherson
Secretary of State