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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Encourages Overseas Voters to Vote in the 48th Congressional District Vacancy Special Election *Election to be held Tuesday, October 4th*

Sacramento, CA --- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today urged military personnel and citizens who are living abroad and are registered to vote to participate in the October 4th Special Election in the 48th Congressional District (Orange County). This special election is to fill the vacancy left from the appointment and confirmation of Congressman Christopher Cox to chair the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"I encourage all eligible voters to take part in this election, including those who are currently living and serving abroad," Secretary McPherson said. "I applaud the service of America's military and hope all service men and women will take the time to exercise the very rights they are defending. Their defense of democracy abroad is inspirational and I hope they themselves will take the opportunity to vote in this election."

The entire 48th Congressional District is located within the boundaries of Orange County. To determine whether you are in the above district, go to www.fvap.gov and simply click on "Communicating With Your Elected Officials," then "Who is my Representative?"

Both federal and state laws allow California military personnel and those who are visiting or living abroad to vote and return their ballots by mail or fax. The elections office must receive all voted ballots, including those voted by overseas and military citizens, no later than the close of polls or 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4th.

Voters can obtain details about their right to vote and download the appropriate forms by visiting the Secretary of State website at www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_mov.htm and more information about this election may be found on Orange County's website at <http://www.oc.ca.gov/election/>.

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