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## **Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Promotes Early Voting in California's November 8<sup>th</sup> Special Statewide Election**

*McPherson Reminds Voters of the November 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot*

Sacramento, CA --- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today visited with local elections officials in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties to encourage voter participation in the November 8<sup>th</sup> Special Statewide Election. Secretary McPherson also reminded all California voters that they can cast their ballots early at their county elections office between now and Election Day.

"My goal is to make the voting process as easy and as convenient as possible," said McPherson. "I encourage voters to take advantage of this service offered by their local elections officials and vote early to avoid lines at the polls on Election Day."

Conveniences in mind, local county elections offices are open for registered voters to cast their ballots early for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Special Statewide Election. Any registered voter may go to their county elections office and vote early. Contact information for each county is available on the Secretary of State's website, [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov). Some counties offer additional early voting sites, which include: Alameda, Los Angeles, Napa, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Shasta and Yolo counties.

In addition, Secretary of State Bruce McPherson reminded registered voters that the deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Special Statewide Election is November 1<sup>st</sup>. To receive an absentee ballot, a registered voter can fill out and return the application form printed on their Sample Ballot or apply in writing to their county elections official. If the voter chooses to send in a written request, they must include their name as indicated on their registration affidavit, residence, mailing address and date of the election. The written request must also be signed and dated.

"Early voting is a convenient way for Californians to vote," said Phil Schmit, Ventura County Clerk and Recorder. "I appreciate Secretary McPherson's leadership and his efforts in getting Californians to participate in our Democratic process. We are grateful to Secretary McPherson for his visit to our office to see first hand how we run elections at the local level."

"Elections officials work hard to make voting easy and Secretary McPherson's visit shows his commitment to encourage Californians to vote and to help make elections accessible to all eligible voters," said Joe Holland, Santa Barbara County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor.