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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Attends Opening of One of San Mateo County's Early Voting Centers

Reminds Californians of Last Day to Register to Vote for June 6th Primary Election

SAN MATEO COUNTY - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today visited one of San Mateo County's early voting sites and encouraged Californians to register to vote and participate in the democratic process. Secretary McPherson was joined by Chief Elections Officer for San Mateo County, Warren Slocum, various local officials and numerous representatives from disability groups and community agencies.

The San Mateo County Elections Office is piloting a new voter services program called "Universal Voting Centers," for the upcoming June 6th Primary Election. San Mateo County opened seven "Universal Voting Centers" today, located throughout the county and the Centers will be open through June 5th.

"I applaud the efforts of San Mateo County Chief Elections Officer Warren Slocum and his team for working hard on behalf of the voters of your community to provide accessible early voting at Universal Voting Centers," said Secretary McPherson. "Every voter, including voters with disabilities, should have the ability to cast their ballot privately and independently," added McPherson. "I'm also reminding all eligible citizens that today is the last day to register to vote for the upcoming June 6th Primary Election."

Warren Slocum, Chief Elections Officer for San Mateo County explained, "Accessible eSlates makes it possible for *any* voter to vote early at *any* Universal Voting Center location in the County. The HAVA compliant eSlate voting devices also feature a voter verifiable paper confirmation of ballot choices and they deliver ballots in English, Chinese or Spanish, meeting the terms of the federal Voting Rights Act that mandates language accessibility."

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