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Mr. Gregory Schmidt
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mr. E. Dotson Wilson
Chief Clerk of the Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA EMAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Wilson:

Attached is my office's annual report on the California confidential mail forwarding program "Safe at Home," which is required by California Government Code section 6210(a). If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-7244.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Bowen".

Debra Bowen
Secretary of State

Attachment

cc: Ms. Diane Boyer-Vine, Legislative Counsel



SAFE AT HOME GOALS FOR 2011

- Develop online training for enrolling agencies, law enforcement, the courts and public.
- Continue reaching out to California's culturally diverse communities to make them more aware of the Safe at Home Program.
- Work more effectively with the courts to familiarize them with the program and the rights program participants are entitled to receive.

“I am so thankful for this program... I finally feel safe.”

-Safe at Home participant



CALIFORNIA SAFE AT HOME LEGISLATIVE REPORT

2010



Because every Californian should feel and be **Safe at Home**

California Secretary of State **Debra Bowen**



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The 2010 calendar year was exceptional in both its challenges and its successes. I sponsored Senate Bill 1233 by the late Senator Jenny Oropeza, which was signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, making Safe at Home a permanent program. This will ensure California survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking will continue to be served by this valuable program.

The fiscal situation in California has introduced new challenges in providing training to our partner agencies, the courts and law enforcement, while the number of new participants has grown by the highest percentage in four years. In spite of the budgetary challenges, California's Safe at Home program continues to provide a high level of customer service and the most comprehensive services of all the confidential address programs in the United States.

I am pleased to present the Safe at Home 2010 Annual Report required by Government Code section 6210 (a). In addition to the summary report and statistical information, the following are the highlights of the 2010 achievements:

- Sponsored SB 1233 (Chapter 326, Statutes of 2010) that made Safe at Home a permanent program.
- Reduced operating expenses by streamlining procedures, providing phone training to enrolling agencies, and utilizing teleconferencing services to meet with other address confidentiality programs.
- Produced an online webinar in conjunction with the Family Justice Center Alliance to introduce the Safe at Home program to victim advocates, lawyers, court officials, medical personnel, rape crisis clinics and the public. The webinar was viewed by over 600 registrants and remains online for continued viewing by new participants daily.

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Secretary of State

Safe at Home 2010 Summary of Statistics

Number of participants served since 1999:	5,704	Mail pieces forwarded in 2010:	221,890
Number of applications rejected in 2010:	72	Mail pieces forwarded in 1999:	11,000
Number of participants on January 1, 2010:	2,437	Postage costs in 2010:	\$48,562
Number of participants in 1999:	121	Postage costs in 1999:	\$6,000
Number of current active participants:	2,735	Counties with highest enrollment:	Los Angeles [564] San Diego [283] Orange [267] Sacramento [196] Riverside [181]
Number of cases closed in 2010:	513	Number of participants who were registered voters in 2010:	597
Percentage of participants who are women:	53%	Number of cases of misuse relating to elections:	0
Percentage of participants who are men:	6%		
Percentage of participants who are children:	41%		
Average length of enrollment:	4.5 years		

Participation by County

Alameda	137	Madera	10	San Joaquin	51
Alpine	0	Marin	11	San Luis Obispo	24
Amador	3	Mariposa	6	San Mateo	29
Butte	36	Mendocino	2	Santa Barbara	16
Calaveras	0	Merced	5	Santa Clara	118
Colusa	0	Modoc	5	Santa Cruz	11
Contra Costa	55	Mono	0	Shasta	49
Del Norte	10	Monterey	15	Sierra	0
El Dorado	8	Napa	5	Siskiyou	9
Fresno	75	Nevada	11	Solano	29
Glenn	16	Orange	267	Sonoma	40
Humboldt	11	Placer	52	Stanislaus	44
Imperial	2	Plumas	0	Sutter	7
Inyo	0	Riverside	181	Tehama	9
Kern	27	Sacramento	196	Trinity	0
Kings	5	San Benito	4	Tulare	26
Lake	3	San Bernardino	137	Tuolumne	5
Lassen	4	San Diego	283	Ventura	36
Los Angeles	564	San Francisco	57	Yolo	17
				Yuba	12