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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



# CALIFORNIA SAFE AT HOME

*All People* *freely*  
“There isn’t a way to express my profound and immense gratitude for how helpful this program has been for me these past four years... The availability of confidential address and records has done much to contribute to peace of mind through stressful times.”  
*responsible* *Speak* *Liberty*  
*protecting*

- Safe at Home participant



## CALIFORNIA SAFE AT HOME LEGISLATIVE REPORT

# 2011



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

*without discrimination*



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Twelve years ago, California Safe at Home was a temporary program available only to victims of domestic violence. In 2000, the program expanded and allowed victims of stalking to enroll. By 2003, the list of those eligible to enroll grew further to include reproductive healthcare professionals and their patients; in 2007, sexual assault victims became eligible, too.

Safe at Home has sprung into a full-grown program that has positively affected thousands of Californians. And thanks to a 2010 law that made the Safe at Home program permanent, survivors no longer have to worry that the protections they rely on will disappear.

In 2011 – its first full year as a permanent program – Safe at Home continued to face budget limitations while experiencing a continued increase in the number of participants. Despite these challenges, Safe at Home staff reinforced the status as the most comprehensive address confidentiality program in the nation, offering more services to more participants than any other state.

Key 2011 accomplishments include:

- Supporting SB 636 (Chapter 200, Statutes of 2011), which grants additional Internet privacy protection provisions to Safe at Home participants who want personal identifying information removed from websites.
- Launching a more comprehensive Safe at Home website with improved navigability.
- Maintaining lower operational costs by running teleconference trainings and meetings.

I am pleased to present the Safe at Home 2011 Annual Report required by Government Code section 6210(a). I hope you will share in our pride in the program's work to protect and assist so many victims who have started new lives free from fear.

**Debra Bowen**  
Secretary of State

## Safe at Home 2011 Summary of Statistics

Number of participants served since 1999:	<b>6,260</b>	Mail pieces forwarded in 2011:	<b>117,241</b>
Number of applications rejected in 2011:	<b>61</b>	Mail pieces forwarded in 1999:	<b>11,000</b>
Number of participants on January 1, 2011:	<b>2,735</b>	Postage costs in 2011:	<b>\$45,254</b>
Number of participants in 1999:	<b>121</b>	Postage costs in 1999:	<b>\$6,000</b>
Number of current active participants:	<b>2,883</b>	Counties with highest enrollment:	<b>Los Angeles [604] San Diego [318] Orange [288] Sacramento [219] Riverside [151]</b>
Number of cases closed in 2011:	<b>441</b>	Number of participants who were registered voters in 2011:	<b>612</b>
Percentage of participants who are women:	<b>55%</b>	Number of cases of misuse relating to elections:	<b>0</b>
Percentage of participants who are men:	<b>7%</b>		
Percentage of participants who are children:	<b>38%</b>		
Average length of enrollment:	<b>4.5 years</b>		

## Participation by County

Alameda	<b>129</b>	Madera	<b>13</b>	San Joaquin	<b>35</b>
Alpine	<b>0</b>	Marin	<b>16</b>	San Luis Obispo	<b>25</b>
Amador	<b>5</b>	Mariposa	<b>7</b>	San Mateo	<b>25</b>
Butte	<b>44</b>	Mendocino	<b>1</b>	Santa Barbara	<b>16</b>
Calaveras	<b>2</b>	Merced	<b>6</b>	Santa Clara	<b>122</b>
Colusa	<b>0</b>	Modoc	<b>1</b>	Santa Cruz	<b>16</b>
Contra Costa	<b>75</b>	Mono	<b>0</b>	Shasta	<b>35</b>
Del Norte	<b>2</b>	Monterey	<b>16</b>	Sierra	<b>0</b>
El Dorado	<b>11</b>	Napa	<b>8</b>	Siskiyou	<b>7</b>
Fresno	<b>69</b>	Nevada	<b>12</b>	Solano	<b>32</b>
Glenn	<b>17</b>	Orange	<b>288</b>	Sonoma	<b>33</b>
Humboldt	<b>14</b>	Placer	<b>46</b>	Stanislaus	<b>39</b>
Imperial	<b>5</b>	Plumas	<b>1</b>	Sutter	<b>8</b>
Inyo	<b>0</b>	Riverside	<b>151</b>	Tehama	<b>9</b>
Kern	<b>32</b>	Sacramento	<b>219</b>	Trinity	<b>0</b>
Kings	<b>1</b>	San Benito	<b>4</b>	Tulare	<b>54</b>
Lake	<b>13</b>	San Bernardino	<b>146</b>	Tuolumne	<b>5</b>
Lassen	<b>1</b>	San Diego	<b>318</b>	Ventura	<b>35</b>
Los Angeles	<b>604</b>	San Francisco	<b>86</b>	Yolo	<b>17</b>
				Yuba	<b>7</b>