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Dear Legislators:

The Secretary of State, Safe at Home program is pleased to present the 2015 Annual Report as required by Government Code sections 6210 and 6216.

Since its inception in 1999, Safe at Home has provided confidential mail-forwarding services to thousands of affected women, men, and children needing a substitute mailing address that can be used to receive their mail and/or to create a California public record with state and local agencies.

Participants in Safe at Home may also receive other optional, confidential services such as registering to vote, petition for a name change through a California Superior Court, records suppression through the Department of Motor Vehicles, the ability to smog vehicles without disclosing their residential address, and online privacy protection.

During 2015, the Safe at Home program focused on revising and strengthening the current regulations in an effort to clarify current statutes and requirements. While the work to finalize and establish the updated regulations will continue through 2016, another goal in the coming year is to execute an outreach and training campaign with Safe at Home stakeholders and enrolling agencies to improve the enrollment process and ensure resources are available to all communities within California.

A detailed description of the current statistics and participation by county is attached.

The Secretary of State, Safe at Home program looks forward to continuing to provide its services and support to victims and their families so that they too can live free from fear and violence. Additional information can be found at www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home or by telephone at 916-653-1769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Padilla".

Alex Padilla
Secretary of State

Safe at Home Program 2015 Annual Report

Summary of Statistics

Number of participants served since 1999	8,742	Mail pieces forwarded in 2015	100,809
Number of participants on January 1, 2015	2,766	Mail pieces forwarded in 1999	11,000
Number of current active participants	3,111	Postage cost in 2015	\$58,966
Number of total cases closed in 2015	343	Postage cost in 1999	\$6,000
Number of applications received in 2015	1,583	Counties with highest enrollment:	
Percentage of participants who are women	59%	Los Angeles	612
Percentage of participants who are men	7%	San Diego	
Percentage of participants who are children	34%	Orange	
Average length of enrollment	3.5 years	Sacramento	
Number of confidential name changes	80	San Bernardino	
			328
			305
			231
			152
		Number of participants who are registered as confidential voters	627
		Number of cases of elections misuse	0

Participation by County

Alameda	118	Marin	54	San Mateo	50
Alpine	0	Mariposa	5	Santa Barbara	25
Amador	5	Mendocino	4	Santa Clara	128
Butte	30	Merced	13	Santa Cruz	32
Calaveras	2	Modoc	0	Shasta	29
Colusa	0	Mono	0	Sierra	0
Contra Costa	113	Monterey	11	Siskiyou	18
Del Norte	6	Napa	20	Solano	51
El Dorado	21	Nevada	14	Sonoma	42
Fresno	61	Orange	305	Stanislaus	28
Glenn	9	Placer	76	Sutter	19
Humboldt	14	Plumas	3	Tehama	4
Imperial	7	Riverside	128	Trinity	1
Inyo	0	Sacramento	231	Tulare	34
Kern	30	San Benito	0	Tuolumne	1
Kings	12	San Bernardino	152	Ventura	43
Lake	10	San Diego	328	Yolo	19
Lassen	0	San Francisco	81	Yuba	13
Los Angeles	612	San Joaquin	31	Out of State	39
Madera	5	San Luis Obispo	24		