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SAFE AT HOME

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Dear Legislators:

The Secretary of State, California Confidential Address Program (Safe at Home) is pleased to present the 2016 Annual Report as required by Government Code, sections 6210 and 6216.

Since inception of the program in 1999, Safe at Home has provided confidential mail-forwarding services to thousands of women, men, and children who are victims of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault who are in need of a substitute mailing address that can be used to receive mail and/or create a public record with state and local agencies.

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

During calendar year 2016, the Safe at Home program focused on delivering excellent customer service to applicants and participants, streamlining administrative protocols and procedures, and strengthening community outreach relationships. In a steadfast effort to bolster the Safe at Home program some goals for the upcoming year include a campaign to modernize the administrative process and reform the program's use of technology with the intention of reaching a wider population of Californians in need.

The Secretary of State, Safe at Home program looks forward to continuing to provide its services and serving victims and their families. Additional information can be found at www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-at-home or by telephone at 916-653-1769. A detailed description of the current program statistics follows.

Sincerely,

Alex Padilla
Secretary of State

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Legislative Report Mail Statistics 2016 Annual Report

Number of Mail Pieces Forwarded in 1999	11,000
Number of Mail Pieces Forwarded in 2016	93,319
Postage Cost in 1999	\$6,000
Postage Cost in 2016	\$72,471

Legislative Report Program Data 2016 Annual Report

Total Participants served since 1999	9,310
Total participants on January 1, 2016	3,111
Total active participants on January 1, 2017	3,200
Total applications received in 2016	859
Total participants closed in 2016	592
Total number of confidential name changes on January 1, 2017	90
Total number of confidential voters on January 1, 2016	683
Total number of cases of election misuse	0
Percentage of participants who are women	58%
Percentage of participants who are men	7%
Percentage of participants who are children	35%

Participation by County

Alameda	126	Kings	12	Placer	82	Sierra	0
Alpine	0	Lake	7	Plumas	2	Siskiyou	15
Amador	5	Lassen	0	Riverside	149	Solano	47
Butte	23	Los Angeles	607	Sacramento	246	Sonoma	56
Calaveras	0	Madera	3	San Benito	3	Stanislaus	24
Colusa	0	Marin	46	San Bernardino	149	Sutter	16
Contra Costa	112	Mariposa	5	San Diego	305	Tehama	2
Del Norte	5	Mendocino	5	San Francisco	76	Trinity	0
El Dorado	19	Merced	14	San Joaquin	45	Tulare	29
Fresno	64	Modoc	0	San Luis Obispo	23	Tuolumne	1
Glenn	6	Mono	0	San Mateo	38	Ventura	40
Humboldt	18	Monterey	15	Santa Barbara	27	Yolo	14
Imperial	5	Napa	15	Santa Clara	142	Yuba	8
Inyo	0	Nevada	19	Santa Cruz	40	Out of State	106
Kern	24	Orange	321	Shasta	0		