June 15, 2017

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
The Joint Legislative Budget Committee
1020 N Street, Room 553
Sacramento, CA  95814

Mr. Michael Cohen, Director
Department of Finance
915 L Street
Sacramento, CA  95814

Dear Senator Mitchell and Mr. Cohen:

Attached is the May 2017 report on the time it is taking to process various business filings, in accordance with the Budget Act of 2016 (Chapter 4, Statutes of 2016). Previous reports are posted on the Secretary of State’s office website at www.sos.ca.gov/administration/agency-reports/business-filing-processing-time-agency-reports. If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-7244 or have your staff contact my Chief of the Business Programs Division, Betsy Bogart, at (916) 695-1197.

Sincerely,

Alex Padilla
Secretary of State

Attachment

cc: Ms. Diane Boyer-Vine, Legislative Counsel
The Business Programs Division Filings Processing Budget Change Proposal was approved and incorporated into the Budget Act of 2016 (Chapter 4, Statutes of 2016). The Secretary of State is reporting on the 15th of each month to the Department of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) on the processing time for business filings.

This is the report for May 2017 and covers the period of May 1, 2017 through May 31, 2017.

The peak filing period specific to Business Entities is winding down and the processing times have remained at 6 business days. Business Entities’ staff have been reallocated to assist Statements of Information, reporting at 8 business days, to work through its peak filings period which is typically 60 – 90 days behind Business Entities.

1 The processing times shown for the first and final day of the reporting period are snapshots in time. Processing times, in the form of business days, are tracked on a daily basis throughout the reporting period and from that information, the average processing time for the month is calculated. Throughout the month, the processing times fluctuate daily depending on the number of documents received each day (some days have higher volumes than others) and the number of documents processed.

2 Documents Processed includes Preclear/Expedites processed.