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Ms. Erika Contreras
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 305
Sacramento, CA 95814

Ms. Sue Parker
Chief Clerk of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA EMAIL DELIVERY

Dear Ms. Contreras and Ms. Parker:

I am pleased to present the 2025 Annual Legislative Report for the Secretary of State's Safe at Home program in compliance with Government Code Sections 6210 and 6216. This report highlights program participation within California's 58 counties and data collected throughout the year.

In addition to the enclosed summary and related county statistics, listed below are Safe at Home accomplishments for the year. The Safe at Home program continues to effectively meet the needs of its applicants, participants, and enrolling agencies. The program has maintained strong statewide partnerships and sustained service delivery throughout the year.

- Compared to 2024, program data for 2025 reflects continuous growth and program effectiveness. This year the total number of:
 - Participants is 7,987, an increase of 11 percent.
 - Child abduction victim/survivors enrolled is 12, an increase of 500 percent.
 - Mail pieces forwarded are 124,279, an increase of 14 percent.
 - Participants who completed a confidential name change are 125, an increase of 34 percent.
- Safe at Home staff responded to 10,098 phone calls and voicemails to assist applicants, participants, enrolling agencies, government agencies, businesses, and the public.
- Safe at Home increased its network of designated enrolling agencies by 19 percent, increasing the total of enrolling agencies to 319. In addition, Safe at Home trained 1,204 enrolling agency staff, an increase of 85 percent. This growth can be attributed to the establishment of a dedicated unit responsible for building and maintaining the enrolling agency network and for training enrolling agency staff.

Enrolling agencies are the first point of contact for Safe at Home applicants and essential to the program's success.

In addition, Assembly Bill 82 (Chapter 679, 2025) was signed into law on October 13, 2025, which expands Safe at Home program eligibility to include gender-affirming health care providers, employees, volunteers, or patients who are in fear for their safety. This will allow the program to help more people who would benefit from it.

In 2026, the Safe at Home program will continue to focus on the goals of the Secretary of State's Strategic Plan, including:

- Providing superior customer service by standardizing external communication, increasing visibility and clarity about Safe at Home, and improving delivery of services.
- Promoting innovation and fostering a sustainable organization by improving technology, enhancing cyber security, improving business processes, and encouraging succession planning.
- Promoting an employee-focused work culture by improving communication, fostering collaboration, embracing innovations, and implementing workplans.
- Stimulating civic engagement by increasing awareness of confidential voting and of election cycles among participants.

California's Safe at Home program offers some of the most comprehensive services of any confidential address program in the United States. I welcome you to visit Safe at Home's website at www.sos.ca.gov/safeathome or contact Liz Hall, Safe at Home Program Director, by telephone for additional information at (916) 653-1769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shirley N. Weber', with a large circular flourish at the end.

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California Secretary of State

cc: Ms. Cara L. Jenkins, Legislative Counsel

California Secretary of State's Address Confidentiality Program Safe at Home 2025 Summary of Statistics				
	2024	2025	Change	Comments
Mail Pieces Forwarded	109,024	124,279	+15,255 / 14% Increase	
Postage Costs	\$126,285	\$180,223	+\$53,938 / 43% Increase	The increase can in part be attributed to the 2025 special election, in addition to an increase in postage rates and the number of pieces forwarded.
Confidential Voter Registration Cards (CVRCs) Forwarded to County Elections Offices	466	211	-255 / 55% Decrease	This is the number of CVRCs forwarded for the year. Although this is a decrease, it is higher than normal which can be attributed to the Special Election that occurred and program efforts to encourage confidential voter registration. It should be noted that the 2024 Presidential Election had a significant impact on confidential voter registration for that year.
Total Participants Who Had CVRCs Forwarded to County Elections Offices	1,115	1,238	+123 / 11% Increase	Out of the total number of active participants, this is how many have had their CVRC forwarded.
Cases of Election Misuse	0	0	0	Examples of misuse could include someone registering once as a regular voter and again as a confidential voter or using a false name to register as a confidential voter. To date, there have not been any cases.
Number of Confidential Name Changes	93	125	+32 / 34% Increase	There was a higher demand for confidential name changes.
Applications Received	1,993	2,228	+235 / 12% Increase	Represents the number of primary, children, and household members per application.
Number of Active Participants	7,167	7,987	+820 / 11% Increase	
Participants by Type				
Reproductive Health Care Providers, Employees, Volunteers, and Patients	3	4	+1 / 33% Increase	

Public Entity Employees and Contractors	43	45	+2 / 5% Increase	
Victims				
Domestic Violence	3,850	3,710	-140 / 4% Decrease	The data represents victim types for only primary participants and not household members or minor children. Primary participants can identify with more than one victim type.
Stalking	1,798	1,980	+182 / 11% Increase	
Sexual Assault	739	829	+90 / 12% Increase	
Human Trafficking	159	190	+31 / 20% Increase	
Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse	52	56	+4 / 8% Increase	
Child Abduction	2	12	+10 / 500% Increase	
Household Members	400	439	+39 / 10% Increase	

Participation by County

Alameda	376	Kings	9	Placer	174	Sierra	0
Alpine	0	Lake	21	Plumas	0	Siskiyou	20
Amador	11	Lassen	3	Riverside	426	Solano	103
Butte	85	Los Angeles†	1,730	Sacramento	599	Sonoma	114
Calaveras	9	Madera	17	San Benito	9	Stanislaus	70
Colusa	3	Marin	94	San Bernardino	318	Sutter	8
Contra Costa	262	Mariposa	10	San Diego	870	Tehama	17
Del Norte	7	Mendocino	9	San Francisco	228	Trinity	6
El Dorado	61	Merced	38	San Joaquin	203	Tulare	36
Fresno	96	Modoc	4	San Luis Obispo	42	Tuolumne	3
Glenn	5	Mono	0	San Mateo	155	Ventura	99
Humboldt	45	Monterey	39	Santa Barbara	53	Yolo	74
Imperial	1	Napa	29	Santa Clara	343	Yuba	18
Inyo	2	Nevada	34	Santa Cruz	66	Not in CA	20
Kern	89	Orange	755	Shasta	69		

†The significantly high number can be attributed to Los Angeles being the largest California county per capita with the highest number of Safe at Home designated Enrolling Agencies.