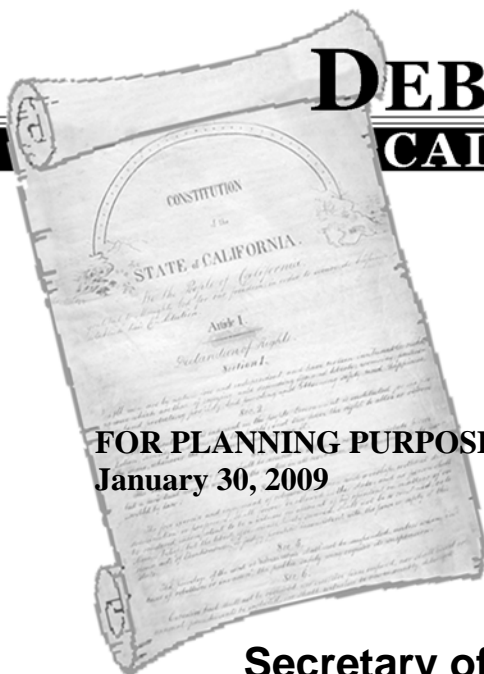


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MEDIA ADVISORY

Secretary of State's Office to Conduct Random Alphabet Drawing for Senate District 26 Special Election

WHAT: Secretary of State Debra Bowen's office will hold a randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order in which candidates' names will appear on the March 24 primary ballot and, if necessary, the May 19 run-off special election ballot in the 26th Senate District.

This special election is being held to fill the vacancy left by the election of Mark Ridley-Thomas to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Candidates, members of the media, and the public are invited to observe the drawing.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 10, 2009
11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Secretary of State's Office
Elections Division, 5th Floor
1500 11th Street
Sacramento

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