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Secretary of State Bowen Announces Results of Randomized Alphabet Drawing For Candidate Order on Ballots in 10th Congressional District and 51st Assembly District Special Elections

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen’s office today held a randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order that candidates’ names will appear on the September 1 special primary and, if necessary, the November 3, 2009, special general election ballots in the 10th Congressional District and 51st Assembly District. The results of the drawing are as follows:

1. Z	8. R	15. K	22. T
2. B	9. H	16. D	23. M
3. I	10. Q	17. P	24. L
4. X	11. A	18. G	25. N
5. E	12. C	19. U	26. V
6. O	13. S	20. J	
7. W	14. F	21. Y	

The 10th Congressional District special election is being held to fill the vacancy created when Ellen Tauscher was appointed as United States Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. The 51st Assembly District special election is being held to fill the vacancy left when Curren Price was elected to the State Senate.

In accordance with Elections Code section 13112(d), the names of candidates on the ballot are arranged based on the randomized alphabet. This alphabet applies throughout the entire last name of the candidate. If the names of two or more candidates begin with the same letter, their ballot listing order is determined by applying the randomized alphabet to the next letter(s) of their names. If last names of multiple candidates are the same, the randomized alphabet also applies to first names.

If, in either contest, no candidate receives 50% plus one or more of the total votes cast on September 1, the name of the candidate from each qualified political party who receives the most votes cast will appear on the November 3 special general election ballot.

Today’s randomized alphabet drawing was held in the Elections Division within the Secretary of State’s office in compliance with Elections Code section 13112. Staff members pulled the letters in a lottery-style drawing, with witnesses from the public present.

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