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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Puts State Voter Guide for June Primary Election on Public Display

20-Day Period for Public Examination of Materials Begins

Sacramento, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today placed on display for public review, the contents of materials that may appear in the ballot pamphlet/voter information guide, including two propositions and statewide candidate statements. The public can examine and legally challenge the materials by petitioning the Sacramento Superior Court to direct modifications.

"As California's Chief Elections Official, I want to encourage voters to visit the Secretary of State's website and review the information that may appear in the voter information guide for the June 6th Primary Election," said Secretary of State McPherson.

Elections Code section 9092 provides, in part, that a Sacramento Superior court judge could require modifications to the pamphlet's contents "upon clear and convincing proof that the copy in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements" of law and that "issuance of the writ will not substantially interfere with the printing and distribution of the ballot pamphlet as required by law."

The public display period ends on March 13th when printing of the pamphlets will begin. Approximately 13 million ballot pamphlets will be printed. Starting on April 27th, ballot pamphlets will be mailed to homes of registered voters.

Statements from statewide candidates, ballot labels, titles and summaries, analyses from the Legislative Analyst's Office, pro and con arguments, rebuttals to those arguments, yes/no explanations, and texts of the two initiatives currently headed for June 6th Primary Election can be viewed on Secretary McPherson's website at www.ss.ca.gov.

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