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## **Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Releases Final Voter Registration Figures for the California Primary Election**

*Numbers are as of 15 days before the June 6, 2006 Primary Election*

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today released the final Report of Registration 15 days before the June 6<sup>th</sup> Primary Election detailing how the 15,668,439 registered voters in California have chosen to identify themselves politically just 15 days before the June 6<sup>th</sup> Primary Election.

This is a record number of registrants for a primary election in this state and an increase of 387,631 citizens on voter rolls since the 2002 Gubernatorial Primary's 15-day cut off. The all-time record number of registrants in California occurred prior to the 2004 General Election when 16,557,273 voters were on the rolls. The previous record for a primary election was set in March of 2002 when 15,280,808 voters were registered.

Since the February 19, 2002 15-day report, voter registration has increased by 387,631 registered voters. Registration totals for the seven qualified political parties and those not affiliating with any political party as of the May 22, 2006 registration deadline are as follows:

Democratic	6,685,288	42.67%
Republican	5,387,865	34.39%
American Independent	311,481	1.99%
Green	143,573	.92%
Libertarian	83,132	.53%
Natural Law	22,892	.15%
Peace and Freedom	59,545	.38%
Declined to State	2,890,973	18.45%

### Since the 15-day Report of Registration for the 2002 Gubernatorial Primary Election:

- The percentage number of total registered voters compared to eligible voters has declined from 71.5% to 69.5%.
- The percentage registration in the qualified political parties has declined from 84.4% to 81%.
- The percentage registration in the Democratic Party declined from 45% to 42.7%.
- The percentage registration in the Republican Party declined from 35% to 34.4%.
- The percentage number of voters who have "Declined to State" their political party has increased from 14.8% to 18.45%.

The detailed report can be found online at [www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_u.htm](http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_u.htm). For hard copies of the May 22, 2006 Report of Registration, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.