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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Encourages Voter Participation in the June 6 California Primary Election

Election Information Available Online at www.ss.ca.gov

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today encouraged all registered voters to participate in Tuesday's California Primary Election, as he outlined resources to inform voters about the ballot issues and to assist voters in finding their polling places.

"Voter education is vital to a smooth and successful Election Day," said Secretary McPherson. "I encourage Californians to be fully informed before heading to the polls. My office has diligently worked to ensure that voters are informed about their rights, new voting systems, and new Help America Vote Act requirements for 2006. Entering the voting booth fully informed will reduce delays and ensure the best possible voting experience."

On Tuesday, polling place locations throughout the state will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Peak voting times usually occur in the morning hours before work (7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.) and after traditional work shifts end until the polls close (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.). Registered voters who have questions about the location of their assigned polling place can call 1-800-345-VOTE (8683) or contact their county elections official. Spanish language voters can call 1-800-232-VOTA for information in Spanish. A full list of hotlines in other languages, as well as contact information for county elections offices is available on the Secretary of State's website at www.ss.ca.gov.

Voters using the convenience of voting by mail are reminded that the county elections office must receive their absentee ballots by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day; an Election Day postmark is not sufficient when returning absentee ballots. If voters have not mailed their absentee ballots back by Friday, Secretary McPherson encourages voters to hand-deliver their ballots to the county elections office or to any polling place within the county.

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