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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Certifies June 6th Primary Election Results

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today announced he has certified the results for the June 6th Primary Election. In the Primary Election, 33.6% of the state's registered voters cast ballots in the contest that moved 434 candidates forward to the November ballot, elected the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and defeated both statewide ballot measures.

"The June 6th Primary was California's first statewide election under the mandates of the federal Help America Vote Act and many new state election laws," said Secretary McPherson. "For the first time, voters with disabilities were able to vote privately and independently and new rigorous safeguards have been put in place to protect the integrity of every vote cast."

The 33.6% statewide turnout represents 5,269,142 total ballots cast. Of that total, 2,471,358 votes were cast by absentee ballot, which represents 46.9% of the votes cast.

"Despite implementing the most sweeping election reforms in history, the election was administered successfully and that is largely due to the hard work of California's 58 county election officials. I commend them for their leadership and thank them for their dedication on behalf of all of California's voters," Secretary McPherson added.

Secretary McPherson added that his office will issue a Supplement to the Statement, which will include the number of votes cast for Governor, U.S. Senate and ballot measures reported by political subdivisions, i.e. votes cast by Supervisorial, Congressional, Senate, Assembly, Board of Equalization Districts and cities. This Supplemental Statement of Vote report is currently being compiled by the counties and will be issued not later than November 12, 2006.

Final returns are posted on Secretary McPherson's web site: www.ss.ca.gov. Hard copies of the Statement of Vote will be available at the Secretary of State's Office in Sacramento within the next few days.

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