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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Calls on Attorney General to Join Him in Investigation of Voter Intimidation Claims in Orange County

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today, Secretary of State Bruce McPherson sent the following letter to Attorney General Bill Lockyer:

October 17, 2006

The Honorable Bill Lockyer
Attorney General
State of California
PO Box 944255
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Lockyer:

It was brought to my attention yesterday, and I know yours as well, that a mailing purporting to come from the California Coalition for Immigration Reform was sent to newly registered Latino voters in Orange County.

In response, I have ordered a thorough, prompt, and vigorous investigation of this mailing to be started immediately. Any attempt to intimidate voters is unacceptable to me. Top investigators from my Elections Fraud Investigation Unit are in the field now to determine if California laws have been violated.

If there has been an attempt to intimidate voters, I will move swiftly to make certain anyone responsible is held fully accountable. I request that you join me in this investigation to ensure that it can be completed quickly and without a duplication of effort.

Please feel free to contact me directly on this important issue.

Sincerely,

BRUCE McPHERSON
Secretary of State

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