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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Releases Final Voter Registration Figures for the California General Election

Numbers are as of 15 days before the November 7, 2006 General Election

SACRAMENTO, CA – Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today released the final Report of Registration as of 15 days before the November 7, 2006 General Election. The Report of Registration details how the 15,837,108 registered voters in California have chosen to identify themselves politically at the close of registration, October 23, 2006, 15 days before the November 7, 2006 General Election.

Registration totals for the seven qualified political parties and those not affiliating with any political party as of the October 23, 2006 registration deadline are as follows:

Democratic	6,727,908	42.48%
Republican	5,436,314	34.33%
American Independent	315,151	1.99%
Green	141,451	.89%
Libertarian	84,093	.53%
Natural Law	22,231	.14%
Peace and Freedom	59,139	.37%
Declined to State	2,968,489	18.74%

Since the 15-day Report of Registration for the 2002 General Election Election:

- The October 21, 2002 15-day report, voter registration has increased by 533,639 registered voters.
- The percentage registration in the qualified political parties has declined from 84.1% to 80.7%.
- The percentage registration in the Democratic Party declined from 44.6% to 42.5%.
- The percentage registration in the Republican Party declined from 35.2% to 34.3%.
- The percentage number of voters who have “Declined to State” their political party has increased from 15.2% to 18.7%.

This is the third highest number of registrants for a general election in this state. 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 detailed report can be found online at http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_u.htm. For hard copies of the October 23, 2006 Report of Registration, please contact the Secretary of State’s Press Office at 916-653-6575.