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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Certifies November 7, 2006 General Election Results

SACRAMENTO, CA – Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today announced he has certified the results for the November 7, 2006 General Election. In the November 7, 2006 General Election, 56.19% of the state's registered voters cast ballots.

"While 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.

The 56.19% statewide turnout represents 8,899,059 total ballots cast. Of that total, 3,696,940 votes were cast by absentee ballot, which represents 41.54% of total votes cast. Prior to the November 7, 2006 General Election Secretary McPherson predicted a 55% voter turnout with 44% of the votes cast by absentee ballot.

Secretary McPherson added that his office will issue a Supplement to the Statement of Vote, 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 and Board of Equalization Districts. This Supplemental Statement of Vote report is currently being compiled by the counties and will be issued not later than April 16, 2007, 159 days after the November 7, 2006 general election.

Final returns are posted on Secretary McPherson's web site: http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_elections.htm. 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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