



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND ELECTION OFFICIALS

MEDIA RELEASE

County Registrars fielding calls from concerned voters who received mailings indicating they are not registered to vote

Voter Alert: Voter Participation Center (VPC) Mailing

NORWALK, CA – September 9, 2016 – The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) is responding to concerns from voters across the state who may be receiving solicitation mailings erroneously indicating that residents of households are not registered to vote.

The letters are from the Voter Participation Center, a non-profit organization whose published mission is to “register and mobilize the rising American electorate.” Some of the mailings are addressed to current registered voters at the address and others are addressed to non-existent residents or to variations of names associated with the residence.

“Whether by accident or otherwise, it is clear that the organization that sent out these mailings used bad data at least in part and failed to compare that data with the existing voter file,” said Dean Logan, CACEO President. “As a result, the mailing has caused unnecessary concern and confusion for voters.”

The Voter Participation Center indicated to the Secretary of State that more than 4.6 million of the letters were mailed statewide. While some of the letters may have been sent to eligible, but not-registered citizens, the surge in calls to Registrars has indicated clear discrepancies in the data causing confusion and concern for Californians just months before the Presidential Election.

County Registrars urge voters to verify their registration status prior to Election Day with their local Registrar of Voters office or website. A listing of county resources for verification is available on the California Secretary of State’s website at: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status/>.

Registrars begin mailing Sample Ballots for the election early next month. Any voter receiving a Sample Ballot can be assured that they are listed as active on the voter file. Only voters who have a change in address or name need re-register prior to the October 24, 2016 voter registration deadline.

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About the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) is a non-profit association representing California’s Clerks (responsible for filing and maintaining important documents in the public interest); Clerks of the Board (supporting the Boards of Supervisors by preparing and recording minutes; receives and processes applications for assessment appeals); and Registrars of Voters (responsible for conducting elections throughout California).

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