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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 16103

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Jana M. Lean
Chief, Elections Division

RE: Presidential Primary: Sufficient Supply of Ballots

Given the increase in public interest in the upcoming presidential primary election and the rise in the number of online voter registration applications, it is anticipated that voter turnout in the June 7, 2016, Presidential Primary Election could significantly increase as a result.

Therefore, the Secretary of State's office urges that you plan accordingly to ensure your county has an ample number of ballots, including any required multilingual ballots and other voting materials, available at your office and at the polls on Election Day.

While Elections Code section 14102 requires counties to provide ballots equal in number to at least 75 percent of registered voters in the precinct, we encourage you to provide more than the minimum 75 percent in order to ensure each polling place has a sufficient number of ballots on hand to manage the anticipated increase in turnout that has been recently observed in other states. It is our hope that in doing so, California will be fully prepared and will continue to lead the nation in the successful conduct of elections.

Should you have any questions or other ideas on how to address the anticipated increase in turnout, please feel free to contact me at Jana.Lean@sos.ca.gov.