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January 2, 2007

TO: ALL COUNTY CLERKS/REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (07001)

FROM:

DEIRDRE AVENT
ELECTIONS ANALYST

SUBJECT: NATURAL LAW PARTY DISQUALIFICATION

This is to advise you that pursuant to Elections Code section 5100.5 (a), Secretary of State Bruce McPherson officially disqualified the Natural Law Party from participation in any upcoming primary elections based on the official returns for the November 7, 2006 Gubernatorial Election.

The Natural Law Party failed to nominate candidates to run for any statewide office and its registration total has fallen below the required 1% threshold, making it unable to meet the requirements to maintain its political party status. Attached is the letter to Judith Barath-Black, Chairperson of the Natural Law Party, advising her of the party's disqualification and what the party needs to do if they wish to requalify.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (916) 657-2166, or e-mail davent@ss.ca.gov.

Enclosure



January 2, 2007

Judith Barath-Black
322 Chestnut Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Ms. Barath-Black:

This letter is to formally advise you that the Natural Law Party no longer meets the requirements of state law for participation in future primary elections.

After each gubernatorial election, the Secretary of State's Office is required to review the qualifications of each political party. (Elections Code section 5100.5) Elections Code section 5100 sets forth the necessary requirements for the qualification of a political party. Specifically, subdivision (a) states that a party is qualified to participate in primary elections if, "at the last preceding gubernatorial election there was polled for any one of its candidates for any office voted on throughout the state, at least two percent of the entire vote of the state," and subdivision (b) provides that a political party may qualify if voters equal in number to one percent of the entire vote of the state at the last preceding gubernatorial election have declared their intention to affiliate with that party.

No Natural Law Party candidates for state office were nominated to participate in the November 7, 2006 Gubernatorial Election and, therefore, the party could not meet the requirement of Elections Code section 5100(a). In addition, the Natural Law Party no longer meets the one percent registration requirement of Elections Code section 5100(b). Therefore, the Natural Law Party is disqualified from participation in future primary elections.

Please note that, should the party wish to requalify, our office must receive a notice of intention as required by Elections Code section 5001.5(b) so that we may advise the counties to track registrations for your attempt to qualify.

The party will be deemed qualified for the June 3, 2008 Presidential Primary election if, after receipt of the notice of intention to qualify, at any official report of registration between receipt of that notice and the report required for the 135th day prior to the election (January 20, 2008), the party meets or exceeds the requirements of Elections Code section 5100(b) or (c).

If you have any questions concerning this issue, or if our office can be of assistance to you in your efforts to requalify the Natural Law Party, please feel free to contact me directly at 916/657-2166.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caren Daniels-Meade". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

CAREN DANIELS-MEADE
Chief, Elections Division