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TO: ALL COUNTY CLERKS/REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (07189)

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SUBJECT: Interactive CalValidator

\*\*\*\*\* CALVOTER ALERT \*\*\*\*\*

The Secretary of State's Office has developed a new CalValidator application. The Interactive CalValidator is similar to the program enhancement that DFM and DIMS designed in cooperation with the Secretary of State's Office to allow interactive California Driver's License (CDL) validation directly against the Department of Motor Vehicle's (DMV) database. This version was developed in an effort to provide a real-time tool that accesses the most current data for verification of CDL numbers for voter registration validation purposes, as required by the Help American Vote Act (HAVA).

The Interactive CalValidator will be available for use beginning **November 1, 2007**. For security purposes, all users will require a login ID and password to access the application. Users will use the same login ID and password they are now using to access the current application. Please contact the CalVoter Team if you do not have a login ID and password.

Attached is a list of questions and answers compiled by the CalVoter Team for your use regarding the new Interactive CalValidator application.

If you have any further questions about this matter or have any other CalVoter questions, please contact the CalVoter Team at 1-888-VOTECAL (1-888-868-3225) or by email at [calvoterhelp@sos.ca.gov](mailto:calvoterhelp@sos.ca.gov).

Thank you.

Attachment



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**WHAT'S NEW?**

- The searches will directly access the most current data for verification of a California Driver's License (CDL), which is updated weekly.
- Provides CDL validation if exact match is found.
- Provides a suggested "I" record unique ID if no exact match is found based on data input AND the DOB is verified.
- Provides a suggested "X" record unique ID if no exact match is found based on data input AND the SSN4 is verified.
- The application will provide a more stable platform resulting in less downtime of the application.

**WHAT'S DIFFERENT?**

- Suggested* name, address and CDL of licensed drivers based on data input will no longer be provided.
- Statistical information will no longer be available. (This information was no longer valid after the Interim Solution was implemented in 2005/2006.)

**WHAT'S THE SAME?**

- The URL to access Interactive CalValidator will be the same.  
URL: [calvalidator.ss.ca.gov](http://calvalidator.ss.ca.gov)
- Users will use the SAME login ID and password they now use.
- For HELP, contact the CalVoter Team at 1-888-VOTECAL (868-3225) or email [calvoterhelp@sos.ca.gov](mailto:calvoterhelp@sos.ca.gov).

**WHEN WILL THE INTERACTIVE CALVALIDATOR VERSION BE AVAILABLE?**

- Interactive CalValidator will be available beginning **November 1, 2007**.

**WILL THE CURRENT VERSION OF CALVALIDATOR BE AVAILABLE?**

- No; as of November 1, 2007, the current CalValidator application will no longer be available.