

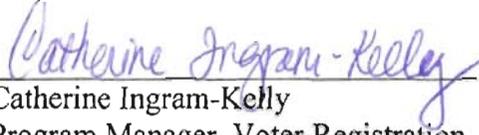


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March 4, 2008

TO: ALL COUNTY CLERKS/REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (08087)

FROM:   
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SUBJECT: Blackout Period Ended - CalVoter File Processing Resumed

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

**BLACKOUT PERIOD HAS ENDED.**

**When is the Blackout Period?** As defined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Division 7, Chapter 2, Section 20108.18(c), the Blackout Period is the period beginning on the 14<sup>th</sup> day prior to a federal election through the 28<sup>th</sup> day after the election. *The affected timeframe for the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary election is January 23, 2008 through March 4, 2008.*

**What is the Blackout Period?** Voter registration load transaction files are not processed during this time. In addition, all voter registration records submitted in an update transaction file that contain additions, updates, and deletions not relevant to that election are excluded from processing (Field Validation Rule 43).

**Why is there a Blackout Period?** This period was established during the creation of the HAVA regulations to protect the integrity of the Official Statewide Voter File as defined in the Interim Solution.

**The CalVoter system will again be fully functioning this Wednesday, March 5, 2008.**

- Accepting Load files
- Accepting Update files containing registrants with any date
- Accepting NCOA requests (please submit FULL LOAD upon request of NCOA)
- Weekly Duplicate Processing
- Daily DMV-COA processing (was not affected during Blackout Period)
- Monthly Verification Mailing (was not affected during Blackout Period)
- Accepting Voter History files

If you have any further questions about this or any other CalVoter (StateProfile) matter, please call the CalVoter Help Desk at 1-888-VOTECAL (1-888-868-3225).

Thank you.