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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #08297

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

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RE: November General: CalVoter Blackout Period

\*\*\*\*\***CalVoter Alert**\*\*\*\*\*

**Blackout Period for CalVoter in Effect October 21, 2008 – December 2, 2008**

**When is the Blackout Period?** As defined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 1, 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 November 4, 2008, General Election is October 21, 2008 through December 2, 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 contains 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.

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

Thank you.