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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #09145

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: 
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RE: CalVoter: State Death and Felony Status Records

***** CALVOTER ALERT *****

Per regulations implemented in response to the HAVA Interim Solution (20108.55 (a)), the Secretary of State is required to compare existing voter registration records with records of deceased persons from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and records of persons with felony convictions ineligible to vote from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

These records will be compared for matches during the weekly duplicate check process. The criteria set will be: Last Name, First Name, Date of Birth. These records can be identified by a county name of CDCR_county and DHS_county, or a "county" number of 98 (Felons) or 99 (Deceased).

The regulations require the Secretary of State to transmit notices of potential matches to elections officials in the counties in which the potential matches are identified. The records provided by CDCR and CDPH are based on information available at the time of death or felony conviction. Because an individual's identifiable information may be limited, it is understandable that an exact match may be difficult to verify. Inclusion in one of these reports does not necessarily confirm the individual as a registered voter. Please review each record thoroughly before canceling a voter registration record.

Pursuant to HAVA regulations, within five (5) business days of receipt of a notice of potential match the elections official shall take all necessary steps to determine whether or not the registration record matches a record of a deceased person or person with a felony conviction which renders that person ineligible to vote. If a match is confirmed by the elections official, the elections official shall update the registration records

accordingly and submit a registration update file or full load file to Calvoter in accordance with Section 20108.15 and Section 20108.40.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the CalVoter Help Desk at (888)VOTECAL (888-868-3225).

Thank you.