



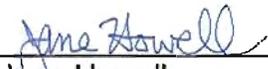
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May 14, 2010

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #10161

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM:   
Jane Howell  
Associate Elections Analyst

RE: UOCAVA Active Ballot Requests: Survey for Federal Voting Assistance Program

The Secretary of State has received a request from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) for information regarding Federal Post Card Applications received in California. By way of background, the recently-enacted Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act of 2009 repealed sections 104(a) through (d) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act of 1986 (UOCAVA), which required that UOCAVA voters receive absentee ballots for two election cycles after submitting an absentee ballot application. We have notified the FVAP that California law requires that, once the voter is registered as a "permanent absentee" voter, the county continue to send ballots for every election unless the person fails to vote in two consecutive election cycles, pursuant to Elections Code section 3206.

The Director of the FVAP is concerned that the repeal of Section 104 of UOCAVA is having a negative impact on the total number of UOCAVA citizens with active ballot requests on file. To address this issue, they are specifically asking for the number of active ballot requests from UOCAVA citizens as of April 30, 2010, and for the same information as of April 30, 2008.

Please provide this information on the attached survey and return it to me via fax to (916) 653-3214 or email to [jane.howell@sos.ca.gov](mailto:jane.howell@sos.ca.gov) by close of business on **Thursday, May 20, 2010**. If you have this information broken down to include the number of uniformed service voters and overseas citizen voters, please provide that data as well. In the event the information requested is unavailable, please indicate that on the survey so that we can advise FVAP accordingly. Feel free to contact me with any questions at (916) 653-2744. Thank you so much!

## UOCAVA Active Absentee Ballot Requests Survey

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The Federal Voting Assistance Program has asked the Secretary of State to collect from counties and report the following data for UOCAVA voters:

1. Number of UOCAVA absentee ballot requests on file as of **April 30, 2010**  
(include those requests that are still valid from previous elections):

Military voters (domestic and overseas) \_\_\_\_\_

Non-military overseas voters \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of UOCAVA absentee ballot requests on file as of **April 30, 2008**:

Military voters (domestic and overseas) \_\_\_\_\_

Non-military overseas voters \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL**

**Please submit your responses to:**  
**Fax: (916) 653-3214, ATTN: Jane Howell**  
**or via email: [jane.howell@sos.ca.gov](mailto:jane.howell@sos.ca.gov)**