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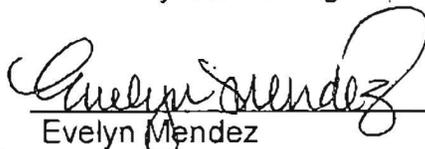
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January 23, 2012

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #12039

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM:



Evelyn Mendez

Program Manager Candidates and Elections

RE: Presidential Primary Election: No Party Preference Voters

The following parties have filed the requisite statement notifying the Secretary of State that they **have** adopted a party rule permitting No Party Preference voters to request their party's presidential ballot in the June 5, 2012, Presidential Primary Election:

- Democratic Party, letter dated January 18, 2012
- American Independent Party, letter dated January 23, 2012

A copy of all seven qualified parties' letters are attached.



Libertarian Party of California  
14547 Titus Street, Suite 214  
Panorama City, California

January 13, 2012

Evelyn Mendez  
Secretary of State's Office  
1500 11th Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Fax: (916) 651-6460

Dear Ms. Mendez:

The Libertarian Party of California will have **closed Primary Elections** for 2012. Only those voters who are registered as Libertarians may vote for our candidates. Registered voters who are not affiliated with our Party may not vote for our candidates in the June 5<sup>th</sup> Primary Election.

Thank you very much for your attention to our needs. Please contact me at 818-782-8400 or e-mail me at [office@ca.lp.org](mailto:office@ca.lp.org) if you have any questions about this.

Sincerely,

Kevin Takenaga, Chairman

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in the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

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## Mendez, Evelyn

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**From:** Jared Laiti [jared.laiti@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2012 7:38 PM  
**To:** Mendez, Evelyn  
**Subject:** Re: Green Party Letter

If my email was formal enough to be considered a notification that the Green Party has not authorized DTS voters, you may treat it as one.

I read the statute you cited and it makes clear the purpose of the notification is to allow no party preference voters in the primary if the party adopts a rule to allow them. So no notification means no DTS voters. If your office has a different reading of the statute please let me know.

For future reference, I noted that your letter asked for notification by fax or mail. So it seems fax alone is enough? Do you consider a scanned and emailed signed letter, as I provided to you regarding the primary candidates, substantially similar to a fax for this purpose?

If this process is smoother if I do that regarding the DTS voters as well, let me know.

Also, while my address in the body of the letter was updated, the envelope still had my old address.

Thanks,  
Jared Laiti  
Green Party of California Liaison to the Secretary of State

January 18, 2012

**BY E-MAIL AND EXPRESS MAIL**

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Re: Americans Elect

Dear Ms. Lean:

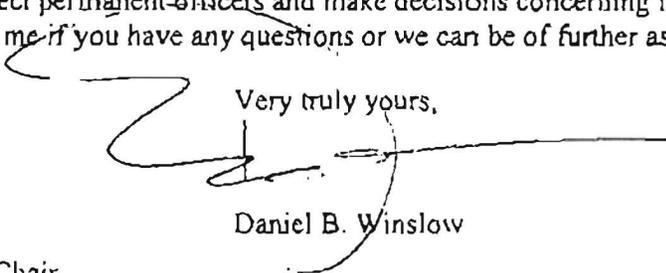
As you know, we represent Americans Elect. Thank you for your letter dated December 21, 2011 confirming that Americans Elect has obtained ballot access as a qualified political party in California. Americans Elect has organized in California for purposes of ballot access in the 2012 presidential election, and not for any other local, county, state or federal offices. We enclose for your records a copy of the Bylaws and Convention Rules of Americans Elect, as most recently amended.

This letter confirms that Americans Elect does not wish to participate in the June 5, 2012 Presidential Primary Election. The Americans Elect delegates will nominate the Americans Elect presidential ticket by convention in June 2012. Thereafter, Americans Elect promptly will notify your office of the presidential and vice-presidential ticket to be placed on the General Election ballot in November 2012.

Pursuant to California Elections Code section 5005, to the extent required by law and pending enactment of legislation governing the conduct of Americans Elect's activities and elections, Americans Elect intends to follow the statutory provisions of the Peace and Freedom Party of California for the operation of its activities. Please note that Americans Elect does not intend to hold county central committee elections.

Americans Elect in California intends to affiliate only with Americans Elect, which is pending national formation, and not with any other national party. Americans Elect will conduct its state convention as soon as practicable to select permanent officers and make decisions concerning its operations. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or we can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

  
Daniel B. Winslow

cc: Peter Ackerman, Chair  
Kahlil Byrd, Vice Chair  
Robbie Anderson ([Robbie.Anderson@sos.ca.gov](mailto:Robbie.Anderson@sos.ca.gov))  
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# **PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY OF CALIFORNIA**

## **State Central Committee**

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Dear Secretary of State Bowen:

With reference to California Elections Code 13102(c), I am writing to inform you that Peace and Freedom Party of California does not authorize anyone who is not registered to vote with Peace and Freedom Party, including those who have declined to disclose a party preference, to vote in our June 5, 2012 Presidential Primary Election. Thank you.

Sincerely,

C. T. Weber  
Peace and Freedom Party of California  
State Chairperson

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January 19, 2012

Secretary of State Debra Bowen  
1500 15th Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Bowen:

Please be advised that the California Democratic Party, for the June 5, 2012 Presidential Primary Election, approves allowing persons who have declined to disclose a party preference to request a Democratic Presidential ballot and vote in the primary of the California Democratic Party.

Please note, however, that voters who have declined to disclose a party preference are not allowed to vote in Democratic County Central Committee elections.

Peace and friendship,

John Burton  
Chaircc: Evelyn Mendez, Program Manager  
Candidates and Elections

\*\*\* **American Independent Party** \*\*\*  
Affiliated with America's Independent Party

State Chairman: Mark J. Seidenberg

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January 23, 2012

To: California Secretary of State Debra Bowen  
From: Mark J. Seidenberg, American Independent Party Chairman  
Re: DTS Voters' Participation in the June 5, 2012 AIP Presidential  
Primary Ballot  
Attn: Evelyn Mendez, Program Manager, Candidates & Elections

Dear Secretary of State Bowen:

In accordance with California Elections Code section 13102(c), the American Independent Party of California hereby authorizes any person, who is a duly registered voter and has declined to disclose a party preference, to vote the Presidential Preference ballot of the American Independent Party of California at the next partisan primary election, namely the June 5, 2012 California Primary, except that we do not permit anyone not registered with our party to vote for our County Central Committee members. ~~This permission is understood not to extend to those who indicate a preference for a non-qualified political party or body.~~

Faithfully yours,

Mark J. Seidenberg, Chairman of the American Independent Party

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BY FACSIMILE: (916) 653-0718

Honorable Deborah Bowen  
Secretary of State  
c/o Rhonda Pasquale  
Office of the Secretary of State  
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Re: California Republican Party Statement re: Decline to State Voter Participation

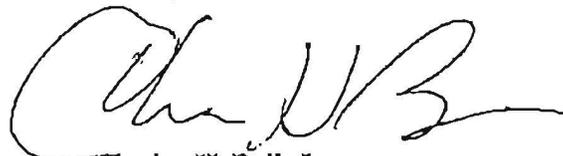
Dear Secretary Bowen:

On behalf of the California Republican Party, whose Chairman Thomas G. Del Beccaro has authorized me to submit this statement, the California Republican Party's rules provide the following with respect to "decline to state" voters' participation in its primary elections:

The Party's Bylaws, Art. VI, section 6.01(A), do not permit "decline to state" voters to participate in the Presidential Primary election scheduled for June 5, 2012.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Charles H. Bell, Jr.  
General Counsel  
California Republican Party

cc: Mr. Thomas G. Del Beccaro, Chairman  
Mr. Brent Lowder, Chief Operating Officer