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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #12303

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM:

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RE: General Election: CalVoter Blackout Period

*******CalVoter Alert*******

Blackout period for CalVoter in effect October 23, 2012 – December 4, 2012

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What is the Blackout Period? For the period beginning on the 14th day prior to a Federal election through the 28th day after the election, all voter registration record additions, updates and deletions not relevant to that election shall be held at the County and not added to CalVoter until the 29th day following that election.

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.

What files will be processed? Update (U) files, Mail (M) files, Driver's License (DL) files, and Precinct (PCTPRT) files. 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). Records will be rejected if registration date is after E-15 (Oct. 22) and before E+29 (Dec. 5).

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

Thank you.