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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 15085

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Steven J. Reyes
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RE: Voter Registration: Voting Rights Under the Criminal Justice Realignment Act

Tomorrow, August 4, 2015, Secretary of State Alex Padilla will hold a press conference to announce settlement of *Scott v. Bowen*, a case regarding voting rights under the Criminal Justice Realignment Act (Realignment) which is currently pending before the Court of Appeal.

In accordance with the lower court's ruling, the announcement will result in a change that will permit a person subject to post-release community supervision or mandatory supervision under Realignment to be eligible to register to vote.

However, the change will not become effective until the court has dismissed the appeal and the Secretary has issued a CCROV that supersedes [CCROV #11134](#) (December 5, 2011).

Further guidance will be provided within the coming weeks once the court grants the parties' request for dismissal.

Please feel free to contact me at steve.reyes@sos.ca.gov if you have any questions concerning this memorandum.