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DEMOCRACY AT WORK PROJECT

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When people move, they're likely to be in touch with the companies or agencies that provide them with water, electricity, gas, cable, satellite TV, Internet access and telephone service. They may also seek the services of a realtor or rental property agent, a mortgage lender, moving company and insurance broker. Yet many active voters who move to a new address don't realize they will also need to re-register to vote. Other Californians who are moving may not have voted before but would appreciate having easy access to all the tools and information they need to take part in elections.

As part of his mission to inspire and prepare every eligible Californian to vote, Secretary of State Alex Padilla is inviting private and public service providers to help improve voter participation in California by encouraging their customers to register or re-register to vote when they move to a new address.

Here are some simple, nonpartisan ways you can work with the Secretary of State's office to provide valuable voter information to your customers who are moving:

- **Newsletter**

- **Add an information box to internal and external newsletters.**

- [Sample voter registration message to new and change-of-address customers](#)

- California voters who have moved since the last election will need to re-register to vote at their new address. In coordination with the Secretary of State's office, **<company or agency>** is encouraging all active voters and other eligible citizens who are moving to be sure their voices are heard next Election Day by taking time to re-register or register to vote.

- For more information, call the Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE or go to <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/>

- **Website, Facebook, Email or Text Message**

- **Add a "MyVote Election Information" button to your website.** The button, shown below, and instructions for linking them to the Secretary of State's voter information page are at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/bug/bug.htm.



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Send an email or text message to new and change-of-address customers.

Sample website, email or text message reminders about voter registration.

Have you moved since the last election? Want to be sure your voice is heard next time? Register or re-register to vote by calling the Secretary of States office at (800) 345-VOTE, or visit www.registertovote.ca.gov.

Moving to a new address? Want to be sure your voice is heard on Election Day? To find out how to register or re-register to vote, call the Secretary of State's office at (800) 345-VOTE or visit www.registertovote.ca.gov.

▪ **Bills and Paychecks**

Place a brief message on customer bills and employee paychecks.

Sample short message on invoices and paychecks

Have you moved recently? Want to sign up to vote at your new address? Call the Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE or visit www.registertovote.ca.gov.

Questions About Voter Registration

Q: I have just moved. Am I required to re-register to vote?

A: Your voter registration should always reflect your current residence. However, if you have moved from your home into a temporary residence that you do not intend to use as your permanent residence, you can continue to use your prior permanent residence where you were previously registered to vote as your address for the purpose of voting.

Q: I did not vote in the last election. Do I need to re-register to vote?

A: In general, you are registered to vote for as long as you remain at the same address. However, if you have not voted in the last several elections, you may be sent a request to confirm that you have not moved.

Who participates in the MyVote Democracy At Work Project?

To see a list of the employers and organizations that participate, visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/myvote-democracy-work-project/.

For more information, or to order voter registration cards, please contact:

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