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DATE: March 4, 2013
TO: REGIONAL CENTER DIRECTORS AND BOARD PRESIDENTS
SUBJECT: SB 35 (PADILLA) AND THE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT

The purpose of this correspondence is to notify regional centers of the law changes in effect as of January 1, 2013, following the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 35 (Padilla). SB 35 codifies portions of the federal National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) into state law, and places additional requirements on NVRA-designated programs (also known as "Voter Registration Agencies").

Regional centers are identified by the Secretary of State as Voter Registration Agencies (VRAs).¹ As such, regional centers must comply with all NVRA and SB 35 requirements.

Below are helpful links that provide greater information about the responsibilities of VRAs under the NVRA and the SB 35:

1. American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)/Disability Rights California (DRC) letter to DDS. (Attached)
2. Secretary of State's SB 35 Implementation Workshop Materials: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/nvra/sb35/>
3. Chapter 4 of the Secretary of State's NVRA Manual: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/nvra/laws-standards/pdf/chapter-four.pdf>
4. Secretary of State's NVRA homepage: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/nvra/>
5. Secretary of State's Training Materials: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/nvra/training/>
6. National Voter Registration Act: http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/vot/42usc/subch_1h.php#anchor_1973gg

¹ California Secretary of State. *National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) California Manual*. Retrieved on February 12, 2013, from: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/nvra/pdf/complete.pdf

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7. Voter Preference Forms:
<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/nvra/training/voter-preference-forms.htm>
8. Secretary of State's NVRA Coordinator:
Phone: (916) 657-2166
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Sincerely,

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cc: Regional Center Chief Counselors
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