

## **Preface**

I am pleased to provide this Statement of Vote to the citizens of California. This document reports voter registration and participation results for the October 7, 2003 statewide special election as well as prior elections data dating back to 1910.

Voter participation totals illustrate more than 15.4 million Californians registered to vote, and more than 60 percent of registered voters cast their ballot in the recent statewide special election. Furthermore, I am pleased to report the number of votes cast on Election Day exceeds by 1.5 million the votes cast in the November 2002 general election.

I continue to do everything in my power as Secretary of State to foster greater participation by increasing voter confidence in the integrity of our election process, and I invite you to help me to get the word out to your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors that their vote – and every vote – counts.

I look forward to working with you.

**KEVIN SHELLEY**

Secretary of State