PREFACE

The Elections Division of my office has prepared this California Elections Calendar for the 2006 election cycle, highlighting the events important to the June 6, 2006 Direct Primary and the November 7, 2006 General Election. It contains information that should prove useful to all election officials, candidates, public officials, and members of the news media.

California’s elections require a great deal of work, advance preparation and expertise from a number of persons at all levels. We are fortunate in the Golden State to have an elections community comprised of dedicated and innovative professionals who are deeply committed to conducting honest, efficient and successful statewide elections.

I look forward to what promises to be a most exciting and energetic gubernatorial election year!

BRUCE McPHERSON
Secretary of State
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