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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 21007

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Rachelle Delucchi
Elections Counsel

RE: Proposition 17 and Voter Registration Eligibility

This memorandum is to serve as a reminder regarding the changes to eligibility as it relates to voter registration. Proposition 17 removed being on parole as a barrier to voter registration. As such, the current eligibility requirements to register to vote in California are follows (for ease of identification, the revised bullet is in *italicized font*):

- A United States citizen and a resident of California,
- 18 years old or older on Election Day,
- *Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and*
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

Our office has updated the voter eligibility requirements on our website and in our various publications. Notably, updates were made to our resource [Voting Rights: Persons with a Criminal History](#) and on our [Restore Your Vote](#) tool.

Moreover, our office has contacted your offices ([CCROV # 20256](#)) with respect to orders for updated Voter Registration Cards (VRCs), which will be available at the end of March 2021. Additionally, California Online Voter Registration (COVR) applications will be updated toward the end of February 2021. The new affidavit language is as follows (for ease of identification, the revised sentence is in *italicized font*):

I am a U.S. citizen and a resident of California and at least 16 years old. *I am not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony.* I am not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court. I understand that it is a crime to intentionally provide incorrect information on this form. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information on this form is true and correct.

If you have not already done so, please update your office's physical and online materials as they relate to voter eligibility, as well as the affidavit language on your

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provisional ballot and Same Day Voter registration envelopes, using the above-provided language. (See, Elec. Code §§ 2160, 2170.)

The text of Proposition 17 can be found at:

<https://vig.cdn.sos.ca.gov/2020/general/pdf/topl-prop17.pdf>.

The link to the enabling statutes related to Proposition 17 (Assembly Bill 646 (Chapter 320 of the Statutes of 2020)) can be found at:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB646.

Please contact Rachelle Delucchi at rdelucch@sos.ca.gov with any questions.

Thank you.