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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters County (CC/ROV) Memorandum #23071

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Robbie Anderson, Elections Counsel

RE: Presidential Primary Election: County Central Committees

This memorandum is being issued to provide information with respect to the central committee election process for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election. This memorandum will address the process for each qualified political party.

### **American Independent Party**

The Secretary of State will compute the number of members of the central committees to be elected in each county using the February 10, 2023, Odd-Numbered Year Report of Registration. (See, Elec. Code, § 2187(c)(7).)

By September 12, 2023 (E-175), the Secretary of State will issue the number of central committee members to each county in a memorandum, and notify the appropriate central committees of the results of the computation.

Pertinent Elections Code sections: 7650, 7651, 7671

### **Democratic Party**

The statutory deadline of January 31, 2024 (E-34), to calculate the number of central committee members to be elected, occurs after the nomination period opens on September 29, 2023 (E-158). (See, Elec. Code, § 8020(b).)

For these reasons, the Secretary of State recommends that county elections officials compute the number of central committee members in their county by September 12, 2023 (E-175). This recommendation is based on the deadline set forth in the Elections Code for the Green Party.

In most counties, the calculation of the number of central committee members is based on the number of votes cast in the appropriate district at the last gubernatorial election for the party's candidate for Governor. Each county elections official should review the Elections Code for the appropriate formula to make the determination.

Additionally, the Secretary of State recommends that county elections officials notify the appropriate county central committees of the results of that calculation by September 12, 2023 (E-175).

Pertinent Elections Code sections: 7200, 7201, 7201.1, 7201.2, 7202, 7203, 7204, 7205, 7226

### **Green Party**

The Green Party has informed our office of their intention to use the public ballot for the 2024 election of their county councils.

The Secretary of State will calculate the number of members of the county council to be elected in each county. The calculation will be based upon the Green Party's bylaws, which will be provided to the Secretary of State no later than September 12, 2023 (E-175).

By September 12, 2023 (E-175), the Secretary of State will compute the number of members of the central committees to be elected in each county, issue the number of central committee members to each county in a memorandum, and notify the appropriate county councils.

Pertinent Elections Code sections: 7902, 7903, 7912, 7913

### **Libertarian Party\***

The statutory deadline of November 11, 2023 (E-115), to calculate the number of central committee members to be elected is based on the 154-Day Report of Registration, which will be published after the nomination period opens on September 29, 2023 (E-158). (See, Elec. Code, §§ 2187(c)(1), 8020(b).)

For these reasons, the Secretary of State recommends that county elections officials compute the number of central committee members in their county by September 12, 2023 (E-175). This recommendation is based on the deadline set forth in the Elections Code for the Green Party.

The Secretary of State also recommends that county elections officials use the February 10, 2023, Odd-Numbered Year Report of Registration for the calculation of the number of members. Calculations should be done pursuant to Peace and Freedom's Elections Code section 7752. (See, Elec. Code, § 2187(c)(7).)

Additionally, the Secretary of State recommends that county elections officials notify the appropriate county central committees of the results of that calculation by September 12, 2023 (E-175).

Pertinent Elections Code sections: 7751-7754, 7770, 7771

\*The Libertarian Party follows the statutes of the Peace and Freedom Party.

## **Peace and Freedom Party**

The Peace and Freedom Party notified the Secretary of State and counties of their intention to use the public ballot for the 2024 election of their central committee members.

The statutory deadline of November 11, 2023 (E-115), to calculate the number of central committee members to be elected is based on the 154-Day Report of Registration, which will be published after the nomination period opens on September 29, 2023 (E-158). (See, Elec. Code, §§ 2187(c)(1), 8020(b).)

For these reasons, the Secretary of State recommends that county elections officials compute the number of central committee members in their county by September 12, 2023 (E-175). This recommendation is based on the deadline set forth in the Elections Code for the Green Party.

The Secretary of State also recommends that county elections officials use the February 10, 2023, Odd-Numbered Year Report of Registration for the calculation of the number of members. (See, Elec. Code, § 2187(c)(7).)

Additionally, the Secretary of State recommends that county elections officials notify the appropriate county central committees of the results of that calculation by September 12, 2023 (E-175).

Pertinent Elections Code sections: 7751-7754, 7770, 7771

## **Republican Party**

The statutory deadline of January 31, 2024 (E-34), to calculate the number of central committee members to be elected, occurs after the nomination period opens on September 29, 2023 (E-158). (See, Elec. Code, § 8020(b).)

For these reasons, the Secretary of State recommends that county elections officials compute the number of central committee members in their county by September 12, 2023 (E-175). This recommendation is based on the deadline set forth in the Elections Code for the Green Party.

In most counties, the calculation of the number of central committee members is based on the number of votes cast in the appropriate district at the last gubernatorial election for the party's candidate for Governor. Each county elections official should review the Elections Code for the appropriate formula to make the determination.

Additionally, the Secretary of State recommends that county elections officials notify the appropriate county central committees of the results of that calculation by September 12, 2023 (E-175).

Pertinent Elections Code sections: 7400, 7400.1, 7400.2, 7400.3, 7400.5, 7401-7403, 7421

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If your office has not already done so, it is recommended that you contact the Democratic and Republican party central committees in your county to request that they notify you by **Friday, September 15, 2023**, as to whether or not the county central committee intends to use the public ballot for the election of their central committee members.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [aanderso@sos.ca.gov](mailto:aanderso@sos.ca.gov) or (916) 657-2166.