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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #26054

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Brooke Keller
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RE: VoteCal: Voter Status Reason Code Data Standardization

In an effort to provide clarity and consistent use of Voter Status Reason Codes across all county users and EMSs, the Secretary of State (SOS) worked with the Business Process Committee (BPC) to standardize the usage of Voter Status Reason Codes.

As a result, we will be inactivating 12 of the current Voter Status Reason Codes on March 31, 2026, as they are duplicative. Below is the list of the codes being inactivated and the recommended alternative codes to use in their place.

Counties will need to work with their EMS to replace any inactive codes with one of the remaining Voter Status Reason Codes by **March 27, 2026**, to avoid deficiency errors after the identified codes are inactivated. Each EMS is aware of this change and is ready to assist you. We will be providing a list of voter records impacted in your county and providing support for this cleanup effort between now and March 27, 2026.

Definitions of the Voter Status Reason Codes to be used moving forward have been uploaded to the VoteCal County Communications Portal under County Resources.

VoteCal Voter Status Reason Code	VoteCal Voter Status Reason Code Description To Be Inactivated	Suggested Alternative VoteCal Voter Status Reason Code to be Used	Voter Status	Estimate of Voters Statewide
RCD	Completed Information Received	Updated Registration - active	Active	169,796
EMS	Precinct Received from EMS	Updated Registration - active	Active	10,248
OVA	Overseas – Active	Updated Registration - active	Active	41
FPA	Overseas Military Deployment – Active	Updated Registration - active	Active	11,098
OVI	Overseas – Inactive	Updated Registration - inactive	Inactive	869
FPI	Overseas Military Deployment – Inactive	Updated Registration - inactive	Inactive	1
OVP	Overseas – Pending	Administrative Action - pending	Pending	98
FPP	Overseas Military Deployment – Pending	Administrative Action - pending	Pending	55
OVC	Overseas – Cancelled	Administrative Action - cancelled	Cancelled	117
FPC	Overseas Military Deployment – Cancelled	Administrative Action - cancelled	Cancelled	0
DUP	Duplicate Voter Record	Merged Record - cancelled	Cancelled	13,884
MOC	Move Out of County	Administrative Action - cancelled	Cancelled	206,989

If you have any questions, please contact the VoteCal Help Desk at votecalhelp@sos.ca.gov or (888) 868-3225.