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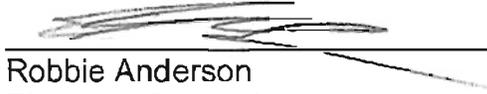
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January 9, 2012

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 12012

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM:


Robbie Anderson
Elections Counsel

RE: Referendum: Early Full Check of #1499, Related to Senate Redistricting Maps

Pursuant to Elections Code section 9030(d) and CC/ROV Memorandum #11123 www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ccrov/pdf/2011/november/11123km.pdf issued on November 23, 2011, all county elections officials were instructed to begin randomly sampling the petitions signatures submitted in support of Referendum #1499, Related to Senate Redistricting Maps.

This process is required to be completed by Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

As of January 6, 2012, the proponents of the referendum have submitted signatures to the county elections officials that, under the random sample formula, project that 506,640 of the signatures are valid. This total exceeds the 479,522 number of projected signatures necessary to send a referendum to a full check of signatures, but is short of the 555,236 number of projected valid signatures necessary to qualify a referendum for the ballot under the random sample method.

Even if all of the remaining signatures collected in the counties that have yet to submit their random sample reports are projected to be valid, the total number would still be well short of the 555,236 number of projected signatures necessary for a referendum to qualify for the ballot under the random sample method.

As a result, when the remaining county elections offices report their random sample numbers to the Secretary of State's office by Tuesday, January 10, 2012, the Secretary of State, pursuant to Elections Code section 9031, will instruct county elections officials to begin a full check of the signatures to determine if the referendum has the required 504,760 valid signatures necessary to qualify for the

ballot. County elections offices will have 30 working days from the date of that instruction to complete the full check of signatures.

Given that a full check of signatures in this matter will begin Wednesday, January 11, 2012, and because this referendum is unique in that it could affect the once-a-decade redistricting process, the Secretary of State is encouraging county elections offices who have completed their random sample of signatures to begin their full check of signatures on Monday, January 9, 2012.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-1690.

Thank you.