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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 14098

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Angela Beane  
Associate Elections Analyst

RE: Statewide Direct Primary Election: UOCAVA/MOVE Act Survey #1

As you know, the Consent Decree entered into by the Secretary of State (SOS) and the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) requires the SOS to issue three surveys to each California county regarding the timely transmission of absentee ballots to voters covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), as amended by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act. To ensure California's compliance with UOCAVA, the SOS is also required to report this information to the USDOJ.

As a reminder, the deadline for transmitting UOCAVA ballots is E-45, which falls on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. This deadline does not roll to Monday. E-45 means E-45. Please be reminded that there is an ongoing UOCAVA compliance requirement to continuously transmit UOCAVA absentee ballots by E-45, if they are requested by E-45 (Saturday, April 19, 2014).

Attached to this memo is the first survey, which is intended to determine whether any county anticipates difficulties or a situation that would prevent it from transmitting all requested absentee ballots by the requested method of transmission by the E-45 deadline for the June 3, 2014, Statewide Direct Primary Election.

Please complete and return the attached survey via fax to (916) 653-3214 or email to [angela.beane@sos.ca.gov](mailto:angela.beane@sos.ca.gov) **no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, April 14, 2014**. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (916) 653-2744 or [angela.beane@sos.ca.gov](mailto:angela.beane@sos.ca.gov). Thank you for your cooperation.

**Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)  
Survey #1 in Compliance with U.S. DOJ Consent Decree  
June 3, 2014, Statewide Direct Primary Election**

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send responses no later than  
12:00 Noon on Monday, April 14, 2014 to:  
Fax: (916) 653-3214 ATTN: Angela Beane  
Or via email: [angela.beane@sos.ca.gov](mailto:angela.beane@sos.ca.gov)**

The UOCAVA requires absentee ballots to be transmitted to UOCAVA voters no later than E-45 (Saturday, April 19, 2014) when the absentee ballot request is received by E-45. It also requires those ballots to be transmitted by mail or electronically, according to the method designated by the UOCAVA voter.

1. For those absentee ballots to be transmitted by mail, does or will your county have a sufficient number of printed absentee ballots (this includes a printed PDF version of the actual ballot) to transmit to voters by E-45, as required by UOCAVA?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

If No, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Does your county have the technical capability to transmit absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters by their requested method of transmission (e.g., mail or electronically)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

If No, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Do you anticipate any situation that would prevent your county from transmitting all requested absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters by their requested method of transmission by E-45?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please explain what measures your county will implement to overcome any obstacles to transmitting all requested absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters by their requested method of transmission by E-45:

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No \_\_\_\_\_

4. If your county needs additional support to ensure that it meets the E-45 deadline, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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County contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_