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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 14231

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Jana M. Lean
Chief, Elections Division

RE: General Election: Judicial Ballot Language

On August 28, 2014, the Commission on Judicial Appointments (COJA) held the confirmation hearings for the four judicial nominees listed below. All four were confirmed and will appear on the November 4, 2014, General Election ballot.

- Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar as Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court
- The Honorable Brian M. Hoffstadt as Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division 2
- The Honorable Lee Anne Edmon as Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division 3
- Jonathan K. Renner as Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District

Elections Code section 13210(d) provides in part:

Underneath each heading shall appear the words "Shall (title and name of Justice) be elected to the office for the term provided by law?"

It is our interpretation that the current titles of newly confirmed justices should be included in the ballot question.

Based on Section 13210(d), under the following headings, the ballot should read as follows:

Under the heading "JUDICIAL, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court:"

"Shall Stanford University Law Professor Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar be elected to the office for the term provided by law?"

Under the heading “JUDICIAL, Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division 2:”¹

“Shall Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division 2, Brian M. Hoffstadt be elected to the office for the term provided by law?”

Under the heading “JUDICIAL, Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division 3:”

“Shall Judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County Lee Anne Edmon be elected to the office for the term provided by law?”

Under the heading “JUDICIAL, Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District:”²

“Shall Jonathan K. Renner be elected to the office for the term provided by law?”

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Jana.Lean@sos.ca.gov or our Candidates and Elections Team at (916) 653-9154. Thank you.

¹ Justice Hoffstadt took his oath immediately following the COJA hearing and therefore is a sitting justice.

² Mr. Renner requested that only his name appear in the ballot question.