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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #14249

TO: All County Clerks/Registrar of Voters

FROM: /s/ Carrie J. Martin
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Voter Education and Outreach Services

RE: Voter Education and Outreach: Poll Worker Volunteer Resources

Secretary Bowen would like to help county elections officials recruit volunteers for the November General Election. Internet-based recruitment tools and local volunteer centers can help put your poll worker openings directly in front of Californians who are looking to volunteer. Here are two resources you may find useful in your recruitment efforts.

VolunteerMatch.org is an award-winning web-based organization that connects Californians to volunteer opportunities in their communities and helps nonprofits and public agencies find the people they need through an online statewide matching system. Several thousand searches are done every month by people looking for quality volunteer opportunities in their communities. To post your poll worker and other volunteer opportunities into this database, simply complete the registration process at www.VolunteerMatch.org.

CaliforniaVolunteers is the state office that manages programs and initiatives aimed at increasing the number of Californians engaged in service and volunteering. Its website features an interactive map of organizations that connect volunteers to nonprofits and public agencies in need of volunteers. A directory of volunteer centers by county can be found at www.californiavolunteers.org/index.php/calvol/cvmn_new/. Simply select your county to locate contact information to your local volunteer centers.

Counties without volunteer centers are encouraged to post their poll worker opportunities on their websites, and at VolunteerMatch.org. For any questions, please contact me at carrie.martin@sos.ca.gov or (916) 654-6423.