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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #16096

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Susan Lapsley  
Deputy Secretary of State and Counsel

RE: Presidential Primary: Single-Color Ballot Tint and Watermark

Pursuant to Elections Code section 13002 and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 20213 and 20217, the Secretary of State's office has selected a design and color combinations for use in the June 7, 2016, Presidential Primary Election. See [CCROV #16091](#).

However, if the county elections official chooses not to distinguish the ballots for each party by color, then all ballots must be printed with the **California State Seal** design and the tint shall be **Orange PMS 152**.

If a single color is used, the ballots must be “designed so that each ballot may be easily and clearly distinguished from, and not confused with, a ballot of any other political party.” California Elections Code section 13201.