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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #17030

**TO:** All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

**FROM:** /s/ Catherine Ingram-Kelly  
VoteCal Program Manager

**RE:** VoteCal: Unknown Political Party Preference

Elections Code section 2154(b) requires that if no party preference is shown on an affidavit of registration, it shall be presumed that the affiant has declined to disclose a party preference. The county elections official shall designate the affiant's party preference as "Unknown" on a voter registration index and the affiant shall otherwise be treated as a "No Party Preference" voter.

**WHAT'S NEW?**

As of April 3, 2017, a party preference of "Unknown" will be included in VoteCal. Counties that receive paper voter registration forms where the affiant has not disclosed a party preference must select "Unknown" as the party preference in their Election Management System (EMS).

An explanation of the "Unknown" party preference listing in a voter's record will be provided on the My Voter Status page, if applicable. Example:

Your political party preference is **UNKNOWN** \*

\*You did not provide a party preference on your voter registration application.

The standard code value in VoteCal for "Unknown" will be "UNK". Attached is a list of the current qualified parties and political bodies attempting to qualify for the June 5, 2018, Primary Election and for the November 3, 2020, General Election, as well as the codes to be used when entering registrations in your EMS.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact the VoteCal Help Desk at 888-868-3225 or via email at [VoteCalHelp@sos.ca.gov](mailto:VoteCalHelp@sos.ca.gov).

Attachment

## **Qualified Political Parties**

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
AI	American Independent Party
DEM	Democratic Party
GRN	Green Party
LIB	Libertarian Party
PF	Peace and Freedom Party
REP	Republican Party
NPP	No Party Preference
OTH	Other
UNK	Unknown

## **Political Bodies Attempting to Qualify for June 5, 2018, Primary Election**

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
PFJ	The People for Justice
CPC	Constitution Party of California
AMS	American Solidarity Party of California
PP	Progressive Party
CNP	California National Party
OP	Open Party

## **Political Bodies Attempting to Qualify for November 3, 2020, General Election**

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
NEW	New America Political Party
GGP	Good Government Party