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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 20015

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

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

RE: Presidential Primary: Ballots and Provisional Ballot Envelope Supplies

As discussed in [CCROV # 19125](#), the increased public interest surrounding the March 3, 2020, Presidential Primary Election coupled with the availability of conditional voter registration (CVR) at every polling location will significantly increase voter turnout throughout the state. And while the number of people who vote provisionally on Election Day tends to be relatively steady, there is always the potential that a larger than normal amount of people will register on the deadline either online or by mail leading to an increase in the number of people who may not be listed on your polling place rosters and who thus need to vote using a provisional ballot. (See, Elec. Code §§ 2170, 14310.)

The Secretary of State's office urges counties to plan accordingly to ensure that each polling location has a sufficient number of ballots, including any required multilingual ballots, and other voting materials available. Elections Code section 14102 requires counties to provide ballots equal in number to at least 75 percent of registered voters in the precinct. However, with CVR to be offered at every polling location, we encourage counties to provide more than the minimum 75 percent in order to ensure each polling location has a sufficient number of ballots on hand to manage the anticipated increase in turnout.

Additionally, the Secretary of State's office recommends that counties provide each satellite office and polling location with a sufficient supply of provisional ballot envelopes, CVR provisional ballot envelopes, and voter registration cards.

Lastly, the Secretary of State's office urges counties to remind poll workers of the provisional balloting procedures and that every person has a right to cast a provisional ballot for any reason under Elections Code section 14310 and Help America Vote Act of 2002, section 302.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Jana.Lean@sos.ca.gov or at (916) 657-2166. Thank you.