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PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA
Primary elections in California have moved from June to March! The next Presidential Primary Election will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The deadline to register to vote in this election will be February 17, 2020. For more information please visit https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/presidential-primary-election-march-3-2020/.

VOTER’S CHOICE ACT (SB 450)
The California Voter’s Choice Act was passed in 2016 and is modernizing elections in California. The Voter’s Choice Act establishes a new model for counties to allow voters to choose how, when, and where to cast their ballot by: mailing every voter a ballot, expanding in-person early voting, and by opening vote centers for all voters within their county. For the 2020 Presidential Election, find out if your county will be following the vote center model by visiting http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voters-choice-act/.

PRE-REGISTER AT 16. VOTE AT 18.
Voter pre-registration is available for eligible 16 and 17 year olds by visiting RegisterToVote.ca.gov or by filling out a paper voter registration application. California youth who pre-register to vote will be automatically registered to vote on their 18th birthday. Pre-registration does not change the voting age, which is 18 years old. Instead, it allows eligible Californians ages 16 or 17 to pre-register, providing sufficient time and opportunity to get ready to vote.

Be sure to provide the voter registration application to any applicant 16 years old or older. Follow the same process as you would for any other voter registration application to ensure your office site will receive NVRA credit for these transactions. Like typical registrations, it is not the responsibility of local agency staff to determine voter eligibility. Rather, inform the applicant of the voter registration requirements. If completed, simply collect the voter registration application and submit it to your County Elections Office within 3 calendar days. For more information regarding pre-registration please visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pre-register-16-vote-18 or find contact information for your County Elections Office contact at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices.

VOTER EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
The Secretary of State produces educational pamphlets and posters available for the public to order with information about voting and elections in California. For more information and to check out these materials visit https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/help-strengthen-our-democracy/outreach-publications/.

REVIEW NEW TRAINING MATERIALS
All staff at NVRA reporting agencies must participate in annual NVRA training. We encourage all NVRA coordinators to visit the Secretary of State’s resources page to access the newly updated training materials, FAQs, NVRA Basics Quick Reference Sheet, and many more useful tools. If assistance with providing annual training to local agency staff is necessary, please contact the Secretary of State’s NVRA Team or the County Elections NVRA Coordinator. Training materials can be found at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/nvra/training.

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED
Did you know you can get paid to be a poll worker on Election Day? You can help foster democracy by serving as a poll worker on Election Day! For more information visit https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/poll-worker-information/.

For more information please contact the Secretary of State’s NVRA Team via email at nvra@sos.ca.gov or call 916-657-2166.