

Certificate of the Secretary of State

I, MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify:

That the foregoing is a full, true, and correct statement of the result of the official canvass of the returns of the June 5, 1990 Direct Primary Election.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,  
I hereunto set my hand  
and affix the Great Seal of  
California, at Sacramento,  
this 14th day of July, 1990.

MARCH FONG EU  
Secretary of State

California's first absentee voters were Civil War soldiers who were allowed to vote where they were stationed. Ballots of Company A, Second Massachusetts Cavalry — the California One Hundred — were cast in Centreville, Virginia, in 1863 then mailed back to the Secretary of State in California.

Some soldiers supplied unique write-in candidates of their own. One voter put forth Emperor Norton I, a colorful character of the time, as candidate for Governor. Norton, once a successful real estate broker in San Francisco, fell on hard times and chose to cope with his recent business failures by proclaiming himself emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico.

These original Civil War ballots and other historic election materials are preserved in the California State Archives.