

Preface

This Statement of Vote is prepared and issued pursuant to Elections Code Section 15501. It is the final and official tally of the results from California's November 5, 1996 Presidential General Election.

Keeping with our commitment to outstanding customer service, this is the earliest we have ever been able to prepare and distribute the Statement of Vote following an election.

This is also the last year in which the Statement of Vote and Supplement to the Statement of Vote will be prepared without the benefit of the new CALVOTER system, an electronic statewide voter file, that should be operational in time for the 1998 election cycle.

In future elections, CALVOTER will utilize new technologies to modernize California's elections system and will enable us to provide the public with even faster election results with greater statistical detail than ever before.

The CALVOTER system will also enable us to work with each county to help clean voter rolls to protect against voter fraud and save tax dollars associated with the mailing of election materials.

In addition to the new technological innovations for California's elections, we have also helped coordinate more than two dozen voter participation projects in 1996 to remind and encourage Californians to vote. From drive-up voter registration in Sacramento and San Diego to "Kids Voting" and Student Mock Elections in the classroom, these projects are designed to improve voter participation in the future.

California is fortunate to have the most outstanding state and local election officials in the country. Elections require a great deal of work and advance preparation. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the team of elections, computer, and operations professionals on our "Team November" project who made the necessary preparations for this successful election. Special thanks go to Caren Daniels-Meade and Judy Riley who co-chaired our outstanding team.

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