



SECRETARY OF STATE

TO ALL CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE HEREINAFTER INDICATED

This notice complies with provisions of the Elections Code requiring the Secretary of State to notify each candidate for voter-nominated office of the name, address, and, if applicable, ballot designation and party preference of each person having filed for the same office. A Certified List of Candidates will be available on March 26, 2026.

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