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Neal Kelley
Orange County Registrar of Voters
1300 S. Grand Avenue, Bldg. C
Santa Ana, California 92705

RE: Submission of Voter's Choice Act Election Administration Plan

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you for the submission of your election administration plan pursuant to the California Voter's Choice Act (VCA) on September 20th. In accordance with Section 4005 (a)(IO)(I)(i) of the Elections Code my office has 14 days to approve, approve with modifications, or reject the voter education and outreach provisions of the election administration plan.

I am writing to inform you that the Office of the Secretary of State has approved your election administration plan with modifications.

Please modify your plan with the following:

- Clarify how you will communicate the availability of Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail for voters through outreach efforts.
- Update the correct page numbers for referenced appendices throughout the document.
- Please update the toll-free voter assistance hotline phone number that you will be using and indicate if the number will be accessible to language minority communities, when the hotline will become available or if new numbers will be available to accommodate these communities.
- Include in your "Public Service Announcements" a PSA in Filipino and Persian, in addition to the already listed PSAs to be recorded in Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Korean.
- Clarify whether materials provided to media outlets will include information about which services and materials are available to voters with disabilities.
- Clarify that Assembly Bill 59 does not require a vote center on a UC or CSU campus, but would need to consider a UC or CSU campus as one of the criteria in siting potential vote center locations.
- Clarify that the "Secretary of State Outreach Grant/Contract" is a funding source and not an expenditure line item.

After you have made these modifications and translated the final version of your EAP please submit the final copy to me which will be posted on our website.

The VCA does not give the Secretary of State the authority to approve, approve with modifications, or reject your education and outreach plan based on the suggestions below. However, upon review of feedback we have received, we encourage you to:

- Clarify what vendor is used for the voting system and what year they were procured.
- List the potential vote center and dropbox locations when available and clarify how you will identify the locations of your mobile vote centers.
- Clarify which Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail vendor you will be using.

Thank you and your staff for your leadership and commitment to increasing voter participation in Orange County. We commend you for the amount of public events and the extensive community outreach efforts your office has done. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Abelon, Jr.", with a stylized, cursive script.

Robert A. Abelon, Jr.
Deputy Secretary of State for Policy and Planning
Office of California Secretary of State Alex Padilla