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July 9, 2025

Ms. Cynthis L Paes
Registrar of Voters San Diego County
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Dear Ms. Paes:

The National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA") requires that *only* eligible registrants be registered to vote in federal elections. 52 U.S.C 20507(a)(1) and also requires the removal of non-eligible registrants from voter rolls 52 U.S.C.20507(a)(4). One purpose of the NVRA is to ensure that voter registration lists are maintained to protect the integrity of federal elections. The Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") also imposes certain list maintenance obligations on states as part of the uniform statewide database requirements of Section 303(a)(2) of HAVA, 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2), including coordinating the state voter registration list with state agency records on felony status and death.

HAVA requires specific information from registrants prior to registering them to vote in federal elections. Section 303(a)(5), entitled "Verification of Voter Registration Information," deals with one of these requirements. Section 303(a)(5)(A) provides that a voter registration application for federal elections "may not be accepted or processed by a State" unless the application includes the applicant's driver license number (if the applicant has such number) or the last four digits of the applicant's social security number (if the applicant does not have a driver license number). If the applicant has neither such number, then the State must assign a unique identifying number.

Citizenship is required for individuals to vote in both federal and statewide elections in California. Pursuant to the list maintenance provisions of the NVRA and HAVA, non-citizens are ineligible to vote and must be removed from the voter registration lists. The Attorney General has enforcement authority over the NVRA as well as Sections 301, 302, and 303 of Title III of HAVA. Pursuant to that authority we are requesting the following documents:

1. Records showing the number of voter registration records in the County of San Diego cancelled because the registrant did not satisfy the citizenship requirements for voter registration.
2. Records related to each cancellation described in Request No. 1, including copies of each registrant's voter registration application, voter registration record, voting history, Date of Birth, Driver's License/State ID number or last 4 of the Social security number provided at the time of registration and related correspondence sent or received by your office in regard to the registration.

The period for these requests is January 1, 2020, to present. Please forward this information within 14 days to maureen.riordan2@usdoj.gov. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 202-702-6110.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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San Francisco Department of Elections
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sfvote@sfgov.org

Dear Board of Elections:

The National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA") requires that *only* eligible registrants be registered to vote in federal elections. 52 U.S.C 20507(a)(1) and also requires the removal of non-eligible registrants from voter rolls 52 U.S.C.20507(a)(4). One purpose of the NVRA is to ensure that voter registration lists are maintained to protect the integrity of federal elections. The Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") also imposes certain list maintenance obligations on states as part of the uniform statewide database requirements of Section 303(a)(2) of HAVA, 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2), including coordinating the state voter registration list with state agency records on felony status and death.

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Citizenship is required for individuals to vote in both federal and statewide elections in California. Pursuant to list maintenance provisions of the NVRA and HAVA, non-citizens are ineligible to vote and must be removed from the voter registration lists. The Attorney General has enforcement authority over the NVRA as well as Sections 301, 302, and 303 of Title III of HAVA. Pursuant to that authority we are requesting the following documents:

1. Records showing the number of voter registration records in both the City and County of San Francisco cancelled because the registrant did not satisfy the citizenship requirements for voter registration.
2. Records related to each cancellation described in Request No. 1, including copies of each registrant's voter registration application, voter registration record, voting history, Date of Birth, Drivers License/State ID number or last 4 of the Social Security number provided at the time of registration and related correspondence sent or received by your office in regard to the registration.

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Mr. Dean Logan
Los Angeles Registrar of Voters
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

Dear Registrar Logan:

The National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA") requires that *only* eligible registrants be registered to vote in federal elections. 52 U.S.C 20507(a)(1) and also requires the removal of non-eligible registrants from voter rolls 52 U.S.C.20507(a)(4). One purpose of the NVRA is to ensure that voter registration lists are maintained to protect the integrity of federal elections. The Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") also imposes certain list maintenance obligations on states as part of the uniform statewide database requirements of Section 303(a)(2) of HAVA, 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2), including coordinating the state voter registration list with state agency records on felony status and death.

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Citizenship is required for individuals to vote in both federal and statewide elections in California. Pursuant to list maintenance provisions of the NVRA and HAVA, non-citizens are ineligible to vote and must be removed from the voter registration lists. The Attorney General has enforcement authority over the NVRA as well as Sections 301, 302, and 303 of Title III of HAVA. Pursuant to that authority we are requesting the following documents:

1. Records showing the number of voter registration records in the County of Los Angeles cancelled because the registrant did not satisfy the citizenship requirements for voter registration.
2. Records related to each cancellation described in Request No. 1, including copies of each registrant's voter registration application, voter registration record, voting history, Date of Birth, Driver's License/State ID number or last 4 of the Social Security number provided at the time of registration and related correspondence sent or received by your office in regard to the registration.

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July 10, 2025

Via Mail and Email

The Honorable Shirley Weber
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary of State Weber:

We write to you as the chief election official for the State of California to request information regarding the state's procedures for complying with the statewide voter registration list maintenance provisions of the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA"), 52 U.S.C. § 20501 *et seq.*

Please provide a list of the election officials who are responsible for implementing California's general program of voter registration list maintenance from November 2022 through receipt of this letter, including those responsible officials not employed by your office (such as local election officials) who are also involved in that effort. Please also provide a description of the steps that you have taken, and when those steps were taken, to ensure that the state's list maintenance program has been properly carried out in full compliance with the NVRA. Please include both the actions taken by California officials as well as county officials.

The NVRA requires each state and the District of Columbia to make available for inspection "all records concerning the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency of official lists of eligible voters." 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i)(1). Section 11 of the NVRA authorizes the Attorney General to bring NVRA enforcement actions. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 20510.

Pursuant to Section 20507(i) of the NVRA, the Attorney General requests that you produce for inspection the following records:

The current electronic copy of California's computerized statewide voter registration list ("statewide voter registration list") as required by Section 303(a) of the Help America Vote Act. Please include all fields contained within the list. Please produce each list in a .xls, .csv, or delimited-text file format. Please specify what delimiter is used, if applicable, or provide a file layout along with a database user manual, coding list, or other materials that define or explain how a voter record is coded into the statewide voter registration list and reported in the electronic copy of the statewide voter registration list.

Additionally, please provide the following information in electronic form. The time period for these requests is close of registration for the November 2022 general election through the close of registration for the November 2024 general election, the same time period as the most recent report from the Election Assistance Commission's Election Administration and Voting Survey ("EAVS"). If you are unable to provide the data, please explain why the data is not available.

1. In the EAVS data for Question A3d, California had 2,178,551 voters (15.6 percent) with duplicate registrations. However, seven counties failed to provide data regarding duplicate registrations. Please provide a list of all duplicate registration records in Imperial, Los Angeles, Napa, Nevada, San Bernardino, Siskiyou, and Stanislaus counties.
2. No data was listed in the EAVS survey for Question A12h for California regarding duplicate registrants who were removed from the statewide voter registration database. Please provide a list of all duplicate registrants who were removed from the statewide voter registration list including the date(s) of removal. If they were merged or linked with another record, please provide that information. Please explain California's process for determining duplicates and what happens to the duplicate registrations.
3. In the EAVS data for Question QA12c, California had 378,349 voters (11.9 percent) removed because of death, which was well below the national average. Please provide a list of all registrations that were cancelled because of death. Please explain California's process for determining who is deceased and removing them from the voter roll and when that occurs.
4. Confirmation Notice data was missing in the EAVS survey for Questions A10a through A10f for several counties in California. Please provide the data for each county in California for Questions A10a through A10f.
5. The 2022 EAVS report contained 4,984,314 inactive voters, while the 2024 report contained 2,883,995. Please explain the reason for the change in the number of inactive registrations for these years.
6. A list of all registrations, including date of birth, driver's license number, and last four digits of Social Security Number, that were cancelled due to non-citizenship of the registrant.

Please provide this information within 14 days of the date of this letter. The information and materials may be sent by encrypted email to voting.section@usdoj.gov or via the Department's secure file-sharing system, Justice Enterprise File Sharing (JEFS).

Should further clarification be required, please contact Maureen Riordan at maureen.riordan2@usdoj.gov. We look forward to your assistance in advance.

Sincerely,



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