

Sacramento County
Voter Registration & Elections



Media Guide

General Election



November 4, 2014

Polls Open
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Jill LaVine
Registrar of Voters

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County of Sacramento

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Sacramento, CA 95823-2315

Internet

County of Sacramento, Voter Registration and Elections - Website: www.elections.saccounty.net

Registered voters may:

- Look up **Polling Place Location** (including a map with directions and a photo of the building);
- Look up a **Sample Ballot** (based on a residence in Sacramento County);
- Track **Vote by Mail**;
- Check **Registration**.

Anyone may:

- View **Live Election Results** after the polls close on Election Day;
- View **Frequently Asked Questions**.

Secretary of State - Website: www.ss.ca.gov/elections

RULES, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE MEDIA

Visiting Polling Places

If you wish to visit one or more polling places on Election Day, please remember that voters are there to cast their ballots and precinct officials are there to ensure that voters can cast their ballots. Please respect the privacy and sanctity of the voting booth and do not interrupt any voter who is voting.

We request that you first introduce yourself to the Precinct Inspector, who is responsible for operating the polling place. Please do not interrupt the precinct officials when they are servicing voters.

If you would like to take photos or video or wish to interview a voter, please ask permission first and respect the requests of those who do not wish to be in the news. Interviews should be conducted away from the voting area, so other voters are not disturbed. If you wish to ask voters if they would voluntarily disclose their votes (“exit polling”), you must do this at least 25 feet away from the room where the polling place has been set up.

You must not film or photograph a voter’s selections on his or her ballot.

If you need assistance in locating a polling place, please call our office at 875-6451.

Ballot Counting, Election Night

For security reasons, ballots are counted in a monitored room. Only those with an appropriate badge will be allowed by a deputy sheriff to enter the ballot counting room. Our security procedures will be strictly enforced. The ballot counting room has a large window for public observation and filming.

For those who want to do live interviews with the staff of Voter Registration and Elections, you will be shown where you may lay cable and will be shown the designated area to conduct interviews.

Vote-by-Mail ballots will be counted first, with the results made public shortly after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. Ballots from polling places will be counted as they are brought in to Voter Registration and Elections. Election results will be posted on our website, www.elections.saccounty.net and will be updated throughout the night until all precincts have reported. Our semi-final results will be posted on the website.

Countywide Services Agency
Bruce Wagstaff, Agency Administrator

Voter Registration and Elections
Jill LaVine, Registrar of Voters



Bradley J. Hudson, County Executive

County of Sacramento

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Sacramento County Voting Materials Required to be in Chinese and Spanish

New minority language requirements released

Sacramento, CA – Voters in Sacramento County will see another language on their June 2012 ballot. Registrar of Voters Jill LaVine learned today that the Department of Justice has designated Sacramento County as a jurisdiction that must provide all voting materials in Chinese. This new language is in addition to Spanish which has been required since 2000.

The Voting Rights Act of 1964 requires states or political subdivisions provide minority language assistance when the US census determines that the county has more than 10,000 or more voting age citizens belonging to a language minority group who are limited-English proficient, or if more than 5% of the voting age citizens are members of a single language group who are unable to speak or understand English adequately enough to effectively participate in the electoral process.

In 2006, Congress authorized extension of the minority language provision through 2032 and instructed the bureau to use the American Community Survey (ACS) and produce determinations every 5 years instead of the current 10 year period.

Determinations are calculated using U.S. Code 42 which bases thresholds on

- Language Minority Group (total voting age citizens)
- English Language Ability (total voting age citizens who are limited-English proficient)
- Educational Attainment (total voting age citizens who are limited-English proficient and have less than a 5th grade education)

“The Department of Justice’s new language requirement leaves Sacramento County just a few short months to prepare for the June 2012 Primary Election,” said LaVine.

For more information visit www.census.gov/rdo/data/voting_rights_determination_file.html

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Find a Polling Place near you on Election Day using your Mobile Phone!

Where is my nearest Polling Place On Election Day?



SACRAMENTO COUNTY Mobile

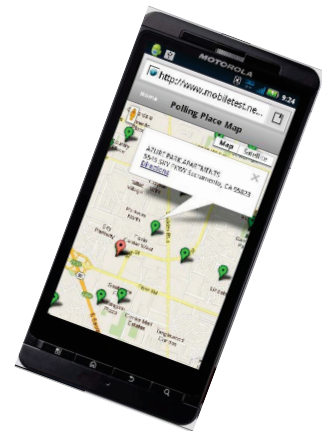
Polling Place Locator

 **Now you can find the nearest polling place while on the go.** Using your smart phone, simply enter your address and view polling place(s) closest to you. You may search using the Map or Address.

Polling Place Map

Search by Address

Polling Place information will be available 30 days before every election.



County of Sacramento Voter Registration & Elections

- Check map for nearby polling place(s)
- Free Mobile app available for Android and iPhone smart phones
- Check address for nearest polling location(s)
- Works on most Smart Phones

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CONTESTS ON THE BALLOT
General Election – November 4, 2014

FEDERAL CONTESTS
United States Representative, District 3
United States Representative, District 6
United States Representative, District 7
United States Representative, District 9
STATE CONTESTS
Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Controller
Treasurer
Attorney General
Insurance Commissioner
Board of Equalization, District 1
State Senator, District 4
State Senator, District 6
State Senator, District 8
State Assembly, District 6
State Assembly, District 7
State Assembly, District 8
State Assembly, District 9
State Assembly, District 11
State Superintendent of Public Instruction
STATE PROPOSITIONS
Proposition 1- Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014
Proposition 2 – State Reserve Policy
Proposition 45 – Approval of Healthcare Insurance Rate Changes
Proposition 46 – Drug & Alcohol Testing of Doctors. Medical Negligence Lawsuits
Proposition 47 – Criminal Sentences. Misdemeanor Penalties
Proposition 48 – Referendum to Overturn Indian Gaming Compacts

LOCAL CONTESTS
Judicial
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District
Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District
Schools
Los Rios Community College District, Trustee, Area 2 (3)
Los Rios Community College District, Trustee, Area 6
Los Rios Community College District, Trustee, Area 3 – Short Term
San Joaquin Delta Community College District, Governing Board Member, Area 4
San Joaquin Delta Community College District, Governing Board Member, Area 7
Elk Grove Unified School District, Governing Board Member, Area 2
Sacramento City Unified School District, Governing Board Member, Area 1
Sacramento City Unified School District, Governing Board Member, Area 2

Sacramento City Unified School District, Governing Board Member, Area 6
Sacramento City Unified School District, Governing Board Member, Area 7 – Short Term
San Juan Unified School District, Governing Board Member (2)
Natomas Unified School District, Governing Board Member (2)
Galt Joint Union High School District, Governing Board Member (3)
Roseville Joint Union High School District, Governing Board Member (2)
Arcohe Union School District, Governing Board Member (3)
Cities
City of Folsom, Member City Council (3)
City of Galt, Member City Council (3)
City of Isleton, Member City Council (3)
City of Isleton, City Clerk – Short Term
City of Isleton, Treasurer – Short Term
City of Citrus Heights, Member City Council (3)
City of Rancho Cordova, Member City Council (2)
City of Elk Grove, Mayor
City of Elk Grove, City Council, District 2
City of Elk Grove, City Council, District 4
City of Sacramento, Member City Council, District 3
City of Sacramento, Member City Council, District 8 – Short Term
Utility District
Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Director, Ward 3
Community Services District
Cosumnes Community Services District, Director (2)
Water District
Citrus Heights Water District, Director, Division 2
San Juan Water District, Director (3)
Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District, Director (2)
Sacramento Suburban Water District, Director, Division 3
Sacramento Suburban Water District, Director, Division 4
Sacramento Suburban Water District, Director, Division 5
Fire District
Courtland Fire Protection District, Director
Courtland Fire Protection District, Director – Short Term
Delta Fire Protection District, Director
Herald Fire Protection District, Director (2)
River Delta Fire District, Director
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Director, Division 9
Wilton Fire Protection District, Director (2)
Flood Control
American River Flood Control District, Trustee (3)
Recreation and Park District
Cordova Recreation and Park District, Director (3)
Orangevale Recreation and Park District, Director (2)
Southgate Recreation and Park District, Director, Division 1
Rio Linda/Elverta Recreation and Park District, Director (3)
Conservation District
Florin Resource Conservation District, Director (3)

LOCAL MEASURES

Measure C – City of Galt, Shall the office of the City Clerk of Galt be appointed

Measure D – City of Isleton, Half Cent Sales Tax to fund Public Safety
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Measure E – City of Isleton, 1/10 percent Sales Tax to pay for General Services

Measure G – Folsom Cordova Unified School District Facilities Improvement District
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Measure H – City of Rancho Cordova, Half Cent Sales Tax

Measure J – Natomas Unified School District Bond Measure
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Measure K – Robla School District Bond Measure
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Measure L – City of Sacramento, Mayor-Council Governance Structure
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**STATE PROPOSITIONS
NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION**

PROPOSITION 1:

Majority vote

AB 1471 Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

Yes

No

Contact Secretary of State: (916) 653-6814

PROPOSITION 2: (formally 44)

Majority vote

State Reserve Policy.

Yes

No

Contact Secretary of State: (916) 653-6814

PROPOSITION 45:

Majority vote

Approval of Healthcare Insurance Rate Changes. Initiative Statute.

Yes

No

Contact Secretary of State: (916) 653-6814

PROPOSITION 46:

Majority vote

Drug and Alcohol Testing of Doctors. Medical Negligence Lawsuits. Initiative Statute.

Yes

No

Contact Secretary of State: (916) 653-6814

PROPOSITION 47:

Majority vote

Criminal Sentences. Misdemeanor Penalties. Initiative Statute.

Yes

No

Contact Secretary of State: (916) 653-6814

PROPOSITION 48:

Majority vote

Referendum to Overturn Indian Gaming Compacts.

Yes

No

Contact Secretary of State: (916) 653-6814

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION MEASURES
(as of 08/12/14)

CITY OF GALT - MEASURE C:

Majority vote

Shall the office of the city clerk for the City of Galt be appointive?

Yes

No

City of Galt: (209) 366-7130

CITY OF ISLETON - MEASURE D:

2/3 vote

For a period of five (5) years shall a one-half cent transactions and use tax, to be used solely to fund Public Safety and Parks and Recreation projects and services for the City of Isleton, be adopted?

Yes

No

City of Isleton: (916) 777-7770

CITY OF ISLETON - MEASURE E:

Majority vote

Shall a one-tenth percent tax on business revenues to pay to pay for general services for the City of Isleton. Including fire, land-use planning and other city services, be adopted?

Yes

No

City of Isleton: (916) 777-7770

FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT – MEASURE G

55% vote

“To upgrade instructional technology, computer labs, student safety and security systems, construct, acquire, repair classrooms, sites, facilities/equipment to improve the quality of academic instruction in core subjects like math, science and writing, replace aging portable classrooms, and upgrade aging/inefficient electrical/HVAC systems to save money, shall Folsom Cordova Unified School District School Facilities Improvement District No. 5 issue \$195 million in bonds at legal rates with citizen oversight, annual audits, with all funds spent only in Folsom and no funds for administrators’ salaries?

Bonds Yes

Bonds No

Folsom Cordova School District: (916) 294-9000

CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA – MEASURE H:

Majority vote

To enhance City services, facilities and programs, including: enhancing anti-gang/youth violence prevention programs; increasing neighborhood police patrols; fixing streets faster; expanding children/teen after-school programs; removing blight/revitalizing vacant buildings along Folsom Boulevard; building community facilities for seniors/working adults/children; and other general city services; shall the City of Rancho Cordova enact a ½ cent sales tax, that cannot be taken by the State, requiring annual audits and all funds be spent in Rancho Cordova?

City Rancho Cordova (916) 851-8700

Yes

No

NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT - MEASURE J:

55% vote

“To protect quality education in Natomas, increasing student safety and security, improving accessibility for disabled students, upgrading classrooms for 21st century learning and college/career readiness with technology, furniture, and equipment, repairing and constructing school and support facilities, upgrading basic infrastructure/utilities and acquiring new school sites, shall Natomas Unified School District issue up to \$129 million of bonds at legal interest rates, with citizen oversight, annual independent audits and no money for administrators' salaries or pensions?”

Bonds Yes

Bonds No

Natomas Unified School District: (916) 567-5401

ROBLA SCHOOL DISTRICT - MEASURE K:

55% vote

“To better integrate school facilities with the academic program, increase access to modern technology, improve school safety and security, replace portable classrooms with permanent construction, modernize classroom interiors to meet 21st century needs, construct a new school to relieve overcrowding, and qualify the District to receive State grants, shall Robla School District be authorized to issue \$29,800,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, with annual audits, an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, and no money for administrator salaries?”

Bonds Yes

Bonds No

Robla School District: (916) 991-1728

CITY OF SACRAMENTO - MEASURE L

Majority vote

“Shall the City of Sacramento Charter be revised, on a trial basis, to establish: a mayor-council governance structure wherein the elected mayor oversees city operations and a budget subject to Council approval and override; an Ethics Committee; Code of Ethics and Sunshine Ordinances; an Independent Budget Analyst Office; a Neighborhood Advisory Committee; an Independent Redistricting Commission; and a three-term limit for mayors; with most provisions subject to voter reapproval by 11/03/2020?”

Yes

No

City of Sacramento (916) 808-7200

SACRAMENTO COUNTY ELECTIONS

General Election
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FAST FACTS

60 Day Close of County Registration	676,096
Democratic	292,399
Republican	207,689
American Independent	20,154
Green	3,858
Libertarian	4,887
Peace and Freedom	5,479
No Party Preference	140,172
Miscellaneous Parties	852
BY THE NUMBERS:	
Polling places	528
Mail ballot precincts	207
Precinct officials	2,640
Field coordinators	47
Accessible polling places	506
Vote by Mail Voters	392,919
Mail Ballot Voters in Mail Ballot Precincts	8,699
Military Voters	817
Civilian Overseas Voters	1,319
Different combinations of Ballot Types	218
Contests on the ballot	79
Candidates on the ballot	214
The Election must be certified by:	12/2/14

NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION

Polling Places	528 - Polling Places
Mail Ballots	207 - Mail Ballot Precincts
Precinct Officers	2,640 - Precinct Officers
Coordinators (Field Supervisors)	47 - Averaging approximately 11 polling places each

Precinct Officer Training Sites & Drop off Sites on Election Night Open at 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.	
First Baptist Church 8939 East Stockton Blvd Elk Grove	14 Classes Reporting – 99 precincts
Florin Station 7000 65 th Street Sacramento	34 Classes Reporting – 123 precincts
Natomas Community Center 2921 Truxel Road Sacramento	14 Classes Reporting – 103 precincts
Orangevale Community Center 6826 Hazel Avenue Orangevale	14 Classes Reporting – 102 precincts
Unity of Sacramento Church 9249 Folsom Blvd Sacramento	15 Classes Reporting – 101 precincts

Vote by Mail Ballot Drop-Off Sites
Tuesday, October 14 – Tuesday, November 4, 2014

APAPA – Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association	4000 Truxel Rd, Ste 3 Sacramento 95834	9:00am – 6:00pm (M – F)
Carmichael Library	5605 Marconi Ave Carmichael 95608	10:00am – 8:00pm (T/W), 10:00am – 6:00pm (Th), 1:00pm – 6:00pm (F), 10:00am – 5:00pm (Sat), 12:00pm – 5:00pm (Sun)
Citrus Heights City Hall	6237 Fountain Square Dr Citrus Heights 95621	8:00am – 5:00pm (M – F)
Dept of Neighborhood Services	5229-B Hazel Ave Fair Oaks 95628	9:00am – 4:00pm (M – F)
Elk Grove City Hall	8401 Laguna Palms Way Elk Grove 95758	8:00am – 5:00pm (M – F)
Emeritus At Folsom Assisted Living Facility	780 Harrington Way Folsom 95630	8:00am – 6:00pm (M-F)
Galt City Hall	380 Civic Dr Galt 95632	8:00am – Noon, 1:00pm – 5:30pm (M – Th)
Isleton City Hall	101 2 nd St Isleton 95641	8:00am – Noon, 1:00pm – 5:00pm (M – Th)
Mel Rapon Honda	3630 Fulton Ave Sacramento 95821	9:00am – 8:00pm (M – F)
North Highlands – Antelope Library	4235 Antelope Rd Antelope 95843	10:00am – 8:00pm (T/W), 10:00am – 6:00pm (Th), 1:00pm – 6:00pm (F), 10:00am – 5:00pm (Sat)
Rancho Cordova City Hall	2729 Prospect Park Dr Rancho Cordova 95670	8:00am – 5:00pm (M– F)
Robbie Waters Pocket Greenhaven Library	7335 Gloria Dr Sacramento 95831	10:00am – 6:00pm (T/Th), 12:00pm – 8:00pm (W), 1:00pm – 6:00pm (F), 10:00am – 5:00pm (Sat)
Sacramento City Hall	915 I Street Sacramento 95814	8:00am – 5:00pm (M – F)
Sacramento County Administration Bldg	700 'H' Street Sacramento 95814	8:00am – 5:00pm (M – F)
Valley Hi-North Laguna Library	7400 Imagination Pkwy Sacramento 95823	12:00pm – 8:00pm (T), 10:00am – 6:00pm (W/Th), 1:00pm – 6:00pm (F), 10:00am – 5:00pm (Sat)

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POLLING PLACES SUGGESTED FOR VISITING Voting begins at 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.	
Precinct Number	Polling Place
19108	Robertson Community Center 3525 Norwood Sacramento, CA 95838
21132	VFW Post 4647 3300 U St Antelope, CA 95843
25524	La Sierra Community Center 5325 Engle Rd Carmichael, CA 95608
31510	Orangevale Rec and Park District 6826 Hazel Ave Orangevale, CA 95662
36448	Emeritus At Folsom – Assisted Living Facility 780 Harrington Way Folsom, CA 95630
41204	Boys & Girls Clubs of Sacramento 1117 G St Sacramento, CA 95814
47418	Robbie Waters Pocket Greenhaven Library 7335 Gloria Dr Sacramento, CA 95831
53500	Rancho Cordova City Hall 2729 Prospect Park Dr Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
77400	Isleton Community Center 208 Jackson Blvd Isleton, CA 95641
81060	Holiday Inn Express & Suites 2460 Maritime Dr Elk Grove, CA 95758
81100	Valley Hi - North Laguna Library 7400 Imagination Pkwy Sacramento, CA 95823-7337



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October 8, 2012

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #12294

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM:

Jana M. Lean

Jana M. Lean

Chief, Elections Division

RE: General Election: Electioneering

"Electioneering" is defined in California Elections Code section 319.5 as "the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot within 100 feet of a polling place, an elections official's office, or a satellite location under Section 3018." This effectively means electioneering cannot be conducted within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling place. Prohibited materials and information include, but are not limited to:

- A display of a candidate's name, likeness, or logo
- A display of a ballot measure's number, title, subject, or logo
- Buttons, hats, pencils, pens, shirts, signs, or stickers containing information about candidates or issues on the ballot
- Any audible broadcasting of information about candidates or measures on the ballot

The Elections Code provides penal provisions for anyone who engages in electioneering.

Elections Code section 18370 states:

No person, on Election Day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, shall, within 100 feet of a polling place or an elections official's office:

- (a) Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or nomination petition or any other petition.
- (b) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
- (c) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.
- (d) Do any electioneering.

As used in this section, "100 feet of a polling place or an elections official's office"

means a distance 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Elections Code section 18541 states:

(a) No person shall, with the intent of dissuading another person from voting, within 100 feet of a polling place, do any of the following:

(1) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.

(2) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.

(3) Photograph, videotape, or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a polling place.

(b) Any violation of this section is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 12 months, or in the state prison. Any person who conspires to violate this section is guilty of a felony.

(c) For purposes of this section, 100 feet means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

The Secretary of State's 2010 Poll Worker Training Standards, located at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pdfs/poll-worker-training-standards-final-031210.pdf, encourages county elections officials to ensure poll workers are trained on the issue of electioneering.

Poll workers must understand how to measure a 100-foot perimeter from a polling place (or request assistance from roving inspectors), what activities are prohibited within that perimeter, and what to do if they either see or hear about electioneering in or near their polling place.

Poll workers also need to be aware what types of materials are not allowed in the polling place and what to do, if, for example, a voter enters a polling place wearing a t-shirt or button promoting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure.

The California Secretary of State's Voter Fraud Protection Handbook is available at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/vfph-2009.pdf and it provides information on this topic. Written in a "question-and-answer" format, the handbook contains the following recommendations to voters and others interested in the electoral process:

When I went into my polling booth, I noticed a little pencil with a candidate's name on it urging voters to be sure and mark the box for him. Can they do that?

No, it is illegal to have items with a candidate's name on them in the polling place. This constitutes electioneering and any electioneering must be conducted a minimum of 100 feet from the place where people are voting. Sometimes, a voter inadvertently leaves such materials in the voting booth. (EC §18370)

A lady working at my polling place last Election Day was wearing a T-shirt that said "Down with Liberals" on it. Can she wear that?

Because such a t-shirt doesn't actually advocate voting for or against a particular candidate or measure, it's not considered electioneering. If the shirt had a statement for or against something or someone on the ballot, it would not be allowed within 100 feet of the polls. If the elections official is aware of the situation, he or she will likely request that the woman cover it up or change into something that does not cause the slightest appearance of partisanship. (EC §18370, 18541, 18546)

This issue came before the Mendocino County Superior Court in 1998 in the case of *SPEAK UP!, et al. v. Marsha A. Young*. The plaintiff sought a preliminary injunction after Registrar of Voters Young deemed their attempt to wear buttons advocating for a particular candidate in the polling places constituted "electioneering" and was precluded by Elections Code section 18370. Elections Code section 319.5, which now defines "electioneering," was not added until 2009, so it was not available to the court in 1998. However, the 1998 court did a good job of framing the issues involved, denying the plaintiff's request for a preliminary injunction, writing in part:

"This 'thoughtful/quiet zone' where no further political bombardment can occur actually protects and safeguards even petitioners' own political free speech. Exercising one's right to vote to elect one's leaders and enact laws is the ultimate unrestricted political free speech. The temporary (five to ten minute) covering or removal of political buttons in the limited polling areas while voting is a very slight inconvenience necessary to safeguard a free and untainted electoral process. This protected right and process underlies and is interwoven with all other rights.

"While a political button without fighting words on its face may seem harmless or inconsequential to a strong or opinionated person, not every voter is difficult to influence and intimidate – even to leave a polling place without voting. Even the simplest button is a political statement which invites a response. Given the strong feelings surrounding most political votes, the response is not always peaceful. Without this 100 foot protective zone, it is a very short slide to walking, flashing, electronic sandwich boards and a return to 'political gang colors' and intimidation which hinder free elections.

"The polling booth areas are also not traditional 'public forums' . . . Polling areas are immemorially held in trust for the quiet, undisturbed and free exercise of the public's right to privately vote their political consciences."

The judge in that case based his ruling in part on the U.S. Supreme Court's 1992 decision in *Burson v. Freeman*, which dealt with the larger question of whether a Tennessee law banning the display and distribution of campaign materials within 100

feet of a polling place was constitutional. The Court ruled that the Tennessee statute was indeed constitutional, concluding in part:

“In sum, an examination of the history of election regulation in this country reveals a persistent battle against two evils: voter intimidation and election fraud. After an unsuccessful experiment with an unofficial ballot system, all 50 States, together with numerous other Western democracies, settled on the same solution: a secret ballot secured in part by a restricted zone around the voting compartments. We find that this widespread and time-tested consensus demonstrates that some restricted zone is necessary in order to serve the States' compelling interests in preventing voter intimidation and election fraud.

“Here, the State, as recognized administrator of elections, has asserted that the exercise of free speech rights conflicts with another fundamental right, the right to cast a ballot in an election free from the taint of intimidation and fraud. A long history, a substantial consensus, and simple common sense show that some restricted zone around polling places is necessary to protect that fundamental right. Given the conflict between these two rights, we hold that requiring solicitors to stand 100 feet from the entrances to polling places does not constitute an unconstitutional compromise.”

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Jana.Lean@sos.ca.gov or (916) 657-2166.



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October 8, 2012

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 12296

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM:

Jana M. Lean

Jana M. Lean
Chief, Elections Division

RE: General Election: Cameras At Polling Places

The Secretary of State's office has historically taken the position that the use of cameras or video equipment at polling places is prohibited, though there may be circumstances where election officials could permit such use. For example, if a credentialed media organization wants to photograph or film a candidate voting at a polling place, this is something you may permit, provided you ensure such activity does not interfere with voting, is not intimidating to any voters or election workers, and that the privacy of voters is not compromised.

There are several laws that speak to the issue of whether people are allowed to film inside or adjacent to a polling place, most of which stem from the principle set forth in Article II, Section 7 of the California Constitution, which reads:

"Voting shall be secret."

It is also clear that, over the years, the Legislature and the Governor have sought to make the voting process private and free from any form of intimidation or coercion.

Elections Code section 14221 states:

"Only voters engaged in receiving, preparing, or depositing their ballots and persons authorized by the precinct board to keep order and enforce the law may be permitted to be within the voting booth area before the closing of the polls."

Elections Code section 14291 states:

"After the ballot is marked, a voter shall not show it to any person in such a way as to reveal its contents."

Elections Code section 18370 states in part:

“No person, on election day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, shall, within 100 feet of a polling place, a satellite location under Section 3018, or an elections official's office:

- (a) Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or nomination petition or any other petition.
- (b) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
- (c) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.

(d) Do any electioneering as defined by Section 319.5. As used in this section, "100 feet of a polling place, a satellite location under Section 3018, or an elections official's office" means a distance 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.”

California Elections Code section 18540 states:

“(a) Every person who makes use of or threatens to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years.

(b) Every person who hires or arranges for any other person to make use of or threaten to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years.”

Elections Code section 18541 states:

“(a) No person shall, with the intent of dissuading another person from voting, within 100 feet of a polling place, do any of the following:

- (1) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
- (2) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.

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(3) Photograph, video record, or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a polling place.

(b) Any violation of this section is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 12 months, or in the state prison. Any person who conspires to violate this section is guilty of a felony.

(c) For purposes of this section, 100 feet means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.”

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Jana.Lean@sos.ca.gov or (916) 657-2166. Thank you.

VOTER TURNOUT, PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY SINCE 1936

DATE	TYPE	REG. VOTERS	NO. VOTED	TURNOUT
June 3, 2014	Statewide Prim.	688,443	203,850	29.6%
Nov. 6, 2012	Pres. General	698,899	522,045	74.7%
June 5, 2012	Pres. Primary	653,391	232,743	35.6%
Nov. 2, 2010	Gub. General	678,923	428,543	63.1%
June 8, 2010	Gub. Primary	666,743	233,426	35.0%
Nov. 4, 2008	Pres. General	684,588	546,660	79.8%
June 3, 2008	Statewide Prim.	625,485	186,882	29.9%
Feb. 5, 2008	Pres. Primary	611,954	357,297	58.4%
Nov. 7, 2006	Gub. General	624,444	368,162	58.9%
June 6, 2006	Gub. Primary	620,191	214,495	34.6%
Nov. 2, 2004	Pres. General	650,701	482,012	74.0%
Mar. 2, 2004	Pres. Primary	589,592	294,616	50.0%
Nov. 5, 2002	Gub. General	577,156	331,039	57.4%
Mar. 5, 2002	Gub. Primary	598,272	231,294	38.7%
Nov. 7, 2000	Pres. General	611,014	438,884	71.8%
Mar. 7, 2000	Pres. Primary	575,968	338,362	58.7%
Nov. 3, 1998	Gub. General	600,499	369,395	61.5%
Jun. 2, 1998	Gub. Primary	580,036	275,446	47.5%
Nov. 5, 1996	Pres. General	617,964	416,264	67.4%
Mar. 26, 1996	Pres. Primary	577,240	273,094	47.3%
Nov. 8, 1994	Gub. General	610,590	368,645	60.4%
Jun. 7, 1994	Gub. Primary	593,052	219,685	37.0%
Nov. 3, 1992	Pres. General	629,200	461,887	73.4%
Jun. 2, 1992	Pres. Primary	580,354	235,309	40.5%
Nov. 6, 1990	Gub. General	557,520	342,477	61.4%
Jun. 5, 1990	Gub. Primary	539,427	230,939	42.8%
Nov. 8, 1988	Pres. General	556,943	403,942	72.5%
Jun. 7, 1988	Pres. Primary	499,501	275,450	55.1%
Nov. 4, 1986	Gub. General	505,118	311,049	61.6%
Jun. 3, 1986	Gub. Primary	476,783	216,895	45.5%
Nov. 6, 1984	Pres. General	500,949	381,293	76.1%
Jun. 5, 1984	Pres. Primary	451,923	210,188	46.5%
Nov. 2, 1982	Gub. General	448,301	334,259	74.6%
Jun. 8, 1982	Gub. Primary	436,944	239,682	54.9%
Nov. 4, 1980	Pres. General	411,310	328,190	79.8%
Jun. 3, 1980	Pres. Primary	398,333	261,112	65.6%
Nov. 7, 1978	Gub. General	355,489	262,587	73.9%
Jun. 6, 1978	Gub. Primary	353,123	232,025	65.7%
Nov. 2, 1976	Pres. General	347,409	282,380	81.3%

Jun. 8, 1976	Pres. Primary	295,858	210,287	71.1%
Nov. 5, 1974	Gub. General	338,790	231,933	68.5%
Jun. 4, 1974	Gub. Primary	319,689	182,727	57.2%
Nov. 7, 1972	Pres. General	354,711	295,162	83.2%
Jun. 6, 1972	Pres. Primary	308,055	223,381	72.5%
Nov. 3, 1970	Gub. General	286,850	233,288	81.3%
Jun. 2, 1970	Gub. Primary	263,584	187,778	71.2%
Nov. 5, 1968	Pres. General	276,853	236,782	85.5%
Jun. 4, 1968	Pres. Primary	259,030	189,459	73.1%
Nov. 8, 1966	Gub. General	273,320	219,893	80.5%
Jun. 7, 1966	Gub. Primary	255,695	173,304	67.8%
Nov. 3, 1964	Pres. General	263,612	233,568	88.6%
Jun. 2, 1964	Pres. Primary	227,685	168,637	74.1%
Nov. 6, 1962	Gub. General	234,741	192,453	82.0%
Jun. 5, 1962	Gub. Primary	214,499	145,440	67.8%
Nov. 8, 1960	Pres. General	233,031	197,264	84.7%
Jun. 7, 1960	Pres. Primary	191,287	130,877	68.4%
Nov. 4, 1958	Gub. General	187,288	155,278	82.9%
Jun. 3, 1958	Gub. Primary	174,365	125,975	72.2%
Nov. 6, 1956	Pres. General	173,865	152,615	87.8%
Jun. 5, 1956	Pres. Primary	148,407	104,987	70.7%
Nov. 2, 1954	Gub. General	152,685	114,517	75.0%
Jun. 8, 1954	Gub. Primary	146,018	90,639	62.1%
Nov. 4, 1952	Pres. General	154,890	133,359	86.1%
Jun. 3, 1952	Pres. Primary	135,546	95,757	70.6%
Nov. 7, 1950	Gub. General	127,099	102,541	80.7%
Jun. 6, 1950	Gub. Primary	117,493	86,533	73.6%
Nov. 2, 1948	Pres. General	113,133	94,252	83.3%
Jun. 1, 1948	Pres. Primary	101,942	61,224	60.1%
Nov. 5, 1946	Gub. General	93,144	63,619	68.3%
Jun. 4, 1946	Gub. Primary	88,208	53,494	60.6%
Nov. 7, 1944	Pres. General	87,577	75,245	85.9%
May 16, 1944	Pres. Primary	75,974	40,467	53.3%
Nov. 3, 1942	Gub. General	88,076	57,144	64.9%
Aug. 25, 1942	Gub. Primary	83,551	49,026	58.7%
Nov. 5, 1940	Pres. General	93,299	76,177	81.6%
Aug. 27, 1940	Pres. Primary	88,045	53,526	60.8%
Nov. 8, 1938	Gub. General	79,869	61,869	77.5%
Aug. 30, 1938	Gub. Primary	74,935	49,095	65.5%
Nov. 3, 1936	Pres. General	73,959	61,302	82.9%
Aug. 25, 1936	Pres. Primary	71,155	41,099	57.8%