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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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**STATUS REPORT ON MARCH 2, 2004 PRIMARY ELECTION**

This is the first status report regarding major election administration events in preparation for the March 2, 2004 Primary Election. We will provide regular updates to keep you informed of major milestones and the status of election tasks.

The Primary Election will encompass 4,571 voting precincts. Commitments for all polling places have been secured. Staff continues to work on filling remaining pollworker vacancies (as of today, 199 Inspectors and 5,378 Clerks remain to be recruited, out of a total pollworker base of 22,000 needed for the Primary).

We have completed a voter file clean-up process in cooperation with the US Postal Service, reducing the number of active voters on the file from more than 4 million at the time of the October Special Statewide election to 3.7 million. Registration for the affected voters were neither cancelled nor deleted, but were changed to "inactive" status. In conjunction with Federal law, voters who did not cast any ballot since 1998 and who did not respond to a postcard mailed to them requesting residency confirmation were changed to "inactive." Inactives also include those whose sample ballots were returned as undeliverable and people who executed change of address forms for another county or state. Sample Ballots are mailed only to Active voters, and thus it is anticipated that voter file maintenance will save nearly \$500,000 in election printing and mailing costs during 2004.

Sample ballot printing and mailing began last week and will continue daily until all ballot groups are processed. The deadline for completion of sample ballot mailing is February 23.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this report or any other election preparation activity.

Attachments

### MILESTONE STATUS REPORT OF KEY EVENTS

Presidential Primary Election March 2, 2004

EVENT	WEEK ENDING ▼							
	1/16	1/23	1/30	2/6	2/13	2/20	2/27	3/5
1. FINALIZE BALLOT PAGE DESIGN.	▲ 1/11							
2. RECRUIT AND APPOINT PRECINCT OFFICERS.								△ 3/1
3. UPDATE REGISTRATION RECORDS.						△ 2/17		
4. TESTING OF ELECTION NIGHT DATA PROCESSING HARDWARE AND PROGRAMS.								△ 3/2
5. RECEIVE SAMPLE BALLOTS AND BALLOT PAGES FROM PRINTERS.		▲ 1/21						
6. MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS.							△ 2/23	
7. PRECINCT SUPPLIES AND VOTE RECORDERS ASSEMBLED.						△ 2/16		
8. BOOTH AND SUPPLIES PICKED-UP BY PRECINCT INSPECTORS.							△ 2/21	

△ SCHEDULE COMPLETION DATE  
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 △ RESCHEDULE COMPLETION DATE  
 ▲ COMPLETION DATE

**MARCH 2, 2004 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
STATUS OF EVENTS PERFORMED**

EVENT	SCHEDULED COMPLETION	ACTUAL COMPLETION
2. <u>Recruit and Appoint Precinct Officers</u>	3/1/04	
This election will involve 4,571 precincts requiring the recruitment of approximately 22,000 pollworkers. Recruitment of precinct officers is proceeding on schedule.		
3. <u>Update Registration Records</u>	2/27/04	
The January 27, 2004 update of the registration records total 3,657,525 registered voters. This event is proceeding on schedule.		
4. <u>Testing of Election Night Data Processing Hard/Ware and Programs</u>	3/2/04	
Testing of election night tally programs is in process. This event is proceeding on schedule.		
5. <u>Receive Sample Ballot and Ballot Pages From Printer</u>	1/21/04	1/21/04
The delivery of sample ballots and ballot assembly pages is proceeding on schedule.		
6. <u>Mail Sample Ballots</u>	2/23/04	
The initial sample ballot mailing to over 3.6 million registered voters began on January 22, 2004. This event is proceeding on schedule.		