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Online Voter Registration Launches in California

The Office of the Secretary of the State of California announced it will launch the much anticipated California Online Voter Registration by noon (PST) today. Online Voter Registration will offer increased accessibility for the 6.4 million unregistered eligible voters in California; *3 million of which reside in Los Angeles County.*

Dean Logan, Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, will be available to provide comment and expert insight into the impacts of California Online Voter Registration for Los Angeles County and California voters and elections.

Local Resource:

Dean Logan, Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk leads the largest election jurisdiction in the United States. Dean has long been an advocate for online voter registration, serving on Secretary of State's Statewide Voter Registration System Advisory Committee.

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Benefits of Online Voter Registration:

- Paperless online voter registration will save tax payers money by reducing the need to process paper forms.
- Arizona implemented online voter registration ten years ago, and has seen as much as 80 percent of all voter registration activity shift to online applications after a few years.
- Approximately 80 percent of Californians already use the internet, making Online Voter Registration a fit for the Golden State.
- Online Voter Registration will improve the quality and accuracy of County Voter Files. Less manual data entry means more quality assurance and time to confirm and process paper forms.
- The convenience of online voter registration would provide for more up to date records, which might also reduce the number of provisional ballots cast.
- Online Voter Registration benefits the environment by reducing waste.
- Online Voter registration will provide increased registration security by ensuring instant delivery.

How does Online Voter Registration work?

- The online registration portal can be accessed at www.lavote.net or at www.sos.ca.gov
- The process uses your California Driver's License or Identification number to match your voter registration information to Department of Motor Vehicles records.
- The Secretary of State obtains the registrants' signature image on file from the DMV. This information will then be provided to the counties and added as the official signature of record on the voter file. The applicants' information must match in order to complete the registration process providing increased registration security.
- Individuals who do not have a California Driver's License or an Identification number can still use the online portal but will be required to print the form, sign it and mail it back.

Successes with Online Voter Registration:

- Eleven states currently or soon will offer online voter registration, including Arizona, North Carolina, Washington, Oregon and Colorado. This change helped alleviate the expenses of election cycles in many states.
- Washington State saved \$176,000 in the first year of implementing online voter registration.
- Maricopa County, the largest election jurisdiction in Arizona, saved over \$1 million in the first five years they offered online registration. Another county in Arizona went from paying 83 cents to 3 cents per registration.

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