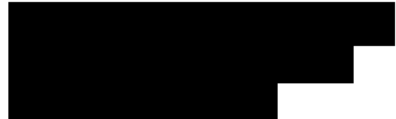




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July 24, 2026

John Monaghan
American Center for Law and Justice



RE: California Public Records Act Request Dated July 16, 2026

Dear John Monaghan,

Thank you for contacting the California Secretary of State with your request for records pursuant to the California Public Records Act. A copy of your request is attached.

The following will response to each of your requests:

Response to Request Number 1

The Statewide Voter Registration System does not contain a voter status reason for cancellation due to non-citizenship, therefore there are no records responsive to this request.

Please note that in addition to our federal law obligations, California has robust state law and regulatory safeguards in place to ensure that only U.S. citizens register to vote and that any non-eligible registrants are removed from the State's voter rolls, in accordance with the requirements of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

For example, California law unambiguously provides that a person "shall not be registered" unless they are "a United States citizen." (California Elections Code sections 2100, 2101.) Voters register to vote through affidavits of registration when they must attest, under penalty of perjury and by signature, that they satisfy all eligibility requirements, including citizenship. (See California Elections Code sections 2101(a), 2102(c), 2111, 2150(a)(1), 2264(a)(3), (b).) California verifies each registrant's identity in accordance with the requirements in HAVA and the NVRA. (See, e.g., California Elections Code section 2150(a)(7); Title 2, California Code of Regulations sections 19073, 19075.) The identity of all registrants is then verified through a comparison with records from the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). (Title 2, California Code of Regulations. section 19073; California Elections Code section 2196(a)(8).) The California DMV is prohibited from transmitting information to our office for any DMV customer who fails to attest to their U.S. citizenship, guaranteeing that non-citizens are not registered to vote through California's Motor Voter program. (Title 2, California Code of Regulations section 20065.)

This multi-layer system effectively ensures that only eligible Californians are registered to vote.

Response to Request Number 2

The following links to the Secretary of State's website contain information on "records concerning the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency of official lists of eligible voters."

- CCROV on List Maintenance activities
<https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/ccrov/2023/september/23076ck.pdf>
- NVRA training on List Maintenance
<https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/nvra/training/ppt/list-maintenance.pptx>

Please note that the California statewide voter registration database, VoteCal, is a near-realtime database for voter registration with information from California's 58 counties and list maintenance agencies. Every new and updated registration is checked against: 1) Death records from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), local obituaries and other local county sources like coroner's reports; 2) For felons against the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) as well as district and superior courts; and 3) For change of address records from the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and National Change of Address records provided by the California Employment Development Department (EDD).

Additionally, the statewide database uses the voters' name, date of birth, California driver's license number, and/or social security number last 4 among other collected data fields to validate incoming registrations and to avoid duplications.

Additional Secretary of State webpages with information and additional links relating to this request:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration>
<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/hava-id-standards>
<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/who-can-vote-california>
<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/nvra/laws-standards/nvra-manual/chap-4>
<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/votecal-project>
<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/publications-and-resources>

Response to Request Number 3

Election Voter Complaint Forms are reviewed by the Secretary of State's Elections Division staff and may be forwarded to appropriate parties within the Secretary of State's office, which may include Secretary of State attorneys and investigators, for further review and/or investigation.

Response to Request Number 4

Our office does not maintain the statistics being requested. If our office receives or develops objectively verifiable evidence of criminal violations of California or federal law, our office refers such matters to the appropriate state or federal prosecuting agency for handling.

However, records of complaints and other investigatory information, files, or records regarding a complaint of a criminal violation of the California Elections Code or other California or federal law are privileged and exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Government Code sections 7923.600(a), 7923.605, and 7927.705, and Evidence Code sections 954, 955, 1040, and 1041, as well as California Constitution, Article I, section 1, (3rd party right to privacy) and the California Information Practices Act, California Civil Code section 1798 et seq. so as not to compromise or jeopardize our ability to interview witnesses, suspects, or the ability to obtain and/or secure evidence for ongoing cases or investigations.

The California Public Records Act permits the Secretary of State to collect statutory fees for the cost of producing copies of its records, which must be remitted at the time the records are requested. The statutory fees for reproduction of plain copies of the records you have requested are \$1.00 for the first page, and \$0.50 for each additional page, per record. However, we are able to provide access to the electronic copies of the documentation referred to above online at no charge.

We hope this information is helpful to you. If you have any questions about this or another matter related to records available at the Secretary of State's office, please contact us again.

Sincerely,
Legal Affairs Office
Secretary of State

From: [California Public Records Act - Public Request](#)
To: [CA SOS - Public Records Act Request](#)
Subject: Confirmation
Date: Thursday, July 16, 2026 1:34:30 PM

Thank you for contacting the California Secretary of State's office.

What Happens Next?

If your inquiry requested information pursuant to the California Public Records Act, your submission has been sent to the Division or Divisions that may have responsive items and we will determine whether we have the information you requested. Generally, you should receive a response to your request within ten days of receipt. If your submission is sent outside of normal business hours, or on a Saturday, Sunday or State Holiday, the date of receipt will be considered the next business day. However, the time for production of records depends on various factors and may be extended when circumstances warrant it (e.g. requests for voluminous records). You will be notified if your request will require more than ten days for our office to process and respond.

Description of Records Requested (required): RE: CPRA Request to examine California Department of State records regarding voter registration and voter fraud Dear Public Records Act Coordinator: Under the California Public Records Act, pursuant to Code Section 7920, et seq. ("CPRA"), the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ)¹ requests certain records regarding voter registration. For purposes of this Request, and unless otherwise indicated, the timeframe of records requested herein is November 4, 2024, through the date of receipt of this Request. All terms used herein have the definitions given by the CPRA. The ACLJ requests copies of the following records be provided via email: 1. Records showing the number of voter registration records cancelled because the registrant did not satisfy the citizenship requirements for voter registration, excluding the personal identifiers of private individuals whose registrations were cancelled. 2. 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. 3. All records containing or addressing policies for handling information received through the Election Voter Complaint form. 1 The ACLJ is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the defense of constitutional liberties secured by law. The ACLJ regularly monitors governmental activity concerning abortion and works to inform the public of such affairs. The ACLJ and its global affiliated organizations are committed to ensuring governmental accountability and the ongoing viability of freedom and liberty in the United States and around the world. 4. All records containing the outcomes or final determinations of investigations regarding illegal voting, excluding the personal identifiers of private individuals investigated. Conclusion If this Request is denied in whole or in part, ACLJ requests that, within the time requirements imposed by CPRA, the custodian agency support all denials by reference to specific CPRA exemptions and provide any statutorily or judicially required explanatory information. If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform the ACLJ if the cost will exceed \$500. However, the ACLJ respectfully requests a waiver of all fees because the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest. The ACLJ will disseminate the records requested to the public via multiple media platforms and, as such, the records are requested for news gathering purposes. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this Request. Please furnish all applicable records and direct any responses to: Jordan Sekulow,

Executive Director [REDACTED] Benjamin P. Sisney [REDACTED] John A. Monaghan [REDACTED] American Center for Law and Justice [REDACTED] (fax) I affirm that the foregoing request and attached documentation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Respectfully submitted, AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE Jordan Sekulow Benjamin P. Sisney Executive Director Senior Litigation Counsel John A. Monaghan Senior Litigation Counsel

Is there a date range associated with the records sought? (required): Yes

Start Date (required): 12-04-2024

End Date (required): 07-16-2026

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