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TO: ALL COUNTY CLERKS/REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (92011)

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SUBJECT: GREEN PARTY QUALIFICATION, VRC'S AND RELATED ISSUES

Although we have not yet officially certified them, it appears that the Green Party will qualify for recognition as California's sixth political party. The ramifications of their qualification are numerous and, in some instances, uncertain. This memo attempts to address specific consequences as they are now known to us.

1. Obviously, there will be an additional party participating in the June Primary -- another ballot color, another sample ballot and official ballot style, potentially more candidates, etc. It is still unsettled as to which political party's operating or presidential primary procedures they intend to follow.

2. Voter registration cards and deputy vrc's will need to include the Green Party as an option in Box #7. We are, as you know, currently printing new Secretary of State "generic" and county-specific cards listing (in alpha order) the Green Party. However, the party will not be officially qualified until Jan. 20 when we've received all of your registration tapes. At that time, we expect to have the state forms in hand and a small supply of the forms on its way to each county. We will then print and ship the county-specific revised cards and expect delivery no later than April -- and probably sooner.