



**VIA EMAIL**

May 4, 2020

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**Re: URGENT—Integrity Risks to the May 12, 2020 Congressional District 25 Special Election**

Dear Secretary Padilla, RR/CC Logan, and CC/RR Lunn,

Election Integrity Project, California (EIPCa) wishes to alert you to the following findings, which, if confirmed as accurate, show potential risks to the integrity of the May 12, 2020 special election in Congressional District 25 (CD25). These risks arise from mailing vote-by-mail (VBM) ballots to all Active registrants on voter lists containing likely duplicated, deceased, and relocated registrants.

EIPCa's purpose is to provide this information so you can confirm its findings, prevent ineligible ballots from being counted and record ineligible ballots that were counted. EIPCa has copied both CD25 candidates on this letter so each is aware of the findings in the event the election results are contested.

**Finding #1: Suspected Duplicated Registrants Mailed Two or More CD25 Ballots**

EIPCa identified **773** registrants who appear in the VoteCal data to have two or more Active voter registrations in CD25 and were likely mailed two or more ballots each. Five of these, if confirmed, were mailed three ballots each. These suspected duplicates share the same names, addresses and birthdates. Those at differing addresses in the district have additional supporting factors such as matching emails, phone numbers or mailing addresses. Mailing more than one ballot to a registrant risks multiple ballots being voted.

**Finding #2: Suspected Duplicates Who Moved to Another District but Were Mailed CD25 Ballots**

There are **82** CD25 registrants who appear to have later registered in another congressional district but retained their old CD25 registration and were mailed a ballot for CD25. If confirmed as no longer residing in CD25, these registrants are ineligible to vote in CD25 and the list should be corrected accordingly.

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**Finding #3: Likely Deceased or Moved Registrants Mailed Ballots**

EIPCa found an additional **11,272** CD25 registrants who were registered to vote on or before 11/4/08, have not apparently voted or updated their registrations since 11/4/08 or before, yet remain on the list classified as **Active** status. Of these, **3,519** have NEVER voted. Of the “NEVER voted”, 1,230 have been registered for 20-68 years with no apparent activity but are inexplicably considered “Active”. Of those with past voting histories, 363 have not voted in 20-26 years. Because of their Active status, all **11,272** were mailed CD25 ballots though they have likely moved or died. VBM ballots mailed to non-existent addressees opens the door to election manipulation.

**Finding #4: Registrants Aged 105+**

EIPCa identified **54** registrants in CD25 whose birthdates indicate they are 105 or older and are likely deceased. Because of their Active status, they were mailed CD25 ballots.

EIPCa’s findings are based on an analysis of the VoteCal voter registration and voting history files of March 13, 2020. Detailed information for each finding can be found in the EIPCa Findings Reports for each county, titled “*sos\_20200313\_EIPCa Findings Report\_CD25\_Ventura\_final*” and “*sos\_20200313\_EIPCa Findings Report\_CD25\_Los Angeles\_final*”. EIPCa’s Chief Analyst Ellen Swensen will provide this file electronically to the Secretary and requests authorization to provide the files to RR/CC Logan and CC/RR Lunn using the same secure transmission procedures. Ellen can be reached at [ellenswensen@eip-ca.com](mailto:ellenswensen@eip-ca.com) or 925-286-1116.

To prevent these occurrences in future elections, EIPCa respectfully requests that Ventura and Los Angeles counties immediately mail NVRA Section 8(d)(2) cards to the likely deceased/moved registrants in Finding #3 and inactivate them so they will not automatically receive VBM ballots in future elections. Since inactive registrants can vote in any election, they can still vote while their eligibility is researched. In addition, EIPCa’s list of suspected duplicated registrations in Findings #1 and #2 should be helpful to the counties so those confirmed as duplicates can be merged into single registrations and not mailed multiple VBM ballots in future.

Respectfully,

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**Re: URGENT—Integrity Risks to the May 12, 2020 Senate District 28 Special Election**

Dear Secretary Padilla and Registrar Spencer,

Election Integrity Project, California (EIPCa) wishes to alert you to the following findings, which, if confirmed as accurate, show potential risks to the integrity of the May 12, 2020 special election in Senate District 28 (SD28). These risks arise from mailing vote-by-mail (VBM) ballots to all Active registrants on a voter list containing likely duplicated, deceased and relocated registrants.

EIPCa's purpose is to provide this information so you can confirm its findings, prevent ineligible ballots from being counted and record ineligible ballots that were counted. EIPCa has copied both SD28 candidates on this letter so each is aware of the findings in the event the election results are contested.

**Finding #1: Suspected Duplicated Registrants Mailed Two or More SD28 Ballots**

EIPCa identified **805** registrants who appear to have two or more Active voter registrations in SD28 and were likely mailed two or more ballots each. Five of these, if confirmed, were mailed three ballots each. These suspected duplicates share the same names, addresses and birthdates. Those at differing addresses in the district have additional supporting factors such as matching emails, phone numbers or mailing addresses. Mailing more than one ballot to a registrant risks multiple ballots being voted. In fact, ten of these registrants have two voter participation histories in one recent past election, suggesting multiple votes being cast.

**Finding #2: Suspected Duplicates Who Moved to Another District but Were Mailed SD28 Ballots**

There are **61** SD28 registrants who appear to have later registered in another senate district but retained their old SD28 registration and were mailed a ballot for SD28. If confirmed as no longer residing in SD28, these registrants are ineligible to vote in SD28 and the list should be corrected accordingly.

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**Finding #3: Likely Deceased or Moved Registrants Mailed Ballots**

EIPCa found an additional **872** SD28 registrants who were registered to vote on or before 11/4/08, have not apparently voted or updated their registrations since 11/4/08 or before, yet remain on the list classified as **Active** status. Of these, **377** have NEVER voted. Of the “NEVER voted”, 69 have been registered for 20-40 years with no apparent activity but are inexplicably considered “Active”. Of those with past voting histories, 50 have not voted in 20-28 years. Because of their Active status, all **872** were mailed SD28 ballots though they have likely moved or died. VBM ballots mailed to non-existent addressees opens the door to election manipulation.

EIPCa’s findings are based on an analysis of the VoteCal voter registration and voting history files of March 13, 2020. Detailed information for each finding can be found in the EIPCa Findings Report titled “*sos\_20200313\_EIPCa Findings Report\_SD28\_final*”. EIPCa’s Chief Analyst Ellen Swensen will provide this file electronically to the Secretary and requests authorization to provide the file to Registrar Spencer using the same secure transmission procedures. Ellen can be reached at [ellenswensen@eip-ca.com](mailto:ellenswensen@eip-ca.com) or 925-286-1116.

To prevent these occurrences in future elections, EIPCa respectfully requests that Riverside County immediately mail NVRA Section 8(d)(2) cards to the 872 likely deceased/moved registrants in Finding #3 and inactivate them so they will not automatically receive VBM ballots in future elections. Since inactive registrants can vote in any election, they can still vote while you research their eligibility. In addition, EIPCa’s list of suspected duplicated registrations in Findings #1 and #2 should be helpful to the county so those confirmed as duplicates can be merged into single registrations and not mailed multiple VBM ballots in future.

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