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Election Integrity Project Exposes Serious Flaws in California’s Voter Registration Numbers

Analysts at California’s Election Integrity Project (EIP) were not surprised last week by the results of a routine EIP data audit. The audit compared voter registrations in California’s new “VoteCal” voter registration database to the eligible-to-vote population in each county. Results? Eight California counties have significantly more registered voters than eligible voters.

One explanation is that VoteCal registration numbers include both “Active” and “Inactive” registrants, each with a unique Registrant ID number. Inactives are persons who are not sent voter information due to lack of recent activity but have not been removed from the voter rolls and remain on the list. Inactives may be deceased or have moved, yet they remain on list. Some counties, such as Los Angeles, co-mingle their Actives and Inactives on their Election Day rosters, thereby listing thousands more potential voters than are eligible. Because California has no voter ID requirement and relies only on the “honor system” for voting, listing persons who are not eligible to vote increases the risk of voter fraud.

“The VoteCal database was finally certified last year by the Secretary of State, yet he failed to correct the registration overages prior to certification,” said Linda Paine, EIP’s President. “The fact that volunteer analysts performing a routine audit exposed this problem underscores EIP’s serious concerns about the integrity of California’s election system.”

County	Active Registrants*	Inactive Registrants*	Total Registrants*	Total Eligible Persons**	% of Eligible	Registration Overage
Los Angeles	5,220,746	1,498,732	6,719,478	6,237,395	108%	+482,083
San Diego	1,654,209	865,849	2,520,058	2,195,789	115%	+324,269
San Francisco	507,317	196,155	703,472	648,951	108%	+54,521
Solano	230,055	91,261	321,316	290,205	111%	+31,111
San Mateo	391,998	136,014	528,012	505,188	105%	+22,824
Santa Cruz	157,007	43,590	200,597	190,753	105%	+9,844
Imperial	72,302	28,397	100,699	97,600	103%	+3,099
Lassen	14,004	2,341	16,345	16,061	102%	+284

*source: California Secretary of State VoteCal voter registration database 4/6/17.

**source: California Secretary of State Report of Registration 2/10/17.