



## S.O.S.

Save our Ship? Secretary of State? It seems everywhere we turn today people speak in acronyms. Here at the Election Office they fly around all the time. How many do you know?

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| 1. VBM | 2. 3PCOA | 3. ADA  | 4. E.C. | 5. PW   |
| 6. GIS | 7. HAVA  | 8. NVRA | 9. VIG  | 10. ROR |

- A. American with Disabilities Act- Ensures access to public areas to everyone.
- B. Third Party Change of Address - Voter's address is changed by someone other than themselves, an example is by post office.
- C. Report of Registration- Counties send voter registrations to the state by electronic files, which allows the state to mail the VIG in a more efficient manner.
- D. Any voter casting a ballot in any way other than the polling site.
- E. Help America Vote Act - Ensures fairness in elections, educate voters about their rights and responsibilities, established the Election Assistance Commission.
- F. Elections Code - Codebook governing the election process.
- G. Voter Information Guide- booklet mailed to voters from the S.O.S., covers statewide issues.
- H. Geographic Information System- Computer software used for precinct mapping.
- I. National Voter Registration Act of 1993- allows voters to register at other agencies (DMV, Social Services, Military Recruiters etc.).
- J. Poll Worker- The Elections Department's most valuable resource, YOU!

1 D 2 B 3 A 4 F 5 J 6 H 7 E 8 I 9 G 10 C

Answers:

### ELECTION COUNTDOWN

- 🌟 Sept. 3 Confirmation of Polling Sites
- 🌟 Sept. 8 Write in period begins
- 🌟 Sept. 12 **Due date for return of Inspector's  
Declarations of Board Members to the office**
- 🌟 Sept. 15 Last day to send 60-day ROR to SOS
- 🌟 Sept. 20 Last day to mail mailed to overseas voters.
- 🌟 Sept. 21 Labels for polling site bags and folders  
printed
- 🌟 Sept. 22 Training class/board letters mailed to PWs
- 🌟 Sept. 25 VIG mailing begins

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## What's Wrong With This Picture?

Have you ever looked at a Where's Waldo book? All that red and white hiding that little fellow is hard work visually! This year at the October training Inspectors will get to play a similar game. We shall set up a poll site with many errors. Before class, each person will have the opportunity to see how many common errors they can spot, so don't be late!

## Electioneering... Not at our polls!

During the June Election one of our polling sites returned pamphlets for a candidate that were placed on the information table. While this seems far fetched, or a silly sketch dreamed up by Dee Dee, these things actually happen. Alert poll workers spotted the materials and removed them immediately.



As poll workers you must maintain constant awareness of behavior at the polls. Bring suspicious or inappropriate behavior to the attention of your Inspector. They can call a Rover if needed to handle the situation.

The polls is a voter's safe haven from campaigning. To have a free unbiased election it is necessary to assure we maintain this zone. Some argue this violates their right to free speech, however we must follow the E.C. Sections 18370 and 319. When in doubt, refer to these sections, available in the Elections Officers Digest, or look them up on the Secretary of State's website: [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).



### STAFF SPOTLIGHT: CHERYL PIKE

Most of you have spoken with Cheryl, the sweet voice on the phone shuffling poll workers around to ensure all site are staffed. However, did you know Cheryl worked for Shasta County for over 35 years in Social Services? After retirement her love of people led her to join the Elections team in 2006. As Extra Help staff she quickly became the anchor for the polls. Cheryl knows how everything is done, and has trained 5 Poll Site Coordinators. The one thing that never changes is her love of interacting with our Poll Workers.

A grandma of 7, ages ranging from 1 to 23 years she stays busy with her family and loves to share escapades of her little ones. When she calls, feel free to chat a bit, she loves your stories as well. Without Cheryl coordinating all of you, Elections would not happen in Shasta County!