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County Clerk/Registrar of Voter (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 16090

**TO:** All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

**FROM:** /s/ Kirsten Larsen  
Elections Analyst

**RE:** Presidential Primary: Randomized Alphabet Drawing

In accordance with Elections Code section 13112(b)(1)(B), the Secretary of State's office conducted a drawing of the letters of the alphabet to determine the randomized alphabet for use in the above election. Listed below is the official order of letters for use in determining placement of candidates' names on the ballot.

Please note that this alphabet is to be applied THROUGHOUT the candidate's entire last name, so if more than one candidate's surname begins with the same letter, the second letter of the surname determines who goes first, according to where the second letter of the name appears in the random alphabet. For example, if two candidates with the surname of Campbell and Carlson are running for the same office, their order on the ballot will depend on the order in which the letters "M " and "R" were drawn in the randomized alphabet drawing.

1.	Y	7.	J	13.	S	19.	H	25.	P
2.	L	8.	Z	14.	W	20.	M	26.	R
3.	Q	9.	O	15.	D	21.	A		
4.	B	10.	F	16.	U	22.	X		
5.	E	11.	N	17.	C	23.	G		
6.	V	12.	T	18.	K	24.	I		