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MEMORANDUM

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Concerned Parties

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Re: Analysis of California Congressional District Recent Registration Patterns

INTRODUCTION

In the attached table and maps, you will find a general analysis of California Congressional Districts. I did a comparison of our most detailed registration information, which dates back to the November 2004 General Election, to our most up-to-date information, which was received last week. I included some turnout information as well. The 2004 turnout information is our best available archived information. The 2006 General Election information contains some attrition, as it is the turnout of our most recent registration. It should also be noted that the attached table also contains Asian and Black registration and turnout information. While Asian surname registration dictionaries have been traditionally been considered reliable, it is often been difficult to measure Black registration.¹

GENERAL FINDINGS

- In the last 2.5 years, California has lost over a million registered voters, however only an estimated 36,000 Latino registered voters have been lost. Since we know the Latino population has increased in the state since the 2000 Census, there is a strong inference that the state is losing mostly NL White registered voters.

	Total Reg	Latino Reg	Latino Reg %	Black Reg	Asian Reg
CALIFORNIA 2004	16,710,420	2,778,551	16.63 %	494,622	1,139,007
CALIFORNIA 2007	15,601,013	2,742,485	17.58 %	432,950	1,085,248
CALIFORNIA DIFFERENCE	-1,109,407	-36,066		-61,672	-53,759

- The Bay Area lost the most significant amount to total and Latino registration in the state. In particular, the San Jose region has posted the biggest statewide losses. CD 16 (Zoe Lofgren) lost 68,450 total registered voters and 15,688 Latino registered voters. CD 15 (Mike Honda) lost 74,511 Total registered voters, and 8,695 Latino voters.

¹ The Black registration presented in these data are constructed based on census tract information, rather than surname. Measuring Black registration in this manner reduces the confidence on the final numbers, and these figures are likely undercounted.

Bay Area Congressional Districts						
CD	2007 Member	Party	2004-2007 Change			
			Total Reg	Latino Reg	Black Reg	Asian Reg
8	Nancy Pelosi	D	-57,277	-4,387	-11,776	-8,902
9	Barbara Lee	D	-54,157	-3,643	-16,909	-3,995
12	Tom Lantos	D	-20,002	-703	0	-2,334
13	Pete Stark	D	-31,211	-3,112	0	-1,740
14	Anna Eshoo	D	-57,279	-3,663	-402	-4,238
15	Mike Honda	D	-74,511	-8,695	0	-5,905
16	Zoe Lofgren	D	-68,450	-15,688	0	-5,939

- The San Diego County Area also lost a significant amount of total registered voters. However, unlike the Bay Area, the decline did not feature as significant a loss of Latino registered voters. This implies that the region, while declining in overall registration, is generally maintaining its percentages of Latino voters.

San Diego Congressional Districts						
CD	2007 Member	Party	2004-2007 Change			
			Total Reg	Latino Reg	Black Reg	Asian Reg
49	Darrell Issa	R	-29,880	-1,246	0	42
50	Brian Bilbray	R	-25,916	-1,333	0	-134
51	Bob Filner	D	-27,402	-4,838	-1,958	-1,210
52	Duncan Hunter	R	-36,159	-2,114	0	-314
53	Susan Davis	D	-60,241	-6,566	-394	-2,229

- Latinos are growing in the eastern and southeastern portions of Los Angeles County, Orange County, and the Inland Empire.
 - Orange County featured significant growth in Latino voter registration. CD 47 (Loretta Sanchez) increased in Latino registration by 8,427. Furthermore, this Latino district was the only part of urban Orange County that did not feature a drop in Total registration.

Orange County Congressional Districts						
CD	2007 Member	Party	2004-2007 Change			
			Total Reg	Latino Reg	Black Reg	Asian Reg
46	Dana Rohrabacher	R	-5,676	1,265	0	2,411
47	Loretta Sanchez	D	8,427	7,836	0	2,428
48	John Campbell	R	-6,012	1,212	0	2,314

- The Los Angeles area shows that Latino registration is significantly increasing toward the southeastern portion of the county. CD 34 featured the largest increase in total and Latino voters in the state. CD 37 (late Juanita Millender-McDonald) also had a significant Latino voter increase.

- Los Angeles County's three Black Districts, CDs 33 (Diane Watson), 35 (Maxine Waters), and 37 (late Juanita Millender-McDonald) also show a trend of decreasing Black registration and increasing Latino registration. While the Black registration figures are not perfect, there are more reliable in areas with high concentrations of Black dominated census tract. It is not unreasonable to believe that Latinos are moving into areas traditionally considered Black, and increasing Latino registration.

Los Angeles County Congressional Districts						
			2004-2007 Change			
CD	2007 Member	Party	Total Reg	Latino Reg	Black Reg	Asian Reg
26	David Dreier	R	-14,707	1,046	-33	984
27	Brad Sherman	D	-12,344	1,155	-95	-153
28	Howard Berman	D	-9,167	-360	-581	-443
29	Adam Schiff	D	-16,692	-2,518	-2,407	-1,098
30	Henry Waxman	D	-27,420	-615	0	-698
31	Xavier Becerra	D	-4,026	-876	-234	-741
32	Hilda Solis	D	-11,240	-2,233	0	-758
33	Diane Watson	D	-9,226	1,207	-5,284	-309
34	Lucille Roybal-Allard	D	12,602	7,479	93	795
35	Maxine Waters	D	-6,246	1,872	-9,483	-526
36	Jane Harman	D	-11,809	-302	-124	-397
37	Juanita Millender-McDonald	D	7,004	3,895	-2,758	51
38	Grace Napolitano	D	-8,136	-1,749	-2,133	-376
39	Linda Sanchez	D	-1,468	2,187	-828	476

- The Inland Empire featured some of the most significant total increases in California. CDs 40 (Ed Royce), 41 (Jerry Lewis), and 43 (Joe Baca) all grew over 4,000 Latino voters. Furthermore, CD 43 (Joe Baca) and CD 41 (Jerry Lewis) posted significant increases in Latino registration, but also had significant decreases in Total registration, which helped significantly increase the Latino registration percentages in a short period. CD 41 went from 13.8% to 15.66% Latino registration, and CD 43 went from 39.45% to 42.85% Latino registration.

Inland Empire Congressional Districts						
			2004-2007 Change			
CD	2007 Member	Party	Total Reg	Latino Reg	Black Reg	Asian Reg
40	Ed Royce	R	1,057	4,136	0	2,474
41	Jerry Lewis	R	-13,558	4,113	0	441
42	Gary Miller	R	-6,855	2,029	0	905
43	Joe Baca	D	-7,828	4,317	-181	223

			2004			2007		
CD	2007 Member	Party	Total Reg	Latino Reg	Latino Reg %	Total Reg	Latino Reg	Latino Reg %
41	Jerry Lewis	R	338,858	46,830	13.82 %	325,300	50,943	15.66 %
43	Joe Baca	D	226,490	89,353	39.45 %	218,662	93,670	42.84 %

- CD 25 (Howard McKeon) also boasted impressive Latino registration gains, bolstered by the Latino growth in the Palmdale-Lancaster area.

			2004-2007 Change			
CD	2007 Member	Party	Total Reg	Latino Reg	Black Reg	Asian Reg
25	Howard McKeon	R	457	5,850	0	869

