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Town hall Conversation with Secretary of State Alex Padilla

Opening Remarks:

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Congressman Salud Carbajal

Senator Hannah Beth Jackson

CA Secretary of State Alex Padilla

Welcome to the zoom and Facebook live: (Asm Limón Translates in Spanish)

- The Legislature has invested over 150 million dollars towards the 2020 Census the Assembly district 37 has 68%
- Over 30% of Asm District 37 has not yet filled out their census.
- We want to recognize the many local organizations, groups and non-profits who are active to make sure people are filling out the census.
- One of the active roles for Sec. of State is to make sure all eligible Constituents in the state of California are voting

Senator Hannah Beth Jackson Opening remarks:

- This is our 10th town hall, the goal is to provide information and energize and empower the community.
- It is really important that we understand and do our best to try to embrace the excitement of our Democratic experience which is to vote and be a part of the census.
- This is done every 10 years in the United States, gives our national government a picture of where the people live in the country. It determines the amount of money that comes back to the state. Medicaid, head start etc.
- These things are dependent upon how many people actually live in our community
- It is very critical every person counts even undocumented people this is very important that we are heard.

Congress member Salud Carbajal Opening remarks:

- Upcoming Nov election the census bureau is moving the final count date to the end of October to the end September 30, 2020
- The Census is used to determine the Congressional district and the amount of financial resources is needed to states and communities across the country.
- The 24th Congressional District was only at a 66% response rate to the Census. 34% of people that have not responded. It is imperative we have an accurate account of all those who reside on the Central Coast. This ensure we get all the community needs deserves for the next 10 years.



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- We are just a few months away from the elections. We must be vigilant against Foreign interference in our elections.
- The CARES Act passed this March by Congress included over 400 million dollars have to help states to prevent for the Corona Virus in the 2020 election.
- The Heroes act passed 3 months ago includes over 25 billion for the US postal service.

Secretary of State Alex Padilla Opening remarks:

- Kudos for all of you for working together for the state of California.
- The Census and General election in context, January 2020. This was going to be highly spirited year this only happens every 10 years before COVID-19.
- Declaration of emergency were determined around march 13 or so stay at home orders.
- A lot of protesting and demonstrating after the killing of George Floyd, there is more at stake for 2020.
- The census is not only important but VERY important. It determines health care, education, infrastructure etc. Also determines how many leaders are needed as well.
- Statewide about 64% of households have responded to the Census.
- 1 in 3 households in California is a huge concern.
- My2020census.gov this is the website to add yourself. If you haven't responded you will be receiving another form this is critical and urgent that we all do this. There is too much at stake to not do this.
- Do not refer to November 3rd as election date, think about this date as the last date to vote.
- We are offering more options for voters to vote. You can update your registration to do it online,
- Atvote.ca.gov
- Registertovote.ca.gov
- California will not force you to choose how to vote every active registered voter will receive a ballod in the mail before November elections. These should arrive 29 days before the election.
- Vote by mail is very popular in California. Everyone will get a ballod in the mail.
- RETURN POSTED IS PREPAID do not worry about buying stamps
- Every county installed a ballad drop box as well if that is your choice. Or delivering in person.
- If you make a mistake or lose your ballad no worries it can be replaced. If you show up personally.
- We want people to vote early, which means shorter lines, smaller crowds and safer experience.
- We will be providing safety measures, PPE gloves etc. To keep voters and poll members safe so all can exercise their right to vote.



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Q & A

Q: We understand that 16 and 17 year olds are able to pre-register to vote can you talk more about pre -registration and how that works?

A: Sec. Of State Alex Padilla one of the priorities to engage young people. Same registration form but we made it online. 16 and 17 yr olds can submit their information so when they turn 18 their information is in the queue so they will not have to submit their information again. 17 year olds can pre register and be a poll worker helper as well. The student poll worker program in every county in the state. You will also receive a stipend while you work as a poll worker.

Contact Secretary of state and they will connect you with the officials in your county to register to work for the election polls.

Q: Encouraging Californians to vote by mail:

A: Vote by mail its around for decades, has proven to be effective, safe and secure. This now is the safest option for voters.

Ballads are secure with watermarks and unique proprietary types which makes it hard to reproduce.

Everyone has a unique bar code as well when sending back their ballads and sign the envelopes.

Signatures are required when sending back envelopes and they are checked against voter signatures etc.

Duplicate votes are not allowed and safeguard will be used.

Q: November 3rd election results are made available are important when will we get election results?

A: There are a lot of voters than Iowa or new Hampshire than Iowa etc. It will take a longer time due to signature checks and voters mail in ballads as well. A little bit more administrative work.

Who's in the lead certain percentages will be available. For California it will take a little longer to double check voters and those who can vote are counted properly.

Q: Every county and why are they the same or not the same? Wouldn't it be easier to make these the same? Can you talk a little bit about that and why it isn't the same. Will there be a similar system to help this go faster?

A: California does not have a system that will help this go faster, what we do have is a standard system that has the security requirements that will allow more accurate results.

Among these security requirements are paper ballads these are able to be counted per county sometime we use machines cannot be connected to the internet so this cannot be hacked.



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Every county is required to conduct a post election audit as well to help with the accuracy each county has a different system.

Q: Presidential election for our Democracy, do other states take the same pains that there is no effort for dumping, to hack into our systems? Can we be confident that the results nationwide will be accurate? Fair and reflect the votes of the people in the states?

A: We want to feel confident about other states republican or Democrats Other states have similar standards.

EAC “elections Assistance committee” guidelines federal guidelines, federal and states California has an even better guideline than the EAC.

There are some states that are using a paper ballad. Vote by mail is being expanded to about 75% will be casting a paper ballad in counties.

California has a postmark honor date for mail in ballads. Even if it is late we will honor the vote per the postmark on the mail in ballads.

Q: Clarify the difference between absentee ballads and mail in ballads?

A: The option for voters it is proven and secure. At the end of the day the procedures are clear and secure.

Conclusion:

Sec of state Alex Padilla:

- Eligible votes, please be registered make your voice heard.
- Make your census count regardless of your citizenship.