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**From:** Christi Heppard  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 28, 2010 6:41 PM  
**To:** Teresa James  
**Cc:** Lisa Doran; Wayne Munster  
**Subject:** Colorado Agency Office Contacts

Teresa,

I tried to check with each county to find out who was the best person for you to contact, but I haven't heard back from Boulder or Denver yet. Below is the contact information that I have. As we discussed on the phone, SOS staff would be pleased to attend any meetings that you set up in order to serve as a resource.

Thanks,  
Christi

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**From:** Judd Choate  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2010 3:05 PM  
**To:** 'tjames@projectvote.org'  
**Subject:** Colorado Best Practices and Vision Commission

Hi Teresa. Here are the details on the meeting next week. We are meeting in the Aspen Room, third floor, of the 1700 Broadway building in downtown Denver. The meeting is from 1pm to 5pm mountain time.

Thank you for agreeing to testify. You can have (basically) as much time as you would like. Technology is available for powerpoint and/or video-audio presentations. Questions will follow your presentation. Likely three other people will testify in opposition or favor of mail-in ballot.

Please contact me with questions.

Cheers, Judd

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**From:** Christi Heppard  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2009 11:14 AM  
**To:** 'Donald Wine II'  
**Cc:** 'Doug Hess'; Wayne Munster  
**Subject:** Colorado EAC data  
**Attachments:** WinZip Compressed Attachment.zip; About WinZip Compressed Attachments.txt

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Donald,

As requested, please see the attached data. If you need anything further just let me know.

Thanks,  
Christi

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**From:** Nicole Kovite <nkovite@projectvote.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2009 11:00 AM  
**To:** Christi Heppard; Wayne Munster  
**Cc:** Doug Hess; Teresa James  
**Subject:** Request: Agency Designation in Colorado  
**Attachments:** Model Secretary letter to fed agencies - Aug 2009 FINAL.doc; CA letter to HHS - 9-24-09.pdf; CA letter to SSA - 9-23-09.pdf; CA letter to US CIS - 9-23-09.pdf; CA letter to VA 9-23-09.pdf; NC DOD .pdf; NC Immigration and Citizenship .pdf; NC Indian Health Designation request.pdf; NC SSA NVRA Designation Request.pdf; NC VA .pdf; VT letter US CIS - 9-25-09.pdf; VT letter VA - 9-25-09.pdf; Fact Sheet (3)[2].doc

Wayne and Christi:

We are writing to let you know about some exciting developments in agency voter registration. Secretaries of States across the nation are taking the lead in voter registration by designating additional voter registration agencies under the NVRA. We know how hard you are working to make sure Colorado is at the top of the pack – we are writing to request that Secretary of State Buescher be the next to designate additional voter registration agencies.

As you know, the NVRA authorizes the chief election official in each state to designate voter registration agencies. Executive Order 12926, signed by President Clinton in 1994, requires federal agencies to cooperate with such designation by state officials. In particular, we would ask that Secretary of State Buescher designate the following federal agencies to be voter registration agencies in Colorado: the Social Security Administration in its administration of Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance; the Indian Health Service of Department of Health and Human Services; the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in its conduct of naturalization ceremonies; and the medical and homeless facilities, and military pay/personnel offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

These agencies serve increasing numbers of underrepresented citizens in Colorado and across the United States. We have attached a fact sheet to this email as a guide to the impact designation of the above listed agencies could have on the American electorate. California, Vermont, and North Carolina have already made such designations. We have attached designation letters from those Secretaries of State for your review, as well as a sample letter template.

Please let us know whether you need us to submit an additional letter of request for designation, or if this email request is sufficient. We are happy to send you whatever might be necessary.

Nicole

Nicole Kovite  
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Dear Secretary \_\_\_\_\_,

As the chief elections official of [insert state], it is my obligation to ensure that all eligible citizens are afforded the opportunity to register and vote. My office undertook great effort last year to fulfill that duty in advance of the historic 2008 presidential election but, regrettably, we fell short of the goal. Thousands of eligible voters went unregistered and unable to cast a ballot, particularly in lower-income and minority communities and among newly naturalized citizens. To help correct this unfortunate reality, I request that [the Social Security Administration in its administration of Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance] [the Indian Health Service of Department of Health and Human Services] [the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in its conduct of naturalization ceremonies] [the Department of Veterans Affairs in its operation of medical and homeless facilities] agree to be designated as a voter registration agency in [insert state], as authorized by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA).

Section 7 of the NVRA directs that “[e]ach State shall designate agencies for the registration of voters in elections for Federal office.” 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-5(a)(1). Federal offices may be so designated, with their agreement. 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-5(a)(3)(B)(ii). The law also directs that all federal departments “shall, to the greatest extent practicable, cooperate with the states in carrying out [agency-based voter registration].” 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-5(b).

Federal cooperation with these procedures is further compelled by Executive Order 12926, promulgated by President Clinton in 1994. The Executive Order directs federal departments to agree to any request to be designated as a voter registration agency, provided that such a designation is consistent with the department’s legal authority and availability of funds. Exec. Order No. 12,926, 59 Fed. Reg. 47,227 (Sept. 12, 1994).

Designation of the [insert agency name] as a voter registration agency clearly advances the policies and goals set out in the National Voter Registration Act and Executive Order 12926, and would be entirely consistent with the service mission of your department. I would add that voter registration opportunities can be extended at minimal cost, as has been the experience of other voter registration agencies that currently offer voter registration under the National Voter Registration Act.

I ask that you join with me in helping ensure that every American can exercise the most fundamental right of citizenship by agreeing to designation as a voter registration agency. I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.



*Secretary of State*  
**DEBRA BOWEN**  
*State of California*

September 24, 2009

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

As California's chief elections official, one of my primary goals is to ensure that all eligible citizens in California have an easy and convenient opportunity to register to vote.

While Californians registered and voted in record numbers in the 2008 Presidential Election, thousands of people who were eligible to register to vote did not do so, particularly in lower-income and minority communities. Offering voter registration opportunities in state and federal offices that provide services to people in these communities can help provide eligible Americans with another opportunity to register to vote.

Therefore, I would like to request that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agree to be designated as a "voter registration agency" for purposes of section 7(a)(3)(B)(ii) of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993. The designation helps ensure that people who receive services from the agency's offices within the state have a chance to register to vote.

Section 7 of the NVRA, specifically 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-5(a)(1), directs that "[e]ach State shall designate agencies for the registration of voters in elections for Federal office." Under § 1973gg-5(b), federal offices may also be designated, with their agreement. In addition, federal Executive Order No. 12926, 59 Fed. Reg. 47227 (September 12, 1994), directs federal agencies to agree, if requested by a state's chief elections official, to be designated a "voter registration agency," if the designation is consistent with the department's legal authority and availability of funds.

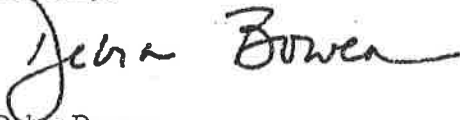
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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
September 24, 2009  
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Please join me in helping ensure that every eligible person can exercise the most fundamental right of citizenship in our democracy by accepting the designation as a voter registration agency under the NVRA.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this issue further, please feel free to contact me, or you may contact Jennie Bretschneider, Assistant Chief Deputy Secretary of State, at (916) 653-7244, if you have questions or need further information. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Debra Bowen  
Secretary of State

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*Secretary of State*  
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September 23, 2009

Commissioner Michael J. Astrue  
U.S. Social Security Administration  
Windsor Park Building  
6401 Security Blvd.  
Baltimore, MD 21235

Dear Commissioner Astrue:

As California's chief elections official, one of my primary goals is to ensure that all eligible citizens in California have an easy and convenient opportunity to register to vote.

While Californians registered and voted in record numbers in the 2008 Presidential Election, thousands of people who were eligible to register to vote did not do so, particularly in lower-income and minority communities. Offering voter registration opportunities in state and federal offices that provide services to people in these communities can help provide eligible Americans with another opportunity to register to vote.

Therefore, I would like to request that the U.S. Social Security Administration in its administration of Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance agree to be designated as a "voter registration agency" for purposes of section 7(a)(3)(B)(ii) of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993.

Section 7 of the NVRA, specifically 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-5(a)(1), directs that "[e]ach State shall designate agencies for the registration of voters in elections for Federal office." Under § 1973gg-5(b), federal offices may also be designated, with their agreement. In addition, federal Executive Order No. 12926, 59 Fed. Reg. 47227 (September 12, 1994), directs federal agencies to agree, if requested by a state's chief elections official, to be designated a "voter registration agency," if the designation is consistent with the department's legal authority and availability of funds. The designation helps ensure that people who receive services from the agency's offices within the state have a chance to register to vote.

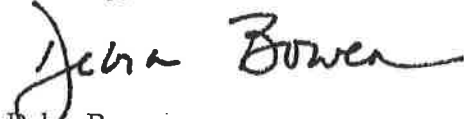
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September 23, 2009

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Office of the Director  
U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services  
111 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20529-2000

Dear Director Mayorkas:

As California's chief elections official, one of my primary goals is to ensure that all eligible citizens in California have an easy and convenient opportunity to register to vote.

While Californians registered and voted in record numbers in the 2008 Presidential Election, thousands of people who were eligible to register to vote did not do so, particularly in lower-income and minority communities. Offering voter registration opportunities in state and federal offices that provide services to people in these communities can help provide eligible Americans with another opportunity to register to vote.

Therefore, I would like to request that the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services in its conduct of naturalization ceremonies agree to be designated as a "voter registration agency" for purposes of section 7(a)(3)(B)(ii) of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993.

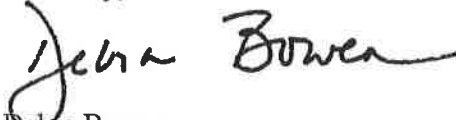
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*Secretary of State*  
**DEBRA BOWEN**  
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September 23, 2009

The Honorable Eric K. Shinseki  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary Shinseki:

As California's chief elections official, one of my primary goals is to ensure that all eligible citizens in California have an easy and convenient opportunity to register to vote.

While Californians registered and voted in record numbers in the 2008 Presidential Election, thousands of people who were eligible to register to vote did not do so, particularly in lower-income and minority communities. Offering voter registration opportunities in state and federal offices that provide services to people in these communities can help provide eligible Americans with another opportunity to register to vote.

Therefore, I would like to renew a request I made in May 2008 to former Secretary Peake that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) designate itself as a "voter registration agency" for purposes of section 7(a)(3)(B)(ii) of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993. Section 7 of the NVRA, specifically 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-5(a)(1), directs that "[e]ach State shall designate agencies for the registration of voters in elections for Federal office." Under § 1973gg-5(b), federal offices may also be designated, with their agreement.

In addition, federal Executive Order No. 12926, 59 Fed. Reg. 47227 (September 12, 1994), directs federal agencies to agree, if requested by a state's chief elections official, to be designated a "voter registration agency," if the designation is consistent with the department's legal authority and availability of funds. The designation helps ensure that veterans who receive services from the agency's offices within the state have a chance to register to vote.

Offering eligible Americans the opportunity to register – or re-register – to vote is particularly important for veterans who move as a result of accepting federal benefits, such as entering a VA nursing home, emergency housing, or rehabilitative care center. The NVRA already requires state offices that provide public assistance or services to people with disabilities to provide their clients with the opportunity to register to vote.

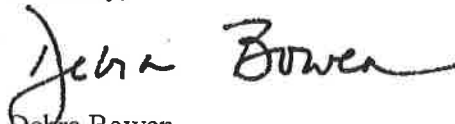
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Acting Secretary Roger Brautigan, California Department of Veterans Affairs  
The Hon. Karen Bass, Speaker, California State Assembly  
The Hon. Mary Salas, Chair, California State Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee  
The Hon. Paul Cook, Vice-Chair, California State Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee  
The Hon. Darrell Steinberg, President pro Tempore, California State Senate  
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October 8, 2009

Honorable Secretary Robert M. Gates  
Office of the Secretary  
Department Of Defense  
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Re: NVRA Designation

Dear Secretary Gates,

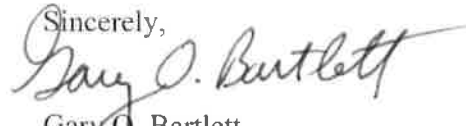
As the chief elections official of North Carolina, it is my obligation to ensure that all eligible citizens are afforded the opportunity to register and vote. My office has undertaken great efforts recently to fulfill that duty, but there are still eligible citizens not being offered the opportunity to vote. In order to expand the opportunities for persons to register, I request that the Department of Defense, in its operation of military pay/personnel offices in North Carolina, agree to be designated as a voter registration agency. This designation would allow military citizens helped by your agency to be offered the same voter registration services given by state and county public services agencies to the persons they serve.

Section 7 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) directs that "[e]ach State shall designate agencies for the registration of voters in elections for Federal office." 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-5(a)(1). Federal offices may be so designated, with their agreement. 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-5(a)(3)(B)(ii). The law also directs that all federal departments "shall, to the greatest extent practicable, cooperate with the states in carrying out [agency-based voter registration]." 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-5(b). In addition, Executive Order 12926, promulgated by President Clinton in 1994, directs federal departments to agree to any request to be designated as a voter registration agency, provided that such a designation is consistent with the department's legal authority and availability of funds. Exec. Order No. 12,926, 59 Fed. Reg. 47,227 (Sept. 12, 1994).

Agreeing to designation of your department in its operation of military pay/personnel offices located in North Carolina as voter registration agencies would be entirely consistent with your Department's mission of serving the needs of military personnel. These voter registration

opportunities can be extended at minimal cost and the North Carolina State Board of Elections would support your department by providing NVRA voter registration supplies, training, and advice.

I look forward to hearing from you on your requested NVRA designation.

Sincerely,  
  
Gary O. Bartlett  
Executive Director  
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Re: NVRA Designation

Dear Director Mayorkas,

As the chief elections official of North Carolina, it is my obligation to ensure that all eligible citizens are afforded the opportunity to register and vote. My office has undertaken great efforts recently to fulfill that duty, but there are still eligible citizens not being offered the opportunity to vote. In order to expand the opportunities for persons to register, I request that the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, in its operation of naturalization ceremonies in North Carolina, agree to be designated as a voter registration agency at those ceremonies.

This designation would allow the newly naturalized citizens helped by your agency to be promptly offered the same voter registration services given by state and county public services agencies to the persons they serve. We appreciate the voter registration volunteer efforts made at some of your North Carolina naturalization ceremonies, but voter registration under the provisions of the NVRA will be more efficient and make sure all the new citizens have the opportunity to register at the ceremony.

Section 7 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) directs that "[e]ach State shall designate agencies for the registration of voters in elections for Federal office." 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-5(a)(1). Federal offices may be so designated, with their agreement. 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-5(a)(3)(B)(ii). The law also directs that all federal departments "shall, to the greatest extent practicable, cooperate with the states in carrying out [agency-based voter registration]." 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-5(b). In addition, Executive Order 12926, promulgated by President Clinton in 1994, directs federal departments to agree to any request to be designated as a voter registration agency, provided that such a designation is consistent with the department's legal authority and availability of funds. Exec. Order No. 12,926, 59 Fed. Reg. 47,227 (Sept. 12, 1994).

Agreeing to designation of your department in its operation of North Carolina naturalization ceremonies as a voter registration agency would be entirely consistent with the service mission of your department. These voter registration opportunities can be extended at minimal cost and the North Carolina State Board of Elections would support your department by providing NVRA voter registration supplies, training, and advice.

I look forward to hearing from you on your requested NVRA designation.

Sincerely,

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Gary O. Bartlett  
Executive Director  
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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Re: NVRA Designation

Dear Secretary Sebelius,

As the chief elections official of North Carolina, it is my obligation to ensure that all eligible citizens are afforded the opportunity to register and vote. My office has undertaken great efforts recently to fulfill that duty, but there are still eligible citizens not being offered the opportunity to vote. I request that the Indian Health Service, of the Department of Health and Human Services, agree to be designated as a voter registration agency for any of its facilities and offices in North Carolina as authorized by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA). This designation would allow the newly naturalized citizens helped by your agency to be promptly offered the same voter registration services given by state and county public services agencies to the persons they serve.

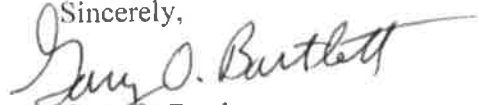
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Agreeing to designation of your department in its operation of North Carolina Indian Health facilities as voter registration agencies would be entirely consistent with the service mission of your department. These voter registration opportunities can be extended at minimal

cost and the North Carolina State Board of Elections would support your department by providing NVRA voter registration supplies, training, and advice.

I look forward to hearing from you on your requested NVRA designation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gary O. Bartlett", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Baltimore, MD 21235

Re: NVRA Voter Registration

Dear Commissioner Astrue,

As the chief elections official of North Carolina, it is my obligation to ensure that all eligible citizens are afforded the opportunity to register and vote. My office has undertaken great efforts recently to fulfill that duty, but there are still eligible citizens not being offered the opportunity to vote. In order to expand the opportunities for persons to register, I would request the Social Security Administration in its administration of Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance, to agree to be designated as a voter registration agency for any of its facilities and offices in North Carolina as authorized by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA). This designation would allow citizens helped by your agency to be offered the same voter registration services given by state and county public services agencies to the persons they serve. Our citizens, who are always the priority focus of federal, state, and county government efforts, will benefit from this expansion of NVRA voter registration opportunities.

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Agreeing to designation of your department in its administration of Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance, in North Carolina, as a voter registration agency would be entirely consistent with the service mission of your department. ~~These voter registration opportunities can be extended at minimal cost and the North Carolina State Board of Elections would support your department by providing NVRA voter registration supplies, training, and advice.~~

I look forward to hearing from you on your requested NVRA designation.

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**From:** Christi Heppard  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2009 1:23 PM  
**To:** 'Nicole Kovite'  
**Cc:** 'Doug Hess'; 'Donald Wine II'; Wayne Munster  
**Subject:** 2nd meeting in Colorado

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Nicole,

A quick update-

After the conversation you and I had on the phone, Wayne and I discussed holding a second meeting with all Colorado county DHS offices on August 5. We have decided to schedule a meeting at 9:00 a.m. and have invited all DHS and Vocational Rehab offices. I am still working to confirm a meeting time and date with Colorado WIC and will keep you posted. Also, I have confirmation of attendance from both Denver and El Paso counties for the afternoon meeting.

As always, don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Christi

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**From:** Doug Hess <douglasrhess@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2009 6:20 PM  
**To:** Donald Wine II; Wayne Munster; Christi Heppard  
**Subject:** 2 NVRA items

Hey, Wayne and Christi. Two quick items:

1. I was looking over your webpage to get ideas for a presentation in California and noticed on your NVRA FAQ it has the following:

**"Q:** If the applicant does not mark the declination form, sign and date, should the agency fill in the persons name or only retain and tally the declination?

**A:** If the client marks "no" or does not mark anything on the declination form, put the name of the client on the declination form, tally as a declination and retain the form on file for 24 months."

I think if "tally" means for reporting, it should say that not marking anything is counted as a blank. Saying it's counted as a declination is confusing. Actually, we are going to stop calling them "declination forms" as it seems to lead to lots of mix ups, we're thinking of calling them "NVRA Notice Forms".

2. Have you given any more thoughts to adding to the survey questions about how many people are having a transaction in the agency that is covered by the NVRA? This would help with putting the reported data into some context (e.g. gain an understanding of the traffic flow).

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