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MADERA, CA. - Rebecca Martinez, County Clerk-Recorder, reminds voters of new federal and state election law requirements

Much is happening in elections this year. Beginning on January 1, 2006, all persons registering or re-registering to vote have had to provide their driver's license or state ID number on their voter registration form. If they did not have a driver's license or state ID, they have been required to provide the last four digits of their social security number. When we receive a voter registration form, if this requirement is not met, we have been required to contact the voter to obtain the information or verify that they have neither of these numbers. Also, beginning on January 1, 2006, the State of California began using a statewide voter database. All of our voter registration data is being transmitted to the State daily and all driver's license/state ID numbers must be validated through DMV before they will be loaded into the statewide database. If the information given by the voter does not match with what DMV has for the voter, we must also contact the voter to verify the information. Voters will not be on the index list at the polls unless and until their voter registration has been validated by the State. Voters not on the index at the polls will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot, which will only be counted if their registration data can be validated.