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BY EMAIL

Hon. Harmeet K. Dhillon
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Civil Rights Division
United States Department of Justice
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Re: Concerns With Election Integrity in California Counties; Request for Monitors

Dear Ms. Dhillon:

On behalf of the California Republican Party, I am writing to ask that your office provide monitors to observe the administration of elections in five California counties for the November 4, 2025 statewide special election. Those counties are Kern, Riverside, Fresno, Orange, and Los Angeles.

In recent elections, we have received reports of irregularities in these counties that we fear will undermine either the willingness of voters to participate in the election or their confidence in the announced results of the election. The forthcoming election involves a single issue: whether the state's voters should approve the state legislature's elimination of half of one party's congressional delegation through a mid-decade redistricting, which the Legislature cannot do under the current state constitution, and thereby void maps drawn by a popular independent nonpartisan citizens redistricting commission. Accordingly, as to this politically charged question, it is imperative to have robust voter participation and public confidence in the results regardless of the outcome.

We are seeking monitors in the five counties identified above for the following reasons: Kern County in a recent election repeatedly sent incorrect ballots to voters. Riverside County has an ongoing problem of sending duplicate ballots to voters and recently had to fire its Registrar of Voters. In Fresno County, in 2022, the County closed the ballot cure deadline after telling some voters it would be open later, providing a moving target that sapped confidence in the fairness of the election. Justified concerns with Orange and Los Angeles Counties arise from their voter list maintenance practices—Orange County is currently in litigation with the Department of Justice over its voter list and there are questions about the accuracy of the voter rolls in Los Angeles County, as well as that county's compliance with a settlement reached with Judicial Watch.

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Because of the persistence of these issues and their deleterious effect on voter confidence, we are asking for federal election monitors to observe these counties' administration of the 2025 November Special Election. We would be happy to further discuss the matters summarized here.

Sincerely,

/s/ Corrin Rankin
Corrin Rankin, Chairwoman
California Republican Party