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Voter ID Act to Require Picture Identification at the Polls

LAGUNA NIGUEL--Mar. 17, 2005--Citizens Who Vote, a coalition of concerned voters, today announced its launch of a petition drive to qualify a state ballot initiative requiring voters to present photo identification when they vote at the polls. Without a picture ID requirement, almost nothing can stop someone intent on committing fraud. Lists with the names and addresses of registered voters who never vote are so readily available that almost any fringe activist or non-citizen could vote many times, under a different name in every precinct. Such stolen votes can change the outcome in any close race.

“Requiring picture identification at the polls is so simple, and makes so much sense, many often wonder why California has not done it yet,” commented Robert Ming, proponent of the one-page ballot initiative. “We must be ready to show picture ID when we write a check, use a credit card, ride a plane, or drive a car. Other states require voters to show picture ID at the polls before being given a ballot. Why not present picture ID when Californians exercise our most important right - the one through which we protect all our other rights?”

State Senator Bill Morrow, together with several other state legislators, coauthored a bill that would accomplish the same result. “Our current system of voting is open to fraud and corruption,” Morrow added. “The liberal majority in the legislature refuse to solve the problem because they benefit from it. It’s time for the people to take back their government by protecting the voting process. The key is election reform. Every vote must count!”

To qualify for the state ballot, at least 373,816 valid signatures must be submitted to the Secretary of State by August 8, 2005. Petitions are now available to download from the official website at www.voteridact.com and can be printed and mailed in.

About Citizens Who Vote

Citizens Who Vote is a committee of concerned citizens dedicated to taking action against voter fraud. With the ready accessibility of voter mailing lists and so many voters who stay home on Election Day, voter fraud has become too easy and must be stopped. The Voter ID Act may not solve all the voting process’ problems, but it is a strong first step in the right direction.

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