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Frequently Asked Questions about the Easy Voter Guide Project and the California Presidential Primary Election on February 5, 2008

What is the Easy Voter Guide Project?

The Easy Voter Guide Project is a collaboration of the California Secretary of State's Office, State Library and League of Women Voters of California and is dedicated to the ideal that all Californians should have access to nonpartisan information about the why, how and what of voting and other forms of civic involvement.

What does it do?

The Easy Voter Guide Project produces a free, sixteen-page booklet, called the *Easy Voter Guide*, for each statewide election, and it manages a website, www.easyvoter.org.

The *Easy Voter Guide* provides information on candidates, propositions and voting issues and is printed in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Chinese. The *Guide* is also available online in these five languages, as well as in Japanese and Tagalog. The website provides broader and more in-depth information on election and voting issues, as well.

The Project also secures newspaper reprints of the *Easy Voter Guide*.

Where can I get a copy of the *Easy Voter Guide*?

Over 1,100 organizations and groups are distributing the more than one million copies of the *Easy Voter Guide* published for the February 5, 2008 election. These groups and organizations include libraries, colleges, universities, County Elections offices, local Leagues of Women Voters, trade associations and radio and television stations, for example. Visit the Project's website, www.easyvoter.org, for a distribution group near you.

How is the *Easy Voter Guide* different than the Secretary of State's Official Voter Information Guide?

The *Easy Voter Guide* is designed as a "quick guide" to candidates, propositions and voting information. The explanations of the propositions in the *Easy Voter Guide* are adapted from the official language prepared by the Legislative Analyst's Office, which is what is used in the Secretary of State's Official Voter Information Guide. The content used in the *Guide* is reviewed for ease of understanding by a team of Community Reviewers, which is followed by an expert review panel drawn from the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Secretary of State's Office and the League of Women Voters Education Fund to insure accuracy and lack of bias.

What about my local ballot measures and candidates – does the *Easy Voter Guide* include information about them?

No. The *Easy Voter Guide* covers only statewide candidates and propositions (ballot measures). However, the League of Women Voters of California website, www.smartvoter.org, provides comprehensive information on local candidates and measures, in addition to more detailed information on statewide election issues.

Is it normal to have an election in February?

No. California will have three statewide elections this year. This is the first year the Primary Election has been split into two parts:

- Presidential Primary Election on **February 5, 2008**.
- State Primary Election for other elected offices, such as those for Congress and the State Legislature, on **June 3, 2008**.

The third statewide election will be the General Election on **November 4, 2008**.

Who can sign up (register to vote)?

Anyone who is a:

- a U.S. citizen,
- at least 18 years old by election day, and
- not serving time in prison or on parole for a felony

may sign up (register) to vote. You must re-register to vote if you have changed your name or address or if you want to change your political party affiliation.

Where do I get a registration form?

In addition to your local DMV office, you may pick up a registration form at your public library, post office or County Elections office. You may also call one of the following voter information hotlines and ask to have one mailed to you:

English	1-800-345-8683
Chinese	1-800-339-2857
Spanish/Español	1-800-232-8682
Vietnamese	1-800-339-8163
Korean	1-866-575-1558

When is the registration deadline?

The last day to sign up (register) to vote in the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary is January 22, 2008.

For information about the Easy Voter Guide Project, visit the website at www.easyvoter.org, call 916-442-7215 or email easyvoter@lwvc.org.