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Dear Ms. Ascension and Board of Supervisors,

I appreciate you taking the time to hear public comments and I wanted to respond to the board member who had concerns that the issues being raised related to the multi day voting, mass mail in ballots and desire to have our county opt out of the Voters Choice Act are not based in "fact." I understand your desire to operate from a place of understanding and truth and therefore, I aim in this letter to provide a factual basis for consideration.

Just two years ago in a legislative hearing in Austin, a prosecutor from South Texas (and registered Democrat) testified: "Any time you have ballots that are outside the polling location, you're going to have fraud...I would never recommend everyone voting by mail – it invites fraud."

To substantiate the concerns that have been raised by the public, I've attached documentation highlighting instances of election fraud. It is crucial to note that these cases represent only the tip of the iceberg due to the inherent difficulty in identifying and prosecuting incidents that ***occur outside of the public's view***. This underscores the need for a data-driven and transparent approach to our election process.

Regards,

Natalie

STATE	YEAR	NAME	TYPE OF CASE	TYPE OF FRAUD
California	2022	Toni Morris	Criminal Conviction	Ineligible Voting
<p>Toni Morris pleaded no contest to one felony count of registering to vote at the address of former councilmember Jace Dawson despite not living there for the June 2020 Compton City Council run-off election. She was charged with illegally voting for Compton City Councilmember Isaac Galvan, who won that election by one vote. She will be sentenced in May.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3rSRRI9 , https://herit.ag/3oVoKvM</p>				
California	2022	Barry Reed	Criminal Conviction	Ineligible Voting
<p>Barry Reed pleaded no contest to one felony count of registering to vote at the address of former councilmember Jace Dawson despite not living there for the June 2020 Compton City Council run-off election. She was charged with illegally voting for Compton City Councilmember Isaac Galvan, who won that election by one vote. He will be sentenced in May.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3Bo6uzW , https://herit.ag/3JBDM1F</p>				
California	2022	June 2021 Compton City Council Race	Judicial Finding	Election Overturned
<p>The results of the June 2021 Compton City Council run-off election were overturned by Judge Michelle Williams Court after it was determined that four votes cast in the election were submitted by registered voters who did not live in the district the council seat represented. A run-off election between incumbent Isaac Galvan and Andre Spicer was decided by one vote and Galvan was declared the winner. Five people including Galvan have been arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit election fraud. The Superior Court Judge threw out four votes that were found to be cast by voters who did not live in the proper jurisdiction, and Spicer was declared the official winner of the election. All of the individuals charged have already pleaded guilty or no contest to the charges.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3Np798W , https://herit.ag/3OK0uqL, https://herit.ag/3QU6ora</p>				
California	2022	Elizabeth Gale	Criminal Conviction	Fraudulent Use Of Absentee Ballots, Impersonation Fraud At The Polls
<p>Elizabeth Gale of San Diego was charged by the state with four felony counts of fraudulently casting a vote, impersonating a voter, attempting to vote as a fictitious person, and personate with a written instrument after casting an absentee ballot on behalf of her deceased mother during the 2021 California Gubernatorial Recall Election. After absentee ballots were sent to all registered Madera County voters, Gale filled out the ballot, forged her mother's signature, and falsely swore as a witness to her mother signing the ballot. Gale pleaded nolo contendere to one felony count of fraudulently casting a vote. She was sentenced to two years' probation.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3QKH06Z, https://herit.ag/3KdLJve</p>				
California	2022	Carlos Antonio De Bourbon Montenegro	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations

Carlos Antonio De Montenegro (also known as Mark Anthony Gonsalves) was caught in an elaborate scheme to rig the mayoral election in Hawthorne, California. He was accused in a 41-count indictment of submitting (along with others) over 8,000 fraudulent voter registration applications on behalf of homeless people prior to the 2020 election, as well as falsifying names, addresses and signatures on nomination papers for him to run for mayor. Prosecutors allege that the entire operation was funded by the criminal gang MS-13 so that they could Montenegro in an elected position in order to help the gang. De Montenegro pleaded Nolo Contendere to three counts of false registration, registering non-existent voters, and perjury. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, two years of probation, and 30 days community labor.

Source: [herit.ag/3PCuZSM](https://heritage.org/3PCuZSM) , [herit.ag/3Ph3H2X](https://heritage.org/3Ph3H2X) , [herit.ag/44SI3cn](https://heritage.org/44SI3cn)

California	2022	Kimberly Chaouch	Criminal Conviction	Ineligible Voting
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Kimberly Chaouch pleaded no contest to one felony count of registering to vote at the address of former councilmember Jace Dawson despite not living there for the June 2020 Compton City Council run-off election. She was charged with illegally voting for Compton City Councilmember Isaac Galvan, who won that election by one vote. She will be sentenced in May.

Source: <https://heritage.org/3BqdRXD>, <https://heritage.org/3JojWqu>

California	2021	Neil Kitchens	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
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Neil Kitchens, a former Republican state assembly candidate, was charged with claiming a false residency for candidacy in the 2018 general election. Kitchens claimed residency in the 30th district, when he actually lived in the neighboring 29th district. Kitchens pleaded no contest to one felony charge of filing a false declaration of candidacy and was sentenced to two years of probation.

Source: bit.ly/3qDBZ21, bit.ly/3cnYvH3

California	2021	Alex Campbell	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
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Alex Campbell, Republican city councilman and mayor pro tem of Crescent City, California, falsely claimed his residence was within city limits when submitting his candidacy for councilman. Campbell was charged with two felony counts of perjury and one count of false declaration of his candidacy and pleaded guilty to one count of making a false declaration of candidacy. He faces up to two years of probation and \$20,000 in fines for his charge.

Source: <https://heritage.org/3vJP26e>, <https://heritage.org/3ba1J0G>

California	2021	Caesar Peter Abutin	Diversion Program	Fraudulent Use Of Absentee Ballots
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Caesar Abutin, of Norwalk, voted under the name of his deceased mother three times between 2012 and 2014. He was charged with one count of impersonating another voter, one count of fraudulently requesting an absentee ballot, and one count of fraudulent voting, all felony charges. He entered a diversion program with supervised probation for 12 months and ordered to perform 40 hours of community service. If he successfully completes the program, the charges against him will be dismissed.

Source: <https://heritage.org/2TCrAcu>, <https://heritage.org/3vLXjqd>, <https://heritage.org/3beDMoU>

California	2020	April Atilano	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
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April Atilano, of Monterey County, pleaded guilty to 6 counts of felony voter fraud for falsifying voter registration forms. Atilano falsified a number of voter registration cards

by changing party affiliation and forging signatures. The forms were submitted to the Madera County Registrar of Voters in July 2019. Atilano was sentenced to one year in prison and three years probation.

Source: <https://herit.ag/2TDtauF>

California	2020	Richard Howard	Criminal Conviction	Buying Votes, Ballot Petition Fraud
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Richard Howard was involved in a scheme that offered cigarettes and money to homeless people on Skid Row in exchange for fake signatures on ballot initiatives and voter registration forms. This resulted in hundreds of fraudulent signatures. He pleaded no contest to one felony count of subscribing a fictitious name, or the name of another to an initiative petition and registration of a fictitious person. He was sentenced to a suspended sentence of three years and three years of probation.

Source: bit.ly/3kUNeSa, bit.ly/314Q6Us

California	2020	Louis Wise	Criminal Conviction	Buying Votes, Ballot Petition Fraud
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Louis Wise was involved in a scheme that offered cigarettes and money to homeless people on Skid Row in exchange for fake signatures on ballot initiatives and voter registration forms. This resulted in hundreds of fraudulent signatures. He pleaded no contest to one felony count of subscribing a fictitious name, or the name of another to an initiative petition and registration of a fictitious person. He was sentenced to a suspended sentence of 16 months in state prison and three years of formal probation.

Source: <https://herit.ag/3yf300A>, <https://herit.ag/3zEg53G>

California	2020	Christopher Williams	Criminal Conviction	Buying Votes, Ballot Petition Fraud
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Christopher Williams was involved in a scheme that offered cigarettes and money to homeless people on Skid Row in exchange for fake signatures on ballot initiatives and voter registration forms. This resulted in hundreds of fraudulent signatures. He pleaded no contest to one felony count of circulating an initiative or petition containing false, forged or fictitious names. Williams was sentenced to 3 years' probation.

Source: <https://herit.ag/2WsDEhC>, <https://herit.ag/3Go5VZb>

California	2020	Nickey Huntley	Criminal Conviction	Buying Votes, Ballot Petition Fraud
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Nickey Huntley was involved in a scheme that offered cigarettes and money to homeless people on Skid Row in exchange for fake signatures on ballot initiatives and voter registration forms. This resulted in hundreds of fraudulent signatures. He pleaded no contest to one felony count of circulating an initiative or petition containing false, forged or fictitious names. Huntley was sentenced to 3 years' probation.

Source: <https://herit.ag/3l2W3vQ>, <https://herit.ag/3i5ACYN>

California	2020	Jentry Jasperson	Criminal Conviction	Ballot Petition Fraud
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Jentry Jasperson, of Pacifica, forged signatures for a referendum initiative and paid a \$5 fee per signature. She was reported to have forged over 100 signatures, most of which were actual country residents. Peterson was charged with 10 counts of perjury by declaration, 5 counts of identity theft, and 5 counts of signing fictitious or forged names to a petition. She pleaded guilty to 2 counts of perjury by declaration, a felony, and was sentenced to 2 years in county jail.

Source: <https://herit.ag/3f0bT6m>, <https://herit.ag/3761kKS>, Case no. 18-NF-002566-B

California	2020	Bradley Jasperson	Criminal Conviction	Ballot Petition Fraud
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Bradley Jasperson, of Pacifica, forged signatures for a referendum initiative and was paid a \$5 fee per signature. He was reported to have forged over 100 signatures, most of which were actual country residents. Peterson was charged with 10 counts of perjury by declaration, 5 counts of identity theft, and 5 counts of signing of fictitious or forged name to petition. He pleaded guilty to 2 counts of perjury by declaration, a felony, and was sentenced to 2 years in county jail.

Source: bit.ly/38Zlvtc , bit.ly/32qs5pX, Case no. 18-NF-002566-A

California	2020	Norman Hall	Criminal Conviction	Ballot Petition Fraud
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Norman Hall, of Los Angeles, participated in scheme to give homeless people on Skid Row cash and cigarettes in exchange for fraudulently signing ballot petition initiatives and filling out voter registration forms. These crimes took place during both the 2016 and 2018 election cycles. Hall was charged with circulating a petition with false names, and pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to 1 year in county jail, 3 years of probation, and was ordered to complete 100 hours of community service.

Source: <https://herit.ag/3yakSJJ>, <https://herit.ag/3zDnYX9>,

California	2019	Richard Davis	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
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Richard Davis, of Pacific Grove, registered four dogs (Pfeiffer, Chantarelle, Rocky, and Cooper) and his deceased father to vote between 2013 and 2018. Davis was charged with voter registration fraud. He pled guilty and was sentenced to three years of probation and 48 hours of community service.

Source: <https://herit.ag/3l01oUz> , <https://herit.ag/3i4URpJ>

California	2019	Gustavo Araujo Lerma	Criminal Conviction	Ineligible Voting
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Gustavo Araujo Lerma, a Mexican citizen who resides in Sacramento County, illegally assumed the identity of American citizen Hiram Enrique Velez, and illegally voted repeatedly over two decades. Lerma was convicted in federal court of one count of aggravated identity theft, one count of making a false statement on a passport application, and five counts of voting by an alien in a federal election. Lerma, a self-described Republican donor and ardent Trump supporter was sentenced to three years and nine months in prison.

Source: bit.ly/323ErD1, bit.ly/2PgcOVR

California	2018	Richard Howard	Criminal Conviction	Ballot Petition Fraud
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Richard Howard offered homeless people cash and cigarettes in exchange for forging signatures on official petitions using the names and addresses of actual registered voters, in order to qualify several ballot measures. Howard and several others were arrested during an undercover operation. He pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge and was sentenced to 60 days in jail and 3 years of probation.

Source: bit.ly/2Mmxxpe

California	2017	Ashley Drain Hampton	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Ashley Drain Hampton falsified her address in order to appear on the ballot for the Manteca Unified school board elections in 2014. Hampton won her race, but resigned several months after charges were filed. In April 2017, a jury found Hampton guilty of charges that included not only multiple counts of election fraud, but also charges of perjury and defrauding the government in an effort to get more public assistance money than she was entitled to receive. In September of 2018, a judge sentenced Hampton to 15 months in jail, five years of probation, and ordered her to complete 200 hours of community service.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3vKgOj8, https://herit.ag/3bcrVrz, https://herit.ag/3BWXVMC</p>				
California	2017	Alexander Bronson	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Alexander Bronson, former Trustee for Manteca Unified School District, California, pleaded guilty to charges of voter fraud. He listed a false address in order to qualify for candidacy in the November 2014 Manteca Unified School District Board of Education election. He resigned from office and is awaiting sentencing.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3zLTLoV , https://herit.ag/3jDMv8T</p>				
California	2017	Sam Fant	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Sam Fant, a former Manteca Unified School District Trustee, pleaded no contest to a felony voter registration fraud charge. During the 2014 election, Fant provided false addresses to two Manteca school board candidates, Ashley Drain and Alexander Bronson, so they could run despite not meeting residency requirements. Both candidates won, but were ultimately forced to resign and were criminally convicted on election fraud charges. Fant, meanwhile, was sentenced to serve 120 days in county jail and was given five years of probation.</p> <p>Source: bit.ly/2jMIz9B, bit.ly/2hSSo5w</p>				
California	2016	Kevin L. Charvoz	Diversion Program	Duplicate Voting
<p>Kevin L. Charvoz, of Contra Costa County, voted twice in the 2016 presidential primary election once by mail and once in person. The Contra Costa Superior Court directed Charvoz to a pre-trial diversion program and 20 hours of community service.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/2TCcHH5, https://herit.ag/3y7Vlvi, https://herit.ag/2Vdv5Xt</p>				
California	2016	Jonathan Chan	Diversion Program	Duplicate Voting
<p>Jonathan Chan, of Contra Costa County, voted twice in the 2016 primary: once by mail and once in person. The Contra Costa Superior Court directed Chan to a pre-trial diversion program and 20 hours of community service.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3rAO5ex , Case No. 07-CR-17-46</p>				
California	2016	James Parke Major	Diversion Program	Duplicate Voting
<p>James Parke Major, of Contra Costa County, voted twice in the 2016 primary: once by mail and once in person. The Contra Costa Superior Court directed Major to a pre-trial diversion program and 20 hours of community service.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/375WFZ6, https://herit.ag/3y9duhT, https://herit.ag/3rCDHTu</p>				

California	2016	Jose Fragozo	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Jose Fragozo, a trustee on the Escondido Union School District Board, pleaded guilty to a felony charge that he voted in the 2014 general election while registered at an address where he did not live. Investigators determined that while he owned the property at that address, he actually lived at a nearby second home. The two properties lie in different board electoral zones, and California law requires elected officials to reside in the districts they represent. Fargozo claimed the false address as his residence shortly before announcing his candidacy for the board seat in that electoral zone. The remaining charges were dismissed pursuant to a plea agreement, in which Fragozo agreed to resign and not to seek electoral office for three years. The judge sentenced Fragozo to three years of probation, a single day in jail, 15 days of community service, and the payment of a fine and restitution which could total over \$28,500.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3f0bwZw, https://herit.ag/3BMx4mh</p>				
California	2016	Maria C. Del Toro	Criminal Conviction	Ballot Petition Fraud
<p>In 2014, Maria C. Del Toro received \$1,900 to collect signatures for a recall election effort against Salinas City Elementary School District Trustee, Janet Barnes. The recall ultimately failed, but during a random audit, the election department found significant discrepancies in the signatures submitted by Del Toro. She confessed to forging the signatures and pleaded guilty. She was sentenced to 40 days in jail, three years' probation, and had to repay the \$1,900.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3y9XqfQ</p>				
California	2015	Donald Dewsnup	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Donald Dewsnup, a housing development activist in San Francisco, registered to vote using a false address. As part of a plea bargain, he pleaded no contest to two misdemeanor counts of false voter registration. He is awaiting sentencing but is expected to be sentenced to perform 100 hours of community service and three years probation.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/2TE5dn7, https://herit.ag/3l2K5Ck, https://herit.ag/2XJZHkK</p>				
California	2015	Mark Evans	Criminal Conviction	Duplicate Voting
<p>Mark Evans voted by absentee ballot in the November 2014 election. He then cast a second absentee ballot, this time in the name of his deceased father-in-law. Following an investigation by the District Attorney's office and the County Clerk and Recorder's Office, the 62-year-old Ventura County resident was charged with misdemeanor voter fraud. He pleaded no contest and received three years' probation and was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3rH61Eb</p>				
California	2014	Richard Alarcon	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Richard Alarcon, a Los Angeles City Councilman, was convicted of three charges of voter fraud following a jury trial. He lied about where he lived in order to run for office and vote in a different jurisdiction than the place where he actually lived. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail, 600 hours of community service, and five years' probation. He is also banned from running for public office.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3l22dw3</p>				
California	2014	Kathleen Knox	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations

In 2014, former auditor-controller candidate Kathleen Knox, who during the campaign pledged to "fight waste and fraud," pleaded no contest to three counts of voter fraud. As a candidate for auditor-controller, Knox put down a false address as her place of residence. She was fined and sentenced to three years of probation.

Source: <https://herit.ag/3iVoXLC>, <https://herit.ag/3i73ikj>

California	2014	Roderick Wright	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
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State Sen. Roderick Wright (D_Inglewood) was convicted of eight felony counts of perjury and voter fraud. He deliberately misled voters as to his residency in order to run for office in a neighboring district. Wright was sentenced to 90 days' imprisonment, 1,500 hours of community service, and three years' probation. He has also been permanently barred from holding elected office. He was pardoned by former Governor Jerry Brown in 2018.

Source: <https://herit.ag/3x9CioH>

California	2012	Vernon, CA	Judicial Finding	Election Overturned
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A City Council election (originally decided by four votes) in Vernon, California is overturned when it is determined that five people who voted for the winner were not residents of the city, and two others had not properly mailed in their ballots. A new winner was subsequently named.

Source: <https://herit.ag/3761dPs>

California	2012	Ricardo Lopez-Munguia	Criminal Conviction	Ineligible Voting
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Ricardo Lopez-Munguia, a Mexican who was deported decades ago for drug trafficking, pleaded guilty to living illegally in Escondido under a false identity and fraudulently voting in the 2008 U.S. presidential election.

Source: <https://herit.ag/2TE5eHH>

California	2012	Angel Perales and David Silva	Criminal Conviction	Fraudulent Use Of Absentee Ballots
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Officials in the small town of Cudahy took part in a widespread corruption scheme that included accepting cash bribes, abusing drugs at City Hall, and throwing out absentee ballots that favored election challengers. After a lengthy FBI Investigation of the 2007 and 2009 elections, the former head of code enforcement, Angel Perales, admitted to tampering with mail-in ballots in city elections by opening them and then resealing and submitting votes for incumbent candidates while discarding votes for challengers. He and Mayor David Silva pleaded guilty to bribery and extortion charges, although Perales' plea agreement included his admission of election fraud. Silva was sentenced to one year in federal prison. Perales was sentenced to five years' probation.

Source: <https://herit.ag/3yaLiLo> , <https://herit.ag/3EcTi14>

California	2011	James Conway	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
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James Conway was convicted on six charges stemming from his illegal registration to vote: three counts of perjury, two of falsely filing a declaration of candidacy, and one for false registration. Conway was sentenced to time served, given probation, and was ordered to pay restitution.

Source: <https://herit.ag/3rDni18>

California	2011	Nativo Lopez	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Immigrant-Rights activist Nativo Lopez pleaded guilty to one count of voter registration fraud when it was discovered that he registered to vote in Los Angeles while living in Santa Ana. Lopez had been investigated for voter fraud before. In 1996 his organization registered new citizens to vote in an election that ultimately unseated Republican Rep. Bob Dornan from the 46th District. A House Oversight Committee report later concluded that 748 improper ballots had been cast, 624 of them from non-citizen immigrants. Despite the improperly cast votes, the result of that election was not changed. Lopez was sentenced to three years of probation and 400 hours of community service.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/2UXQ5Bv</p>				
California	2011	Ken Mariette	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Ken Mariette, former manager of the Mountain Gate Community Services District, pleaded no contest to felony charges of voting and registration fraud. Mariette used his girlfriend's address to register to vote in Mountain Gate in 2004. He then worked for the district before becoming its manager. Mariette was sentenced to 36 months' conditional release and was ordered to serve 30 days in an adult work program.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3kYtaRi</p>				
California	2010	Eloise Garcia-Mohsin	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Former Palm Springs candidate Eloise Garcia-Mohsin was charged with two counts of voter fraud, three counts of perjury, and four counts of falsely filing election documents after lying about her residence so she could run for office. She pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor violation of the state's election code, was sentenced to 180 hours of community service, and disqualified from seeking or holding public office during a three-year period of probation.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3zybaRQ, https://herit.ag/3BhKAww</p>				
California	2010	Molly Morales	Criminal Conviction	Duplicate Voting
<p>Molly Morales received two mail-in ballots, one addressed to her and the other addressed to "Molly LaPointe." Morales filled out and submitted both ballots in the fall 2009 St. Helena school board election. She pleaded guilty to a single misdemeanor count of voter fraud. Morales was sentenced to three years' probation, 150 hours of community service, a \$1,100 fine, and was ordered to pay \$4,080 in restitution to Napa County.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3BPtyaA</p>				
California	2009	Leonis and Domenica Malburg	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Former mayor of Vernon, Leonis Malburg, and his wife, Domenica, were convicted of fraudulent voting and voter registration fraud. Malburg, who had been mayor for 50 years prior to his resignation, and his wife did not live in Vernon and were thus ineligible to vote or to be candidates in that municipality. Leonis was barred from elected office, placed on five years' probation, ordered to pay \$183,800 in fines and penalty assessments, and more than \$395,000 restitution to the city for salary, benefits, and travel. Domenica received three years' probation and was ordered to pay \$36,000 in fines and penalties.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3xekybS</p>				

California	2009	Mark Jacoby	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Owner of Young Political Majors, Mark Jacoby, pleaded guilty to voter fraud after he registered to vote at a childhood address where he no longer lived and at another address in the same voter precinct. He was sentenced to three years' probation after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor and was ordered to complete 30 days of community service.</p> <p>Source: bit.ly/2eAp1xV</p>				
California	2008	Don Cornell Williams	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Don Cornell Williams pleaded guilty to felony voter fraud charges. While working as a signature gatherer in Orange County, Williams registered an illegal immigrant and two teenagers who were too young to vote. Williams was sentenced to 61 days' in jail and three years' probation.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3BWXRMS</p>				
California	2008	Christopher Kavanagh	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Christopher Kavanagh pleaded no contest to registering to vote in Berkeley when he lived in Oakland. He was sentenced to six months in jail, five years' probation, and was ordered to pay a \$10,835 fine.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/30RX55x</p>				
California	2007	Mickensey Oliveria	Criminal Conviction	Ballot Petition Fraud
<p>Mickensey Oliveria pleaded no contest to ballot petition fraud. Oliveria was charged with providing a false affidavit for a referendum or recall petition or the signatures appended thereto.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3f4rYlq, Superior Court of California, Case #1090738</p>				
California	2006	Jason Holly, Jessica Sundell, and...	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Jason Holly and Jessica Sundell pleaded guilty in 2006 to a felony charge of fraudulent completion of an affidavit of registration, and were sentenced to three years' probation. It was discovered that more than 100 people who thought they were signing petitions to cure breast cancer and punish child molesters were actually registering as Republicans in an elaborate vote-flipping scheme. Donahue Farrow pleaded guilty in 2008 for his involvement in this scheme. He was sentenced to 46 days in jail and three years' probation. Five others have also pleaded guilty over their involvement in this scheme.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/372H4cT, https://herit.ag/3iWVHE4</p>				
California	2006	Roger Treskunoff	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations, Ballot Petition Fraud
<p>A former Hayward County school board candidate pleaded guilty to registering fictitious voters and falsifying ballot initiatives, both felonies. Treskunoff was initially charged with over 40 felonies. He was sentenced to one year in prison, followed by five years' probation.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3zFebQj, https://herit.ag/3yc368U,</p>				

California	2005	Trina Stevenson	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Trina Stevenson pleaded guilty to voter registration fraud. Stevenson was required to pay a fine and serve probation.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3rDniya, Superior Court of California, Case #1088984,</p>				
California	2002	Edward Barquet and Michelle Corral	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Working as GOP voter registration employees during the 2000 general election, Edward Barquet and his girlfriend, Michelle Corral, sought to capitalize on a \$4 bounty for each Republican voter successfully registered. The pair submitted multiple fraudulent registrations, which included false information and forged signatures. Following their guilty pleas, a judge sentenced each of them to serve four months in jail and pay a \$220 fine, followed by five years' probation.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3x2sOvi</p>				
California	2001	Compton, CA	Judicial Finding	Election Overturned
<p>A 2001 election in Compton turned into a multi-year legal drama as candidates for city council and mayor traded accusations of fraud. In the election, incumbent Mayor Omar Bradley lost to challenger Eric Perrodin by 281 votes, and Leslie Irving (a Perrodin ally) defeated Melanie Andrews for an open city council seat. Bradley sued, alleging fraud, including allegations that Irving illegally registered non-citizens. Superior Court Judge Judith Chirlin overturned the election, returning Bradley to power based on the fact that the city clerk had improperly placed Perrodin's name at the top of the ballot rather than select the order randomly. Chirlin also found that Irving had indeed helped non-citizens to register and vote in the election, and removed Irving from office and replaced her with Andrews. On appeal, Chirlin's ruling was partially overturned. The appellate court acknowledged that Perrodin had benefited from a "primacy effect," but this was insufficient to overturn the election. The appellate court upheld the removal of Irving from office, but held that Judge Chirlin should have ordered a new election rather than simply replace her with Andrews.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3eYoNBS, https://herit.ag/370aqsu</p>				
California	1993	Frank Revis and BAPAC	Judicial Finding	Election Overturned
<p>The Fresno Chapter of the Black American Political Association of California orchestrated a ballot harvesting scheme in order to win 13 seats on various Fresno County school boards. Through a scheme organized by Frank Revis, BAPAC received over 1,300 absentee ballots delivered to addresses provided by BAPAC, not those of the individual voters. Over 250 of those ballots were lost, while the rest were disqualified as containing invalid signatures or otherwise having been illegally cast. The California State Supreme Court overturned the results of the election due to fraud and tampering with absentee ballots.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3I3JK2i</p>				
California		Fernando Osorio	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Fernando Osorio, of Kern County, claimed he was not a citizen on a jury summons, but claimed that he was one on a subsequent voter registration form. On May 3, he pled nolo contendere to one charge a fraudulent vote, resulting in a fine of \$480 and a one-year probationary period.</p>				

Source: <https://herit.ag/3BPtlic>, Case Number: BM928349A, <https://herit.ag/3nscLEp>

28 Million Mail-In Ballots Went Missing in Last Four Elections

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Between 2012 and 2018, 28.3 million mail-in ballots remain unaccounted for, according to data from the federal Election Assistance Commission. The missing ballots amount to nearly one in five of all absentee ballots and ballots mailed to voters residing in states that do elections exclusively by mail.

States and local authorities simply have no idea what happened to these ballots since they were mailed – and the figure of 28 million missing ballots is likely even higher because some areas in the country, notably Chicago, did not respond to the federal agency's survey questions. This figure does not include ballots that were spoiled, undeliverable, or came back for any reason.

Although there is no evidence that the millions of missing ballots were used fraudulently, the Public Interest Legal Foundation, which **compiled the public data provided from the Election Assistance Commission**, says that the sheer volume of them raises serious doubts about election security.

These questions are particularly relevant as the COVID-19 pandemic is forcing states across the country to rapidly expand vote-by-mail operations in an election year. Democratic Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Ron Wyden have proposed the **Natural Disaster and Emergency Ballot Act of 2020**, a bill that would allow every eligible voter the opportunity to vote by mail, regardless of state laws governing mail-in ballots.

A significant increase in mail-in voting this fall could greatly incentivize "ballot harvesting," where third parties collect mail-in ballots on behalf of voters and deliver them to election officials. There's long been a consensus that such a practice incentivizes fraud, and ballot harvesting is illegal in most of the country. Public debate over the issue has intensified in recent years after a **GOP operative in North Carolina was indicted** for crimes

related to ballot harvesting in 2018.

That same election cycle [California legalized ballot harvesting](#), and observers say the practice played a key role in ousting several Republican congressmen in Orange County in 2018, a longstanding GOP stronghold in a state that has become very liberal in recent decades.

The fact that millions of unused mail-in ballots are floating around in every election cycle “is not a secret type data here – it’s sitting there on the Internet, and you’re paying for the server cost,” notes Logan Churchwell, a spokesman for PILF. “So what do people that really focus on the election process do about that? They go into ballot harvesting. If there’s so many ballots out there in the wind unaccounted for by election officials, surely some manpower could be dedicated to go bring them in. And that’s another part of the system where you have weaknesses and risk.”

To illustrate the risk, Churchwell notes that in 2016 Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by garnering over 2.8 million more votes than Donald Trump. But nearly 6 million unaccounted mail-in ballots were never counted in 2016, more than twice her margin in the popular vote. The potential to affect elections by chasing down unused mail-in ballots and make sure they get counted – using methods that may or may not be legal – is great.

There’s little doubt that as the number of mail-in ballots increases, so does fraud. A 2012 [report in The New York Times](#) noted that voter fraud involving mail-in ballots “is vastly more prevalent than the in-person voting fraud that has attracted far more attention, election administrators say. In Florida, absentee-ballot scandals seem to arrive like clockwork around election time.” According to [a Wall Street Journal report](#) on voter exploitation in Hispanic communities in Texas, mail-in ballots have “spawned a mini-industry of consultants who get out the absentee vote, sometimes using questionable techniques.” Poor, elderly, and minority communities are most likely to be preyed upon by so-called ballot “brokers.”

Concerns about fraud in mail-in ballots were serious enough that a 2008 [report produced by the CalTech/MIT Voting Technology Project](#) recommended that states “restrict or abolish on-demand absentee voting in favor of in-person early voting.”

“The convenience that on-demand absentees produces is bought at a significant cost to the real and perceived integrity of the voting process,” the report added. “On the face of it, early voting can provide nearly equal convenience with significantly greater controls against fraud and coercion.” Similarly, [another academic study](#) done in 2008 from Reed College flagged various concerns related to absentee voting and conceded there is a “great deal of literature on turnout” but when it comes to mail-in ballots there is “a dearth of research on campaign effects, election costs, ballot quality, and the risk of fraud.”

Despite these concerns, five states – Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Utah, and Hawaii – now do all elections exclusively by mail. Supporters point to smooth elections in these states as proof that it works. But PILF obtained voter data from Oregon, the first state to adopt voting by mail exclusively, for the 2012 and 2018 elections and checked it against census data. Of the 7 million ballots the state sent out in those two elections, some 871,000 ballots are totally unaccounted for.

Losing only one of eight ballots, as opposed to the national average of one in five, may be the result of Oregon having a more accurate listing of voters’ addresses than many other states, but that’s still a very high percentage of missing ballots, and Oregon would not reveal its data for the 2014 and 2016 elections for reasons the state would not disclose.

Regardless, U.S. Census data confirms that 11% of Americans move every year, and voters on the lower end of the economic scale are especially transient. Without implementing some extensive – and likely problematic

government surveillance program, there's no way for election administrators to reliably get ballots to tens of millions of Americans every election cycle without a large percentage of ballots going to the wrong address. This problem is compounded by states that mail ballots automatically. (The author of this piece is from Oregon, where ballots with his name on them were sent to his parents' address for years after he graduated from college and moved out of state -- despite repeated contacts with the county clerk telling them he had moved.)

The inherent problems of mail-in voting are being widely ignored, however. Use of mail-in ballots more than doubled from 24.9 million in 2004 to 57.2 million in 2016, and around 40% of U.S. votes are now done by mail. Along with this dramatic increase there have been virtually no new safeguards, scrutiny, or additional research on the risks of vote by mail. If the current pandemic is going to force the issue during a presidential election, proponents of voting by mail may have to address obvious risks that come with proposing that more than 200 million ballots be mailed out this fall.

"I really think the only reason vote-by-mail problems are not getting more attention on a regular basis, is that it's kind of an embarrassing problem and people just aren't paying attention," says Churchwell. "These numbers of missing ballots demonstrate large voter list maintenance failures and security gaps within the broader mail voting process."

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FILE - Election workers process mail-in and absentee ballots for the 2020 general election. (AP Photo/Matt Slocum)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY, Calif. (FOX26) — Two men in Los Angeles County were charged with voter fraud after investigators say they submitted thousands of f registration applications on behalf of homeless people.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney’s office says 53-year-old Carlos Antor Montenegro, also known as Mark Anthony Gonsalves, and 34-year-old Raul Ar charged with one count of conspiracy to commit voter fraud, eight counts of v

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<p>Montenegro faces an additional 10 counts of voter fraud, seven counts of proc offering a false or forged instrument, two counts of perjury, and five misdeme interference with a prompt transfer of a completed affidavit.</p>				NEWS	
<p>The 41-count criminal complaint says Montenegro allegedly submitted more th fraudulent voter registration applications between July and October 2020.</p>				WEATHER	
<p>He is also accused of falsifying names, addresses, and signatures on nominatio penalty of perjury to run for mayor in the city of Hawthorne, southeast of the l Airport.</p>				SPORTS	
<p>If convicted, Montenegro faces a possible maximum sentence of 15 years and state prison.</p>				FEATURES	
<p>Arevalo faces a possible maximum sentence of seven years in prison.</p>				GAME CENTER	
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