

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR NONPARTISAN VOTERS

Our voter registration records indicate that you are currently registered as a nonpartisan voter.

Election law in California permits qualified political parties to determine whether or not to allow nonpartisan voters the choice of voting for partisan candidates in Primary Elections.

Two of the six political parties are offering this choice for the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election: the **American Independent** and **Democratic** parties.

In addition to the nonpartisan contests and ballot measures, for this election only, you may request to vote in the Primary Election for one of these parties.

**Voting at the Polls** – Tell the pollworker you are a nonpartisan registered voter who wishes to vote for one of the two parties listed above. The pollworker will issue you a ballot and direct you to the correct voting booth for the selected political party.

**Voting By Mail** – When completing the Vote By Mail application printed on the back cover of this Official Sample Ballot, write in **American Independent** or **Democratic** in the space provided for political party ballot request. Your Vote By Mail packet will include instructions for voting for the selected party's candidates.

If you are a permanent Vote By Mail voter or if you reside in a Vote By Mail precinct with no designated polling place and you have already submitted a party ballot request, you need not reapply.

Upon receiving your ballot, you must first mark your party selection on the ballot before voting for partisan candidates (see below):

### SAMPLE

TO VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE, NONPARTISAN VOTERS  
MUST FIRST SELECT PARTY IN THE BOX BELOW.

THIS BOX FOR NONPARTISAN VOTERS ONLY Vote for One	AMERICAN INDEPENDENT	5 →	<input type="radio"/>
	DEMOCRATIC	6 →	<input type="radio"/>

**NOTE:** If you do not wish to request a ballot for the American Independent or Democratic Party, no further action is required. You will be provided with a ballot containing only nonpartisan contests and ballot measures.

Visit the Secretary of State's web site at [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov) for additional information.