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THE GREAT SEAL OF CALIFORNIA



Throughout this Voter Information Guide, you will see elements of and illustrations from the Great Seal of California. The design for the Great Seal was adopted at the Constitutional Convention of 1849. Under thirty-one stars, Minerva, Roman goddess of arts, sciences, and wisdom in war and peace, keeps watch over a tableau depicting industry, commerce, agriculture, and the grandeur of nature. Like the political birth of our State, Minerva was born full grown from the brain of Jupiter, father of the gods and guardian of law and order. The grizzly bear at her feet, independent and formidable, symbolizes California. As part of his official constitutional duties, the Secretary of State is the custodian of the Great Seal.