Fellow Californian,

Voting matters to Californians. Even in the midst of a devastating worldwide pandemic, nearly 17.8 million Californians cast their votes in the 2020 General Election, the largest voter turnout in almost 70 years. We have demonstrated we can vote in great numbers no matter the challenge. We should all be proud of this unwavering commitment to democracy.

My mission as Secretary of State is to work with elections officials statewide to ensure that all elections, including the upcoming California Gubernatorial Recall Election, are safe, fair, and accessible to every voter. To help you navigate the recall, we have provided this Voter Information Guide which includes recall information, important deadlines, registration information, and your rights as a California voter.

Just like last fall, every voter in the upcoming recall election will have the option of voting by mail. Counties will start sending registered voters a vote-by-mail ballot 29 days before the election. As most of the health restrictions in place during the 2020 General Election have been lifted, voters will also have greater access to secure ballot drop-off boxes and more opportunities for traditional in-person voting. For updates on your voting options, I urge you to check the websites of your local elections official.

Never wonder whether your vote is counted. You can track your vote-by-mail ballot by signing up at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov for text, email, or voice status alerts.

Every vote matters in every election. But to vote, you need to make a plan. Will you vote early by returning your ballot by mail in the envelope provided? Will you drop it at a voting center or drop box? Or will you vote in person at a neighborhood polling station? Research your options and make a plan.

You can visit vote.ca.gov for more helpful information on the election. If you have any questions about voter registration or casting your ballot, you can contact the Secretary of State’s office by calling toll-free (800) 345-VOTE (8683).