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DIRECTIVE 2016-40

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To: All County Boards of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Board Members

Re: Mandatory Review of Directives Prior to Election Day

SUMMARY

This Directive requires all county boards of elections members, directors, deputy directors, and staff to re-read important Directives prior to the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election. While all instructions issued by my office are important, focusing on the Directives listed below will best prepare you to execute your statutory duties in the coming days and weeks.

INSTRUCTIONS

Every member of a county board of elections, every director, deputy director and relevant staff must re-read each of the following Directives no later than Sunday, November 6, 2016:

<u>Directive 2016-38</u>	Review of Voter-Identifying Fields on Absentee Ballot Identification Statements and Provisional Ballot Affirmations
<u>Directive 2016-35</u>	Ballot Quantities and Important Reminders for the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election
<u>Directive 2015-24</u>	EOM Chapter 2: Elections Administration.....2-1 Precincts & Polling Places, Section D. Accessibility.....2-69 Security2-108
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<u>Directive 2016-24</u>	EOM Chapter 9: Post-Election Activities.....	9-1
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<u>Directive 2008-80</u>	Voter Identification Requirements ¹	

Board members, directors, deputy directors and staff should also review the Secretary of State's [Precinct Election Official Manual for November 8, 2016](#) and keep a copy of the Secretary of State's [Precinct Election Official Quick Reference Guide for November 8, 2016](#) with them on Election Day.

If you have any questions about this Directive, any of the Directives you re-read or the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election in general, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary of State's elections counsel assigned to your county.

The Secretary of State's Elections and Legal Division will be at the office and available to answer your questions during business hours for in person absentee voting, and on Election Day from 6:00 a.m. until all unofficial results are reported.

Sincerely,


Jon Husted

¹ In the NEOCH consent decree, the Court adopted [Directive 2008-80](#) as an order of the court.