A Voting Rights Minute!



VRP and CHIRLA File an Emergency Motion Asking the Federal Court to Stop the DOJ from Targeting CA Voters

On October 15, 2026, VRP attorneys, including Senior Advisor Xavier Becerra, and CHIRLA filed an emergency application for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction asking a federal court to bar the Department of Justice from using a list of alleged noncitizens to withhold or segregate California voters' ballots. This follows an October 13 letter in which the Justice Department gave California officials 48 hours to review the federal list or face legal action. Shortly after VRP and CHIRLA filed the emergency motion, President Trump's Department of Justice sued California after state officials rejected demands to review their list of alleged noncitizen voters.

Read more here.

Did you know? 💡

- Currently, 24 state-level elections agencies are registered with the U.S. Department Of Homeland Security's SAVE tool for use on voter registration

(SAVE Agency Search Tool). As documented in a UCLA VRP amicus brief, the SAVE database is known to be inaccurate and error-prone, putting voters at risk of disenfranchisement.

- Collectively, those states have 5.6 million eligible immigrant voters. The states with the highest number of naturalized citizen voters who are at risk of being wrongfully targeted are:
  - Texas (2,151,118 voters, 11% of the state electorate)
  - Georgia (571,359 voters, 7% of the state electorate)
  - Arizona (453,443 voters, 9% of the state electorate)

(Source: 2024 5-year ACS)

VRP in the News

VRP's Matt Barreto affirms that the National Voter Registration Act and the U.S. Constitution block the DOJ from forcing CA to withhold ballots

VRP Legal Director Chad Dunn is featured on Democracy Decoded where he discusses the DOJ's escalating seizures of 2020 election materials in some states and further details ways in which to keep American elections safe

VRP's Matt Barreto tells Univision that, "Latino voters want elected officials to take action on immigration and show a strong preference for work permits, legal status, and permanent solutions over indiscriminate deportation."

UCLA Voting Rights Project seeks emergency court order to stop Trump's DOJ from blocking more than 20k California voters

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