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“Power of the People” Reception to celebrate new exhibit chronicling the state’s election history on May 26 at the California Museum

Hosted in partnership with Secretary of State Alex Padilla and the California State Archives, free event open to public with advance registration to inspire Californians to vote in June 7 primary

Sacramento, Calif., (May 19, 2016) – Members of the public are invited to attend a free reception for the all new exhibit “Power of the People: Voting in California, 1850-2016” on Thursday, May 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the California Museum hosted in partnership with Secretary of State Alex Padilla and the California State Archives. A free event with advance registration for up to 250 attendees sponsored by The California Endowment, festivities will include:

- **Welcoming remarks from Secretary Alex Padilla & Museum Board of Trustees Chair Richard S. Costigan III**
- **Admission to “Power of the People: Voting in California, 1850-2016”** plus all current Museum exhibits
- **Complimentary refreshments** from Mayahuel Restaurant & Tequila Museo
- **Activities including photo booth & scavenger hunt** with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners
- **Free parking for all event attendees** in surface lot on corner of 10th & O Streets

Media are invited to cover the reception on Thurs., May 26, 2016 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

WHAT: “Power of the People: Voting in California, 1850-2016” Reception

WHEN: Thurs., May 26, 2016 5:30-7:30 p.m.

WHO: Scheduled participants include:

- **California Secretary of State Alex Padilla**
- **California Museum Board of Trustees Chair Richard S. Costigan III**

WHERE: California Museum, 1020 O Street (corner of 10th & O Streets), Sacramento

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VISUALS: Exhibit press kit including press images and press image credits available for download at
CaliforniaMuseum.org/press-kit/power-people-press-kit

NOTES: **Due to limited cabling opportunities from the street through the Museum’s front doors, wireless backpack units are strongly recommended for live feeds.**

Attending media must R.S.V.P. by 5:00 p.m. on Wed., May 25 to Brenna Hamilton at (916) 651-0934 or bhamilton@californiamuseum.org.

Reserved parking for 3 news trucks is available by advance request and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Developed by the California Museum in partnership with Secretary of State Alex Padilla and the California State Archives “Power of the People: Voting in California, 1850-2016” seeks to inspire Californians to vote in the June 7 and November 8 elections. A chronicle of over 165 years of the state’s election history, the all-new exhibit explores the evolution of how Californians vote, from paper ballots used in the 1850s to a computer-based prototype of the future, while examining historic elections and the changing ways campaigns get their messages across. Through hundreds of artifacts on loan from the California State Archives, California State Library, Sacramento State, California State Parks and private collectors, the exhibit reveals California voters have always held the power to shape the future.

Continuing through November 13, 2016 in the Museum’s Maria Shriver Gallery, “Power of the People: Voting in California, 1850-2016” also features public programs including the California State Archives’ accompanying exhibit “Campaigns, Inc.: Government by Whitaker and Baxter” open May 17-Dec. 30, 2016 and Primary Election Day at the California Museum on June 7, 2016. For more information and a list of events, visit <http://www.californiamuseum.org/voting-california>.

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Press kit available at: <http://www.californiamuseum.org/press-kit/voting-california>

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