NVRA, National Voter Registration Act of 1993

• DMVs must provide a voter registration opportunity simultaneously with DL and ID applications, renewals, and changes of address without requiring a person to provide duplicative information

• CA DMV system until now: Fill out a separate voter registration form

• February 2015 notice letter of noncompliance
Improved Voter Registration System at the DMV

• If you indicate you want to register to vote on the DL/ID application form, basic information is transmitted electronically to the Sec’y of State
  – You are thus registered to vote
• Add’l questions at a separate touch screen terminal (TST): party preference, language preference, permanent Vote by Mail, pollworker
• Roll-out in field offices completed April 25
• Online renewals: info now transferred to SoS
More Work Needed

• Early results: A third of registrants don’t go to TST to complete the process
  – Requires follow-up from Secretary of State
• Danger of loss of critical voter information
• Disability access concerns
• Language preference concerns
  How can the process be made seamless?