

Appendix A

Information on the members of the Task Force on Voter Privacy.

Willie Pelote, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Willie L. Pelote, Sr. has served as California Political and Legislative Director for the 1.4 million members of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) since 1995.

Prior to coming to AFSCME, he served as Consulate to former California Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown, Jr. from 1987 to 1995. During that time, he was the Speaker's liaison to labor, community, business and other interest groups. He also developed for legislators, legislation on such subjects as affirmative action, health care, education, and small business development and consumer issues.

In his current role with AFSCME, Pelote oversees statewide political and legislative affairs for the nation's largest union of public employees and health care workers. He is responsible for all aspects of AFSCME's legislative program in California, and for developing and implementing the union's political strategy for campaigns at all levels of public office.

A 1977 graduate of California State University, Sacramento, Pelote has served on numerous boards and committees. A veteran of Vietnam, Pelote also served as Sergeant-At-Arms for the California Legislature from 1980 to 1987. In 1999, Pelote was appointed by former Governor Gray Davis to the State Task Force on Diversity.

He is married to Susan Aronson. They live with their two children, Claire Elizabeth and Chad Emerson, and Pelote's two other sons, Willie L. Pelote, Jr. and Jarreau Ryan Pelote.

Linda Berger, Statewide California Coalition for Battered Women

Linda Berger was appointed as Executive Director of the Statewide California Coalition for Battered Women (SCCBW), in October 1998. SCCBW is a coalition of agencies and advocates working with victims and issues of relationship violence throughout California.

As Executive Director, Mr. Berger provides training and technical assistance on a broad range of prevention and intervention strategies for domestic violence service providers. The service providers include agencies/individuals from the criminal/ civil justice system, child protective services, medical services, and child abuse services to name a few that have contact with victims (and their children) of domestic violence.

In addition, Ms. Berger directs SCCBW's policy and legislative advocacy project which helps ensure the appropriateness of policy and legislation effecting victims of domestic violence and their children.

Prior to joining SCCBW, Ms. Berger served as Executive Director of Women Shelter of Long Beach, Administrator of the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law in Los Angeles, and Administrator of the Western Governmental Research Association in Long Beach.

Bill Cavala, Assembly Speaker's Office of Member Services

Bill Cavala is Deputy Director of the Assembly Speaker's Office of Member Services. Mr. Cavala attended undergraduate and graduate school in the 1960's and received a doctorate in political science at UC Berkeley. He taught political science at UC Berkeley during the 1970's while he worked part-time for the State Assembly.

Mr. Cavala left teaching at UC Berkeley and went to work for Assembly Speaker Willie Brown in 1981 until his tenure as Speaker ended in 1995, and he has worked for his five successors as Speaker up to and including Speaker Fabian Nunez. His work involves analyzing election laws and oversight of the agencies involved with California's elections. Mr. Cavala was a ranking staff person in the California redistricting efforts of the 1970's, 1980's, and 1990's. In addition, Mr. Cavala most recently worked on the State's redistricting attempts.

In his spare time, Mr. Cavala manages election campaigns for Democratic candidates. Mr. Cavala is a 4th generation Californian.

Beth Givens, Privacy Rights Clearinghouse

Beth Givens is founder and director of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, established in 1992. The Privacy Rights Clearinghouse is a nonprofit consumer education and advocacy organization located in San Diego.

Ms. Givens has developed the "Fact Sheet" series as author and editor. The "Fact Sheet" series provide information on how to safeguard one's privacy in a wide variety of situations including: identity theft, telemarketing, junk mail, medical records, the Internet, employment background checks, and financial records. In addition, she is the author of "The Privacy Rights Handbook: How to Take Control of Your Personal Information (Avon, 1997)" and is co-author of "Privacy Piracy: A Guide to Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft (1999)".

Ms. Givens represents the interests of consumers in public policy proceedings at the state and federal levels (California Legislature, U.S. Congress, and federal and state regulatory agencies). She has participated in numerous public policy task forces and commissions including: TRUSTe Wireless Advisory Committee, U.S. Decennial Census Advisory Committee, Justice Management Institute Advisory Committee on Electronic Access to Court Records, and the California Judicial Council Subcommittee on Privacy and Access.

Jim Hayes, Political Data, Inc.

James S. Hayes is the President of Political Data, Inc. since it was founded in 1987.

Burbank based Political Data, Inc., provides enhanced voter data services to candidates for public office, campaign committees, polling firms, journalists and academic researchers of all parties and political viewpoints.

Prior to his involvement with Political Data, Inc., Mr. Hayes was involved with numerous political campaigns and causes throughout California. Mr. Hayes also served as an assistant to former Assemblyman Fred Chel and the late State Senator Ralph Dills.

A native of Long Beach, Jim graduated from Cal-State Long Beach with a B.A. in Political Science in 1976.

He currently lives in Pasadena with his wife Catherine.

Victor Salazar, Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters

Victor Salazar was appointed by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors to the position of County Clerk/Registrar of Voters in January 2001. On March 5, 2002, Fresno County Voters elected him to a four-year term beginning in January 2003.

An attorney and former county employee, Victor Salazar graduated from Reedley High School and Fresno State University, attended graduate school at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, and received a law degree from San Joaquin College of Law.

Victor Salazar's prior work experience with the County of Fresno includes the positions of Consumer Protection Assistant and Consumer Protection Coordinator. While attending law school, he worked full-time as a Consultant with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and as a law clerk with the law offices of Forrest and McLaughlin.

Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Salazar worked as Staff Counsel for the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing. He then became an Assistant General Counsel with the Agricultural Labor Relations Board. Victor Salazar later worked as an attorney with the law offices of Forrest and McLaughlin. This was followed by three years of service as a Managing Attorney with Central California Legal Services before his appointment as Fresno County Clerk.

Dave Wong, San Francisco Deputy Sheriff's Association

Dave Wong has been a Deputy Sheriff for the San Francisco Sheriff's Department since 1990. Mr. Wong was elected by the membership of the San Francisco Deputy Sheriffs' Association to President in the year 2001. Prior to being elected President, Mr. Wong was the Treasurer of the Association. The San Francisco Deputy Sheriff's Association represents over 800 peace officers in the City and County of San Francisco, on matters of hours, wages, and working conditions related to their employment with the San Francisco Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Wong is serving on Former Governor Gray Davis' Citizen's Compensation Commission. The Commission establishes the annual salary and the medical, dental and insurance benefits of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Controller, Insurance Commission, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Treasurer and members of the State Board of Equalization and Members of the Legislature.

In addition, Mr. Wong served as a Tele-Communications Operator, a Military Police Officer and an Intelligence Officer for the United States Army. He also serves his community by volunteering his time at self-help centers for the elderly and speaking to K-8 school age children about law enforcement issues.