



Secretary of State Jason Kander  
**Election Review**  
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## **Voter Participation Center – Voter Registration Mailings**

### *Background*

The Secretary of State's Office received complaints about a voter registration mailing sent by Voter Participation Center ("VPC"). These complaints alleged that the mailing contained an incorrect voter registration deadline and questioned the accuracy of the individuals receiving the mailing. The Secretary of State's Office has repeatedly contacted VPC regarding these complaints.

The voter registration mailing contained the incorrect voter registration deadline of October 17, 2016. **The correct voter registration deadline for the**

**November general election is October 12, 2016.**

The Secretary of State's Office has reached out to VPC and local election authorities about the situation to ensure that everyone is aware of the issues. Our office will continue to monitor the situation to help ensure that eligible Missourians are not disenfranchised and that only eligible Missourians have the opportunity to cast a ballot.

### *Findings*

On September 21, the Secretary of State's Office contacted VPC regarding the issue that the mailing contained the incorrect voter registration deadline. VPC initially stated that the mailing contained the correct voter registration deadline. Subsequently, on September 22, 2016, VPC sent the Secretary of State's Office a

letter taking full responsibility for the voter registration mailing that did contain an incorrect voter registration deadline of October 17, 2016.

VPC assured our office that they are immediately mailing a new notice with

the correct voter registration deadline of October 12, 2016.

The Secretary of State's Office sent VPC's letter and revised notice to the local election authorities. Our office is continuing to communicate with local election authorities about this issue.

VPC is an independent organization and is not part of the Secretary of State's Office. VPC mailings are based on their own matching criteria and list. As part of their matching process, VPC has stated that they work to remove registered voters from their mailing lists who are in

the statewide voter registration database maintained by the Secretary of State's Office. Any mistakes related to the accuracy of individuals or households receiving the mailing are a result of VPC's own process and not from the statewide voter registration database.

The Secretary of State's Office will remain in contact with VPC and local election authorities about the situation to help ensure that eligible Missourians are not disenfranchised and that only eligible Missourians have the opportunity to cast a ballot.