

What's Next?

- Continue to advocate for and work with DMV to achieve a registration system where every customer opting to register or update their voter registration completes the process before leaving DMV.
- Continue to advocate that DMV's online and field office voter registration systems are fully accessible to people with disabilities, including written protocols and training on assisting people with disabilities.
- Ensure that New Motor Voter (AB 1461) implementation includes the improvements needed to ensure that no voter slips through the cracks and is deprived of an equal opportunity to vote.

How Is This Different from the New Motor Voter Law?

- Under New Motor Voter, no one will be automatically registered to vote.
- New Motor Voter requires DMV to electronically transmit required and optional voter registration info for customers who want to register or update their registration info.
- The electronic transmission infrastructure has been built. The problem is how the information is being captured at DMV field offices.
- New Motor Voter implementation should include a solution to the problem of more than 1/3 of customers walking out without providing the optional information that DMV is required to transmit.
- It is possible that under New Motor Voter, DMV could change the wording of the voter registration question from opt-in to opt-out. But it is not clear how this would work and discussions of this possible change have not begun.