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# California Vote by Mail

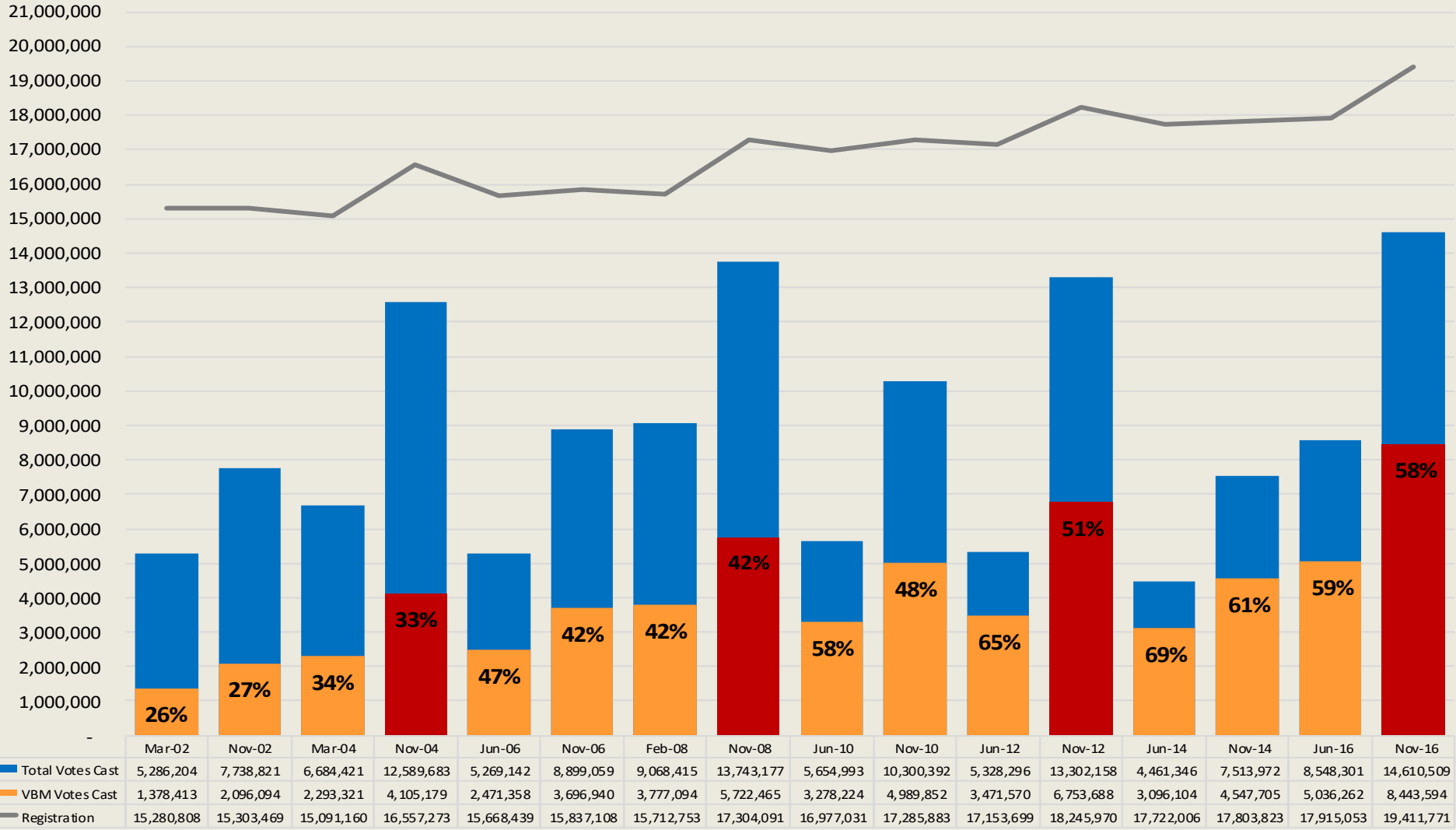
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## Statewide VBM Turnout

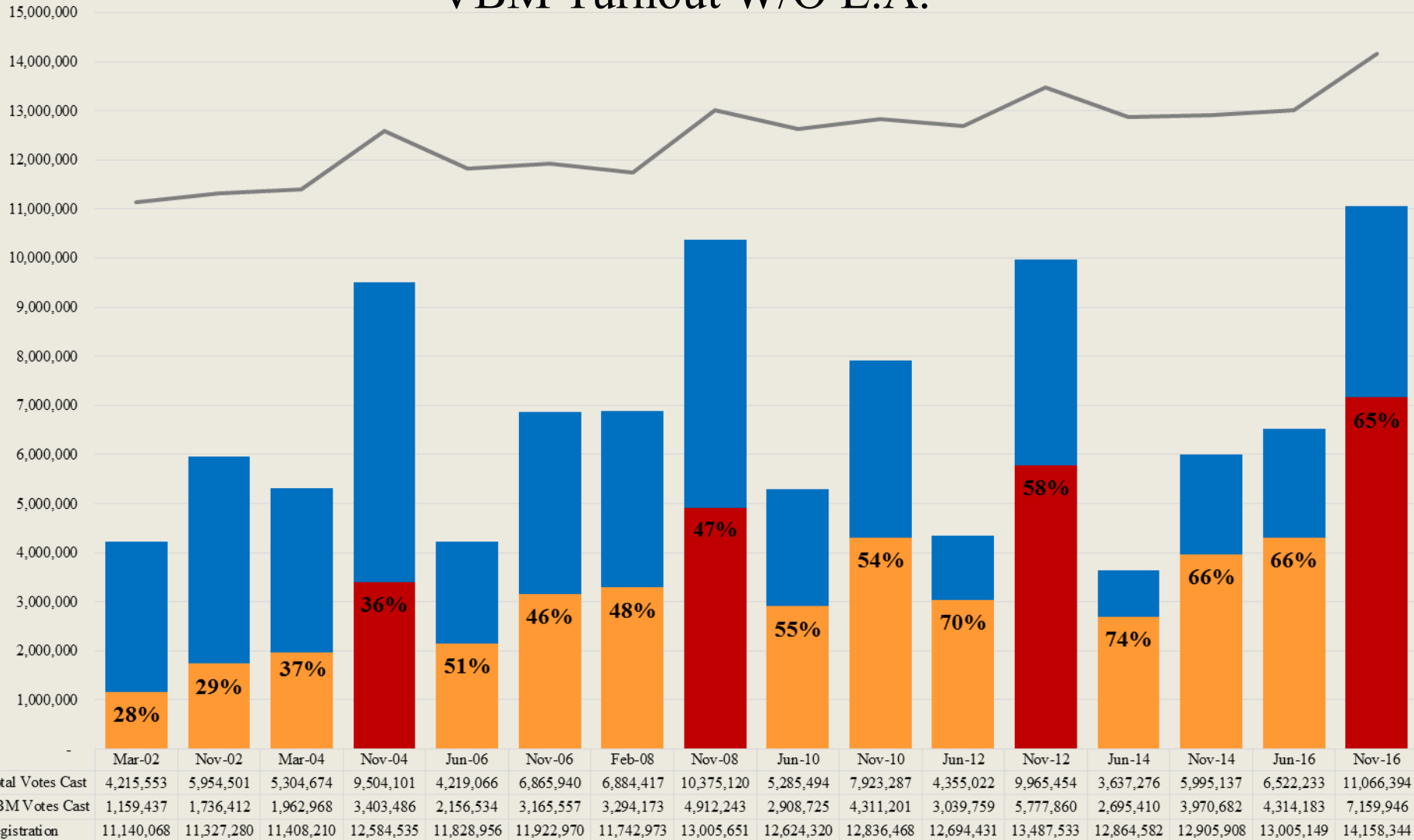




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## VBM Turnout W/O L.A.





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- **California No-Excuse Absentee Voting - 1978**
  - *4.4% absentee ballots cast – November 1978*
- **Uniform and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) – 1986**
  - *Protects the right to vote for service members stationed overseas*
- **Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE) - 2009**
  - *Protects the right to vote for service members stationed overseas*
- **California Permanent Vote By Mail - 2002**
  - *27% VBM ballots cast November 2002*
  - *60% VBM ballots cast November 2014 & 58% November 2016*
- **Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE) - 2009**
  - *Expanded UOCAVA to provide greater protections to service members, their families and other overseas citizens.*



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- **Postage Plus Three - 2016**
  - *Allows VBM ballots to be counted if postmarked and received within three days of Election Day*
- **Eight Day Cure - 2016**
  - *Allows for voters to provide a missing signature.*
- **Voter May Authorize Any Person to Deliver VBM Ballot – 2017**
  - *Previously voters needed to designate a family member or a person residing in the voter's household to return the ballot.*
- **VBM Ballot May be Delivered to Any County in the State - 2017**
  - *County elections official shall forward the ballot to the county in which the ballot was issued no later than eight days after receipt.*
- **California Voters Choice Act (SB 450) - 2017**
  - *Provides for fourteen counties to opt in for a program to go 100% VBM , with VBM drop boxes and early vote centers.*





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# Vote By Mail Improvements

- **Mail a ballot to every registered voter.**
- **Vote by Mail Drop Boxes.**
- **UOCAVA – allow ballots to be returned by email.**
- **Pay for return postage on all VBM.**
- **Provide for ballots to be delivered online so that voters with a disability can mark their ballot on their computer and have the ballot mailed to the elections office.**
- **Track the ballot – voters want to know that their ballot has been received and will be counted.**
- **Work to improve voter education of the VBM process.**