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a homebound voter who registered for a **permanent** mail ballot and voted with that mail ballot in the 2012 election for either of the current recalled politicians. Now, that homebound voter will be disenfranchised if he is forced to vote in the recall election at a polling location that he cannot physically reach. Consider also that even today, the voter registration form allows a voter to request a **permanent** mail ballot without any notification that the voter will not receive a mail ballot in the case of a recall election (or, if the voter failed to vote in any election).

Conducting an election without sending mail ballots is wrong.

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