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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

**NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR
CONTINUED MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES OF VOTER
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

In accordance with Board policy on advance notification of sole source contracts of \$250,000 or greater, the Department of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) intends to negotiate a non-competitive sole source agreement with the current contractor for continued maintenance and support services for the Voter Information Management System (VIMS). This contractor has provided exceptional maintenance and support services in a cost effective manner since the initial development and implementation of VIMS in 1998. The continuation of their services is paramount to the successful conduct of elections in the County of Los Angeles.

RR/CC is responsible for the registration of voters, maintenance of the voter files, precincting, absentee voting, petitions, and precinct officers/polls maintenance and the conduct of federal, state, local and special elections. On February 10, 1998, your Board adopted a five (5) year contract with three (3) one-year renewal options with Data Information Management Systems, Inc. (DIMS) for a client server environment voter information management system.

VIMS replaced the voter registration and election management system designed and developed in 1976 by Internal Services Department. This system operated on the County's IBM mainframe computer system and was cost prohibitive to continue at an average annual cost of \$1.05 per registered voter, compared to the greatly reduced VIMS annual maintenance cost of \$0.07 per registered voter. In addition to cost savings, VIMS enabled increased reliability, operational efficiencies, service delivery and improved automation of functions. With VIMS, the County was able to grant full on-line access for VIMS Election System use to City of Los Angeles in 1999 and City of Long Beach in 2004. These partnerships with VIMS and the cities have helped to improve the quality of the voter data, pollworker and polling place data used by all jurisdictions.

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In 2003, DIMS became a wholly owned subsidiary of Diebold Election Systems, Inc. DIMS currently provides voter information management systems for 38 counties in California, which represents 52% of the registered voters in the state of California.

The current contract will expire on February 9, 2006. Due to proprietary software issues, complexities with managing voter information system and mission critical need for uninterrupted services, DIMS is the only source that can provide maintenance and support services for VIMS.

Unless otherwise instructed by your Board within two weeks, we will proceed to negotiate the sole source contract with the current contractor.

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c: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
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