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**CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS – NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

Enclosed is the “Media Kit” for the upcoming November 6, Consolidated Elections for your reference and that of your staff members who may answer public inquiries on election matters.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this or any election matter.

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Enclosure



# ***Media Kit***

**Consolidated Elections  
November 6, 2007**

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This packet of material is designed to provide information about the Consolidated Elections to be held on November 6, 2007. It also serves as a guide to election night operations at 12400 Imperial Highway, City of Norwalk.

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## **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Semi-Official Election Results.....(562) 466-1323

Preliminary absentee voting results will be available at approximately 8:30 p.m. After the initial precinct bulletin and as ballots are processed, semi-official results will be available approximately every 20 minutes until all precincts have reported. ***Election results will also be available on the Internet election night as the ballots are counted at <http://www.lavote.net>***

Election Results on Wednesday, November 7.....(562) 466-1310

From 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **NEWS COVERAGE, ELECTION RESULTS, AND PRESS BULLETINS**

The election night news center is located in the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Headquarters. Department staff will be on hand to assist in news coverage. The first press bulletin with initial absentee ballot results will be issued about 8:30 p.m. As precinct ballots arrive during the evening, updated cumulative results will be available and posted on the RR/CC's Internet website.

California state law allows 28 days for the conduct of the official canvass of final election results. All ballots cannot be counted on election night. **Election night results are always unofficial.** Additional ballots are counted in the days/weeks following the election including: 1) absentee ballots received through the mail or dropped off at the polls on Election Day. These ballots must be individually signature-verified and then opened prior to tabulation; 2) provisional ballots cast at the voting precincts on Election Day by persons whose eligibility to vote cannot immediately be verified. The ballots must be individually researched to determine eligibility; 3) damaged ballots that are unable to be processed through the election tally equipment and must be manually duplicated prior to tabulation; and 4) ballots containing write-in votes which must be individually reviewed to determine if the write-in vote is for a qualified/unqualified write-in candidate. As a result, close contests may not be determined until the official canvass is completed and certified election results are released. (For additional information regarding the official canvass, see page 7-8).

### Additional Information Concerning Election Results

On Wednesday afternoon, November 7, the Election Information Section will have intercounty election results for portions of districts which are outside Los Angeles County. Shared districts for this election are:

<u>School District</u>	<u>Shared County</u>
Antelope Valley Joint Union High School	Kern
Antelope Valley Community College	Kern
Gorman Joint	Kern
Las Virgenes Unified	Ventura
Mt. San Antonio Community College	Orange
Victor Valley Community College	San Bernardino

City and community results may be obtained in the Election Information Section beginning about noon on Wednesday, November 7. Copies of the semi-official precinct by precinct statement of votes cast will be available Thursday afternoon November 8, at approximately 2 p.m.

A final press bulletin will be prepared upon completion of the official vote canvass. Official election results will be available by Monday, November 26.

## **POLL LOCATION AVAILABLE BY AUTOMATED PHONE**

Determining poll locations for voters calling us at election time and on Election Day is facilitated with two Interactive Voice Response (IVR) servers containing 96 lines. When calling 1-800-815-2666 each voter will be prompted to enter his/her zip code, the digits corresponding to the voter's house number and numeric birth date. The IVRs will instantly interact with the voter registration database seeking a match for this data. If found, the system will automatically, without human intervention, read the polling location to the voter. This phone system allows up to 96 callers to call in at the same time, 24 hours a day, beginning on October 30 through Election Day.

## **VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES**

What is our goal? 100% participation of eligible voters in all elections, 100% polling place accessibility, and options for all voters who seek independent voting. In compliance with federal law and state law, we provide services to voters with disabilities including:

- InkaVote Plus audio ballot booth at every polling place
- Accessible polling places wherever possible
- Wheelchair accessible voting booths
- Large type voting instructions and magnifying devices at polling places
- Absentee/vote-by-mail and permanent absentee/vote-by-mail voting options
- Pollworker assistance at any step

*What does the law say? Four federal laws are of special importance to disabled and elderly voters:*

- *Voting Rights Act of 1965* – Any voter requiring assistance may receive it from a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.
- *Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Disabled Act, 1984* – Promotes the fundamental right to vote by requiring "access for elderly and handicapped individuals to registration facilities and polling places in federal elections."
- *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)* – Requires public entities to provide auxiliary aids and services where necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in, and enjoy, the benefits of service, program or activity conducted by a public entity.
- *Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)* – At least one direct recording electronic voting system or other voting system available at each polling location to enable individuals with disabilities including blind voters to vote independently. Los Angeles County will meet this requirement at each precinct voting location for this election. All 832 locations will have InkaVote Plus.

## **SPEED OF BALLOT COUNTING ELECTION NIGHT – HISTORICAL TRENDS**

On election night, ballots from all 832 voting precincts are brought to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's headquarters in Norwalk for tabulation. After the polls close the precinct officials must complete the paperwork to balance the number of ballots cast with the number of voters signing in, the number of remaining unvoted ballots, etc. Most precincts complete this function between 9:00-9:30 p.m. Then precinct officials from the 832 precincts bring their ballots and supplies to one of 27 designated check-in centers located throughout the County. From these locations Sheriff deputies transport the voted ballots by car to Norwalk.

After arrival in Norwalk, the ballots must be checked-in and inspected prior to counting. Once inspected, the ballots are moved into the computer room where operators process the ballots on one of 6 counting stations.

Hundreds of individuals are involved in the logistics of ballot transport, preparation and tabulation. Historically for consolidated elections, approximately 90% of the ballots are counted by midnight on election night. The following chart provides statistical information on the speed of ballot tabulation.

### **Consolidated Elections**

<b>2003 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS</b>			<b>2001 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS</b>			<b>1999 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>BALLOTS COUNTED</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>BALLOTS COUNTED</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>BALLOTS COUNTED</b>	<b>%</b>
10:00 pm	88,742	45.43	10:00 pm	112,398	39.98	10:00 pm	77,790	34.25
11:00 pm	143,879	86.30	11:00 pm	191,473	78.87	11:00 pm	150,069	78.08
Midnight	167,956	99.78	Midnight	228,459	96.94	Midnight	186,858	95.16
1:02 am	168,361	100.00	12:07 am	237,665	100.00	1:27 am	199,957	100.00

### **Special Statewide and Consolidated Elections**

<b>2005 SPECIAL STATEWIDE AND CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>BALLOTS COUNTED</b>	<b>%</b>
10:00 pm	358,510	.97
11:00 pm	497,098	14.59
Midnight	732,171	33.98
4:54 am	1,575,665	100.00

## **FINALIZING THE OFFICIAL VOTE TALLY (CANVASS)**

Candidates are frequently surprised on the day after an election when they learn that there are tens of thousands of ballots remaining to be counted. These uncounted ballots may leave some close races undecided for days or even weeks. The following explains the logistics of election night ballot counting, and follow-up ballot tabulation, which occurs in the days/weeks following the election. The law allows 28 days after the election to complete the ballot tally and the official audit of the election, known as the Canvass. When the Canvass is completed, the official results are certified.

There are three categories of ballots which cannot be processed on Election Night:

- ◆ Absentee ballots turned in at polling locations
- ◆ Provisional ballots voted at the polls
- ◆ Write-in ballots

### **ABSENTEE BALLOTS TURNED IN AT THE POLLING LOCATIONS**

Some absentee voters wait until the last minute to make their voting choices and then drop off their absentee ballots at the polling place on election day. We receive these ballots very late on election night. All absentee ballots must be pre-processed before they are counted – this includes verifying every absentee voter’s signature prior to opening the absentee ballot envelopes to remove the ballots in preparation for counting.

### **PROVISIONAL BALLOTS**

Provisional ballots are voted at the polls when a voter’s registration is in question, or when our records indicate the voter was already sent an absentee ballot. Provisional ballots are sealed in special envelopes at the polls and must be individually researched and verified at the Registrar’s Office before ballots are counted or rejected in accordance with election laws.

### **WRITE-IN BALLOTS**

All ballots containing write-in votes must be set aside for manual review of each individual ballot. When a voter chooses to vote for a write-in candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, every race and measure on that ballot cannot be counted on election night. Each ballot containing a write-in vote must be individually reviewed to determine whether or not the write-in vote is for a qualified candidate and whether or not the voter overvoted (i.e. voted for a candidate on the ballot and also voted for a write-in candidate for the same office). When an overvote occurs, neither vote can be counted for that one office, although the rest of the ballot selections will be counted. Due to the individual scrutiny involved, no portion of any ballot containing a write-in vote is counted on election night. Vote tallies for write-in candidates are not available until the conclusion of the official canvass.

## **SUMMARY**

Supplemental ballot counting of absentee, provisional and write-in ballots will occur in the days/weeks following the election. These ballots are not segregated by district prior to counting. Therefore, the number of outstanding ballots for any specific contest will be unknown until the computer tallies these ballots.

California law permits 28 days to complete the final, official canvass and certify the results of the election. This provision of the law recognizes the complexity of completing the ballot count and conducting a thorough audit of the election results to ensure accuracy. Part of the canvass process is a legally required manual recount of the votes cast for all candidates and measures on the ballot in 1% of the 832 voting precincts. This manual process verifies the accuracy of the computer count.

Candidates and members of the general public are invited to observe supplemental ballot counting and the manual tally of ballots from the randomly selected 1% of the voting precincts. After election night, the schedule of supplemental ballot counting will also be posted on the entrance door of our office in Norwalk.

We realize it is difficult for candidates/campaigns involved in close races to wait days and sometimes weeks to know whether or not they won or lost the election. However, we hope that the reasons for the delays in the final ballot tally have been fully explained.

## **CANVASS SCHEDULE**

The following provides the canvass schedule of events for supplemental counting.

### **NOVEMBER 6, 2007 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS SCHEDULED TALLY UPDATES**

- Friday, November 9 – 2 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Ballot Counting Update
- Tuesday, November 13 – 2 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot Counting Update
- Friday, November 16 – 2 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ballot Counting Update
- Monday, November 19 – 2 p.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Ballot Counting Update
- Wednesday, November 21 – 2 p.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> Ballot Counting Update

Board of Supervisors declares results official Tuesday, November 27, 2007.



## **ABSENTEE BALLOT TRENDS – TIMES WHEN COUNTED**

The following chart provides the number of absentee ballots counted beginning election day and the number processed and updated during the official canvass period.

### **Consolidated Elections**

<b>2003 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS</b>		<b>2001 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS</b>		<b>1999 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS</b>	
<b>11/4/03</b>		<b>11/06/01</b>		<b>11/02/99</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b># ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b># ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b># ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED</b>
11/04	49,812	11/06	64,586	11/02	37,982
11/7	10,559	11/09	11,964	11/10	18,283
11/12	282	11/13	689	11/16	4
11/14	137	11/16	858		
11/18	1				
11/20	14				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60,805</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78,097</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,269</b>

### **Special Statewide and Consolidated Elections**

<b>2005 SPECIAL STATEWIDE &amp; CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS</b>	
<b>11/08/05</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b># ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED</b>
11/08	353,077
11/11	72,015
11/15	27,497
11/18	14,213
11/23	3,826
11/28	134
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>470,762</b>

## **VOTER REGISTRATION**

In Los Angeles County, voter registration for the November 6, 2007 Consolidated Elections is 1,556,933 as of September 12, 2007. Final registration is scheduled to be available after October 22, 2007. (For historical voter registration and voter turnout see page 20).

## **PRECINCT OFFICERS AND POLLING PLACES**

Polling Places.....	832
Precinct Officers.....	4,160
(average of 5 per polling place)	

Polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## **THE ELECTION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Eighty three (83) jurisdictions are participating in elections being conducted by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. Jurisdictions appearing on the November 6 ballot include 8 community college districts, 48 schools districts, 15 cities, 1 California water district, 8 county water districts, 2 irrigation districts and 1 library district. There will also be 11 measures appearing on the ballot.

The chart below provides a summary of the number of measures, candidates and offices in the Los Angeles County elections.

<b>ELECTIONS TO BE HELD</b>	<b>NUMBER OF MEASURES</b>	<b>CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION</b>	<b>NUMBER OF OFFICES</b>
8 Community College Districts	0	31	15
48 School Districts	5	212	107
15 Cities	6	121	44
1 California Water District	0	7	3
8 County Water Districts	0	30	17
2 Irrigation Districts	0	6	4
1 Library District	0	4	3
<b>83 TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>193</b>

## QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

OFFICE	QUALIFICATIONS	TERM
Board of Director: California Water District	Each director shall be a registered voter of the division at the time nomination documents are issued.  (Water Code § 35055 and E.C. § 201)	4 years starting at Noon on December 7, 2007
Board of Director: County Water District	Each director shall be a registered voter of the district or division, if applicable, at the time nomination documents are issued.  (Water Code § 30500 and E.C. § 201)	4 years starting at Noon on December 7, 2007
Board of Director: Irrigation District	Each director shall be a voter and landowner of the district and a resident of the division, at the time nomination documents are issued or appointment is made.  (Water Code § 21100 and E.C. § 201)	4 years starting at Noon on December 7, 2007
Board of Trustee: Library District	Each trustee shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued.  (Ed. Code § 19611 and E.C. § 201)	4 years starting at Noon on December 7, 2007
Governing Board Member: School and Community College Districts	Each board member shall be a registered voter of the district or trustee area, if applicable, at the time nomination documents are issued.  (Ed. Code §§ 5030, 35107, 72022 & 72103 & E. C. § 201)	4 years starting at Noon on December 7, 2007

## **VOTES REQUIRED TO ELECT CANDIDATES**

School & Community College Governing Board Members	Plurality (Elections Code Section 10600)
General District Elections	Plurality (Elections Code Section 10551)
City Council Members & Other City Officials	Plurality (Elections Code Section 10263)

Note: In some districts when more than one office is to be filled, those candidates equal in number to the number to be elected who receive the highest number of votes are elected.

## **CANDIDATES' NAMES ON THE BALLOT**

The placement of names on the ballot is determined by a random alphabetical drawing which was held by the Secretary of State on August 16.

## **ELECTIONS TO BE HELD**

Beginning on page 13 is a listing of offices to be filled in the November 6, 2007 Consolidated Elections. Contests are arranged alphabetically within the following categories: Community College Districts, High School Districts, Unified School Districts, Elementary School Districts, City and General Districts. The following information is provided for each contest: Members to be elected, number of candidates, voting precincts and registration. Pages 18 through 19 list the alphabetical designation of measures appearing on the November 6, 2007 ballot. Additionally, page 20 provides Historical Voter Registration and Voter Turnout Information for Los Angeles County elections.

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ELECTIONS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
ANTELOPE VALLEY*	2	4	84	143,245
CERRITOS	4	8	88	175,345
CITRUS	1 Trustee Area #4	4	11	24,074
COMPTON	1 Trustee Area #3	2	7	14,807
MT. SAN ANTONIO*	3	4	167	311,478
PASADENA AREA	1 Trustee Area #4	2	14	28,402
RIO HONDO	1 Trustee Area #4	2	18	30,867
VICTOR VALLEY*	2	5	0	96

## HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
ANTELOPE VALLEY*	2	3	80	135,935
CENTINELA VALLEY**	1 Trustee Area #3	2	26	49,305
	1 Trustee Area #4	2	26	49,305
EL MONTE	2	4	27	48,863
WHITTIER	2	4	52	93,708
WILLIAM S. HART	2	3	67	116,238

\*Shared District

\*\*Nominated by Trustee Area, Elected at Large

Note: Registration figures are as of September 12. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 22.

## UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
ABC	4	9	25	47,802
AZUSA	2	4	10	22,263
BALDWIN PARK	3	5	10	21,824
BASSETT	2	5	5	8,990
BEVERLY HILLS	3	4	10	21,080
CHARTER OAK	3	6	9	18,433
CLAREMONT	2	3	11	23,444
COMPTON	3	14	28	51,833
CULVER CITY	2	5	13	22,775
DUARTE	3	5	7	12,361
EL SEGUNDO	2	3	5	9,803
HACIENDA	2	6	25	46,836
LA PUENTE				
LAS VIRGENES* (Consolidated with Agoura Hills City and Westlake Village City Municipal Elections)	2	3	18	31,434
LYNWOOD	3	5	9	17,665
MANHATTAN BEACH	2	3	12	23,271
MONTEBELLO	2	3	29	53,959
NORWALK-LA MIRADA	3	6	24	49,536
PALOS VERDES PENINSULA	2	4	21	39,096
PARAMOUNT	2	3	12	23,317
POMONA	2	5	29	53,789
SAN GABRIEL	2	3	8	15,837
SAN MARINO	2	3	4	9,041
SOUTH PASADENA	2	4	7	14,250
TEMPLE CITY	3	6	8	14,974
TORRANCE	2	4	36	72,552
WALNUT VALLEY	2	5	17	29,160
WEST COVINA	3	5	13	25,078

\*Shared District

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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

### GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

SCHOOL DISTRICT	TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
EAST WHITTIER	2	4	19	34,740
EL MONTE	2	4	13	24,842
GARVEY	2	5	8	16,175
GORMAN JOINT*	2	3	0	64
HAWTHORNE	2	4	11	21,444
HERMOSA BEACH CITY	2	4	7	12,901
KEPPEL UNION	2	3	7	7,802
LANCASTER	2	3	21	43,875
LENNOX	2	3	4	6,072
MOUNTAIN VIEW	2	4	7	12,039
NEWHALL	2	4	19	33,546
PALMDALE	2	3	23	41,016
ROSEMEAD	2	3	5	9,343
SOUTH WHITTIER	2	4	6	9,224
VALLE LINDO	2	5	2	2,639
WILSONA	2	7	2	3,566

## CITY ELECTIONS

### COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED

CITY	TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
AGOURA HILLS	2	4	6	12,181
BALDWIN PARK	2	5	10	21,832
BELL GARDENS	2	11	5	9,214
DIAMOND BAR	2	5	16	27,693
EL MONTE	2	4	14	27,868
HAWTHORNE	2	5	14	26,982
HERMOSA BEACH	2	6	7	12,901
LA PUENTE	3	9	8	12,441
LYNWOOD	2	16	10	17,408
MAYWOOD	2	6	4	6,341
MONTEBELLO	2	7	12	23,746
PALMDALE	2	5	27	51,919
RANCHO PALOS VERDES	3	5	14	25,764
SANTA FE SPRINGS	2	7	4	7,841
WEST COVINA	2	6	25	44,244

\*Shared District

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## CITY ELECTIONS CONTINUED

CITY	MAYOR TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
BALDWIN PARK	1	1	10	21,832
EL MONTE	1	2	14	27,868
HAWTHORNE	1	1	14	26,982
PALMDALE	1	1	27	51,919

CITY	CITY CLERK TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
HERMOSA BEACH	1	1	7	12,901
LYNWOOD	1	2	10	17,408
MAYWOOD	1	2	4	6,341
MONTEBELLO	1	3	12	23,746

CITY	CITY TREASURER TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
HERMOSA BEACH	1	1	7	12,901
LYNWOOD	1	2	10	17,408
MAYWOOD	1	2	4	6,341
MONTEBELLO	1	2	12	23,746

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## GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

<b>CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT</b>	<b>DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED</b>	<b>CANDIDATES</b>	<b>VOTING PRECINCTS</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
WALNUT VALLEY	1 Division #1	2	6	10,495
	1 Division #4	3	6	10,495
	1 Division #5	2	6	10,495

<b>COUNTY WATER DISTRICTS</b>	<b>DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED</b>	<b>CANDIDATES</b>	<b>VOTING PRECINCTS</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
CRESCENTA VALLEY	2	3	6	11,090
LA HABRA HEIGHTS	3	4	3	3,585
LA PUENTE	2	4	3	3,864
NEWHALL	2	3	13	20,257
ORCHARD DALE	2	4	6	7,547
PICO	2	3	6	11,847
ROWLAND	1 Division #1	2	3	3,306
VALLEY	2	5	9	17,015
	1 (Unexpired Term ending 12/04/09)	2	9	17,015

<b>IRRIGATION DISTRICTS</b>	<b>DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED</b>	<b>CANDIDATES</b>	<b>VOTING PRECINCTS</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
KINNELOA	1 Division #5	2	0	242
PALMDALE	1 Division #1	2	21	35,114
WATER***	1 Division #3	1	21	35,114
	1 Division #4	1	21	35,114

<b>LIBRARY DISTRICTS</b>	<b>DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED</b>	<b>CANDIDATES</b>	<b>VOTING PRECINCTS</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
ALTADENA	3	4	12	24,927

\*Shared District

\*\*\*Nominated by Division, Elected at Large

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**VOTES  
REQUIRED**

**LOCAL MEASURES**

- W ANTELOPE VALLEY JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(Registration: 135,935)  
**Antelope Valley Quality Education Facilities Measure:** To relieve severe school overcrowding, build two new high schools, upgrade facilities at existing high schools, and acquire, repair, construct and equip classrooms, labs, schools, sites and facilities, shall the Antelope Valley Joint Union High School District issue \$240 million in bonds at legal interest rates and appoint a Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure that bond monies are used for voter-approved purposes only and that no monies are used for administrator salaries? 55% of votes cast
- A EL MONTE CITY (Registration: 27,868)  
Shall an ordinance be adopted to reduce the telecommunications portion of the City of El Monte's utility users' tax from 7% to 6.5% and modernize the method for calculating and collecting the telecommunications portion of the tax to reflect technological advances and changes so that all taxpayers are treated in the same manner? Majority
- H HERMOSA BEACH CITY (Registration: 12,901)  
Shall an ordinance be adopted that 1) reduces the local telephone/cable television tax rate from 6% to 5½%, 2) protects the tax against changes in federal law, 3) includes new communication technologies, and 4) retains existing exemptions for seniors and the disabled, with revenue continuing to be used exclusively in Hermosa Beach for essential services such as 911 emergency response, fire, police, and sewer and street repairs, with continued public review of the City budget? Majority
- E LAS VIRGENES JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT\* (Registration: 31,434)  
To support high academic achievement in science, math, reading, and the arts, provide needed textbooks and instructional materials and student counseling/support services, shall the Las Virgenes Unified School District maintain its expiring school parcel tax of \$98/year, without increase, per parcel for eight years with exemptions available for seniors and disabled persons, an independent fiscal oversight committee, with no funds used for administrator's salaries and every dollar staying in this community to preserve quality education? 2/3 Majority  
(Consolidated with Agoura Hills City and Westlake Village City General Municipal Elections)
- L LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT (Registration: 6,072)  
To acquire, construct, repair, and improve Lennox charter high school facilities, including classrooms, science labs, and support facilities and improve student access to computers and modern technology, shall the Lennox School District be authorized to issue \$10,700,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, with annual audits, a citizens' oversight committee, no money for overhead or administrator salaries, and provided all funds are spent locally and cannot be transferred to the State? 55% of votes cast

\*Shared District

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<b>LOCAL MEASURES</b>		<b>VOTES REQUIRED</b>
C	<u>RANCHO PALOS VERDES CITY</u> (Registration: 25,764) Shall an ordinance be adopted that would amend the City's existing Storm Drain User Fee (which provides a dedicated funding source to repair, reconstruct and maintain the citywide storm drain system and install filtration devices that reduce polluted runoff and protect coastal water quality) by: (1) shortening the duration of the Fee from thirty years to ten years and (2) establishing a resident oversight committee?	Majority
D	<u>RANCHO PALOS VERDES CITY</u> (Registration: 25,764) Shall an ordinance be adopted that would repeal the City's existing Storm Drain User Fee?	Majority
UT	<u>SOUTH PASADENA CITY</u> (Registration: 14,250) Shall an ordinance be adopted increasing the existing Utility User's Tax by 3% for the limited period of February 1, 2008 to March 5, 2013?	Majority
AV	<u>SOUTH PASADENA CITY</u> (Registration: 14,250) <b>ADVISORY VOTE ONLY:</b> If the 3% increase in the Utility User's Tax is approved, should not less than 65% of the funds generated by the increase be expended for infrastructure improvements, such as repair, replacement and improvement of water lines, reservoirs, sewer facilities, streets, sidewalks, parks, public buildings and other such infrastructure facilities and not more than 35% of such funds be expended for employee salaries?	Advisory Vote
S	<u>WALNUT VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT</u> (Registration: 29,160) <b>Walnut Valley School Academic Facilities Measure:</b> To attract/retain quality teachers, improve instruction, student health and safety, and classroom facilities, qualify for \$25,000,000 in State matching funds, shall Walnut Valley Unified School District repair, renovate, acquire, construct, and equip classrooms, science labs, sites, school facilities, including upgrading outdated bathrooms, plumbing, roofs, computer technology, fire safety equipment, and earthquake retrofit classrooms, by issuing \$64,600,000 of bonds at legal rates, with mandatory audits, citizen oversight, and no money for administrators' salaries?	55% of votes cast
Y	<u>WALNUT VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT</u> (Registration: 29,160) <b>Walnut Valley School Physical Education Facilities Measure:</b> To provide a healthy learning environment and improve student health and safety, shall Walnut Valley Unified School District issue \$15,200,000 in bonds at legal rates to improve school grounds, fields and facilities, including upgrading unsafe tracks, gyms and equipment, adding tennis courts, constructing a Diamond Bar High School pool, and completing necessary upgrades to athletic facilities; with mandatory audits, independent citizen oversight, and no money for administrators' salaries?	55% of votes cast

\*Shared District

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# HISTORICAL VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTER TURNOUT

## SCHOOL, GENERAL, SPECIAL & CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS

<b>ELECTION</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>TURNOUT</b>	<b>TURNOUT %</b>
Special Statewide & Consolidated Elections	11/05	3,830,385	1,802,031	47.04%
Consolidated Elections	11/03	1,622,672	184,254	11.35%
Special Statewide	10/03	4,010,058	2,203,838	54.96%
Consolidated Elections	11/99	1,745,531	221,299	12.68%
Consolidated Elections	11/97	1,560,068	250,003	16.03%
Consolidated Elections	11/95	1,424,382	209,333	14.69%
Special Statewide & Consolidated Elections	11/93	3,603,562	1,141,791	31.68%
Consolidated Elections	11/91	1,313,840	194,217	14.78%
Consolidated Elections	11/89	1,293,316	178,917	13.83%
Consolidated Elections	11/87	1,282,717	173,361	13.51%
Consolidated Elections	11/85	1,445,112	160,140	11.08%
Consolidated Elections	11/83	1,377,365	243,760	17.69%
Biennial School & General District Elections	11/81	1,248,939	141,582	11.33%
Special Statewide & Consolidated Elections	11/79	2,959,654	1,083,569	36.61%

## MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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**WHAT IS A PROVISIONAL BALLOT AND WHY DO THEY TAKE SO LONG TO PROCESS AFTER EACH ELECTION?**

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Provisional ballots are provided at the voting locations to those voters whose names are not listed on the precinct's roster. Often the voter has moved without informing the Registrar's Office. Sometimes the voter's registration was canceled in error. Often the voter is at the wrong polling place. Another case of provisional voting is when the voter has an "AV" marked in the precinct's roster designating that an absentee ballot was already issued for that voter. However, the voter claims he/she never requested or received an absentee ballot, or states that he/she did not vote the absentee ballot but does not have the absentee ballot to surrender. In these cases, a voter may vote but the ballot is inserted and sealed into a provisional envelope in order to avoid co-mingling with other voted ballots.

The voter, and the precinct inspector at the polling place complete the required information listed on the outside of the provisional envelope. After the envelope is complete, the Pollworker will enter the serial number and the line number from the Provisional Ballot List on the pink Provisional Voter Receipt and give it to the voter. The pink Provisional Voter Receipt was first used in the June 2004 Primary Election. This receipt will give the voter proper information that he/she needs to determine whether or not a provisional vote has been counted. Such "provisional ballots" are not opened or counted until the registration information is researched by the Registrar's Office and the voter is determined to be eligible to vote. This research occurs during the days immediately following election day as part of the official vote canvass. Eligible ballots are added to the count during the canvass period. The law allows 28 days to complete the official tally of the vote (Canvass). Over 100,000 provisional ballots were cast in L.A. County at high voter turnout at the October 2003 Special Recall Election.

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**WHY ARE THE PHONES SO BUSY AT THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE ON ELECTION DAY?**

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On Presidential Election Day, November 2000, the phone company reported that up to 10,000 calls per hour were flooding our phone system. While it is not possible to have sufficient staff to respond to such call volume, an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system was installed and proved to double our call response capability.

The vast majority of callers ask "Where do I go to vote?" Listed below are the responses the caller will hear when calling a designated toll-free number (800) 815-2666:

- While callers are on hold awaiting connection with the IVR or a "live" operator, voice messages inform them alternate sources to obtain information on polling place look up including the back page of the voter's sample ballot booklet, our Internet website address, City Clerk's offices, County libraries and political party headquarters.

- For major elections we provide lists of polling place locations to the 88 city clerks in L.A. County, many of whom also have Internet access. Additionally, over 90 County libraries have Internet access and, along with the political parties and dozens of public and private organizations, partner with our office to assist the voting public. The cooperation of these offices and organizations has been outstanding.



- Since November 1996, poll location look-up by address has been available on our web site at: [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

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### WHY HAS MY VOTING LOCATION CHANGED?

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Every voter's polling place address is printed on the back cover of the sample ballot booklet he/she received in the mail prior to the election. Reasons for changes in polling place locations from previous elections include:

- Precinct boundary changes are required due to increased registration or consolidation of precincts.
- Polling place locations are not permanent, and are subject to availability of the public building, church, private residence, etc. for each election.
- A polling place across the street is not necessarily in the voting precinct for all residents of an area because the precinct boundary line may be established in the middle of the street due to bisecting district lines (i.e. a water district bisecting a precinct).

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**ARE THERE ANY SAFEGUARDS IN THE VOTE TALLY SYSTEM TO GUARD AGAINST FRAUD?**

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As required by law, the Department's computer tally software has been certified by the Secretary of State's Office.

- The Department is required by law to conduct computer Logic and Accuracy tests before, during, and after vote tallying on election night. Additionally, a copy of the vote count program is on file with the Secretary of State's Office.

All voted ballots from a randomly selected 1% of the 832 precincts are manually tallied and balanced against the computer counts to verify the accuracy of the election tally system during the Official Canvass period which takes place after election day, but before results are officially certified. This is also required by law.

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**WHAT PROVISIONS ARE MADE FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES?**

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- **InkaVote Plus** An audio ballot booth is available to assist voters with special needs at every polling place on election day. Voters, who are disabled, including those who are blind or visually impaired, may vote privately and independently using an audio headset and a simple keypad. Once voting is complete, a paper ballot is printed. That ballot is then inserted into the InkaVote Plus PRB like any other ballot. Also, voters whose main language is not English may choose to vote an audio ballot in Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese), Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino or Vietnamese.
- **Curbside Voting** Any voter who cannot reach the voting area at the poll because of architectural barriers or physical limitations may request to vote "curbside", meaning outside of the poll location. A poll worker will bring a ballot and marking device to the voter, assist the voter if necessary, and place the voter's ballot in the ballot box.
- **Voters with Wheelchairs** Designated wheelchair accessible voting booths are available at every County poll location.
- **Permanent Absent Voting** California law permits any voter to apply for Permanent Absent Voter (PAV) status. PAV's are automatically sent an absentee ballot for each election. For further information regarding this program, please call (562) 466-1323.
- **TDD Services for the Hearing Impaired** A telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) is available to receive calls from any citizen who has a hearing impairment. The TDD service number is (562) 462-2259.

**Q****WHAT PROVISIONS ARE MADE FOR MULTILINGUAL VOTERS?****A**

In 1992 federal legislation (Public Law 102-344) passed extending the minority language provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Any County with more than 10,000 residents whose native language is not English and who indicated on their U.S. census form a lack of proficiency in English, is required to provide election materials in the identified languages. In Los Angeles County these language



requirements extend to Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has installed a toll free number (800) 481-8683 for L.A. County residents to call to obtain voting materials in any of these six designated languages. Translated election materials are automatically mailed to voters who have requested this information in past elections. Multilingual information and oral assistance is also available at those polling places where a specific language threshold exists indicating a need for this assistance.

Also, on Election Day every polling place has the InkaVote Plus voting system which includes an audio ballot booth available to assist voters with special needs. Voters whose main language is not English may choose to vote an audio ballot in Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese), Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino or Vietnamese by using an audio headset and a simple keypad. Once voting is complete, a paper ballot is printed. That ballot is then inserted into the InkaVote Plus PBR like any other ballot.

In a continuous effort to reach voters whose first language is not English, our department's website has been expanded to include information on voting services for persons requiring assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese (the languages mandated for translation in compliance with the U.S. Voting Rights Act). Viewers have translated links located on the home page into these specific languages for accessibility. When clicked, viewers will find a Multilingual Assistance Hotline which is a toll free number for voters to request translated materials (i.e., voter registration forms and sample ballot booklets) in a specific language. Hard copies of the "Multilingual Voter Services" brochure are available upon request, or can be viewed on our website [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).



## INKAVOTE PLUS

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### WHAT IS INKAVOTE PLUS?

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InkaVote Plus is an enhancement to the InkaVote paper ballot voting system used by Los Angeles County voters since 2003. It consists of three parts:

1. The **voting device** and the attached special ink marker. Each voter inserts the ballot into the device, securing the ballot over the red pins and then “inks” the ballot card.
2. The **precinct ballot reader (PBR)** sits on top of the ballot box. The PBR checks ballots for overvotes (making more selection for a contest than allowed) and for completely blank ballots (undervotes) and notifies the voter. This provides a second chance for the voter to correct his/her ballot.
3. An **audio ballot booth** is available to assist voters with special needs. Voters who are disabled, including those who are blind or visually impaired, may vote privately and independently using an audio headset and simple up/down arrow keypad. Also, voters whose main language is not English may choose to vote using the audio headset in Chinese (Cantonese or Mandarin), Japanese, Korean, Spanish/ Tagalog/Filipino or Vietnamese. Other voters may also prefer to vote using the audio equipment. Once the voter has made selection

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### HOW DOES INKAVOTE PLUS PROTECT THE VOTE?

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InkaVote Plus alerts voters to overvotes (making more selection for a contest than allowed) or completely blank ballots. This allows for a second chance to make corrections. This protects the vote by insuring each voter’s choices are reflected properly.

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### HOW DOES THE PBR WORK?

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The InkaVote Plus precinct ballot reader (PBR) contains sensors in the ballot slot. When the sensors read an overvoted contest or a completely blank ballot, the ballot returns with a printed notification explaining the error. Ballots without such errors simply pass through the PBR and drop into the ballot box.

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**IS MY VOTE STILL PRIVATE?**

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Yes! The InkaVote ballot may be inserted into the PBR in any direction including upside down. The PBR returns the ballot to a voter only if he/she has overvoted a contest or cast a completely blank ballot. Is so alerted, the voter then returns to the ballot booth to make the correction.

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**CAN VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES USE INKAVOTE PLUS?**

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Yes! InkaVote Plus includes an **audio ballot booth** to provide an independent and private voting experience for voters who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise disabled. Using a private audio headset, voters with visual or other disabilities indicate voting choices using a simple keypad. Once voting is complete, a paper ballot is printed. That ballot is then inserted into the InkaVote Plus PBR like any other ballot. (Note: voting with the audio ballot does take more time due to “reading” the ballot prior to making selections.)

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**HOW DOES INKAVOTE PLUS HELP VOTERS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH SKILLS ?**

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The audio ballot provides service in six languages in addition to English. Voters may choose an audio ballot in any of the languages mandated by the Federal Voting Rights Act: Chinese (Cantonese or Mandarin), Korean, Japanese, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, or Vietnamese.

*For more information on InkaVote Plus visit [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net)*

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK**

**COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT ABSENTEE  
BALLOTS, REGISTRATION AND VOTING**



**ABSENTEE  
BALLOTS**



**VOTING**

**REGISTRATION**

	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS/AUTHORITY
<b>ABSENTEE BALLOTS</b>		
1.	<p><b>WHO MAY VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT (Vote By Mail)?</b></p> <p><b>ARE THERE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A VOTER CAN BE REQUIRED TO VOTE BY MAIL?</b></p>	<p>Any registered voter may vote by "absentee" ballot. Prior to 1978, only persons who had a certified medical excuse or who could demonstrate that they would be out of town on election day were allowed to vote absentee. Since 1978, however, any registered voter may apply for and vote an absentee ballot, making "voting by mail" accessible to everyone. (E.C. SEC. 3003)</p> <p>Yes, if an election precinct has fewer than 250 registered voters on the 88th day prior to an election, that precinct can be declared by the elections official to be a "mail ballot precinct" and all voters in that precinct will automatically be sent absentee ballots. (E.C. SEC. 3005)</p>
<b>HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND VOTE BY MAIL</b>		
2.	<p><b>WHERE CAN I OBTAIN AN APPLICATION TO VOTE BY MAIL?</b></p>	<p>You must apply in writing to your local elections official. The address and telephone number of your county elections official is 12400 Imperial Highway, Absent Voter Section Room 3002, Norwalk 90650, and (562) 466-1323.</p> <p>You can find the telephone number and address of your county elections official by looking in the front of your telephone directory in the white pages, government listing section, under county offices. It will be listed under either "Elections," "Registrar of Voters," "County Clerk," or "Voting."</p> <p>An application to vote by mail is also included in the sample ballot and voter information pamphlet sent to you by the county elections official prior to each election. (E.C. SEC. 3022)</p>
3.	<p><b>WHEN MUST I APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND VOTE BY MAIL?</b></p>	<p>Election officials process applications and mail out absentee ballots in the period 29-7 days prior to an election. You may submit an application prior to this time, but the elections official will hold it until the 29th day. Applications are available at the election official's office and can be completed and submitted in person. (E.C. SEC. 3001)</p> <p>The elections official cannot accept any applications received less than 7 days prior to an election. However, if during the final week before an election you become ill or disabled or for some unforeseen reason find that you will be away from your polling place on election day, you may request (in writing and signed under penalty of perjury) that an absentee ballot be picked up and delivered to you. You may authorize another person to bring you the ballot and to return it to the elections official after you have voted. (E.C. 3021)</p>

	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS/AUTHORITY
4.	<b>WHAT INFORMATION MUST BE INCLUDED IN MY APPLICATION?</b>	Your application must include your printed name, your residence address, as it appears on the affidavit of registration, the address where you want the absentee ballot sent, and the name and date of the election for which you are applying for (e.g. November 6, 2007 Consolidated). In addition, you must sign and date your application. (E.C. SEC. 3006)
5.	<b>I HAVE A MEDICAL DISABILITY. DO I HAVE TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR EACH ELECTION?</b>	<p>No, any voter may apply for permanent absentee voter status. Such voters are automatically sent an absentee ballot for every election. For further information on how to become a permanent absentee voter, refer to your sample ballot or call the Absent Voter Section at (562) 466-1323. (E.C. SEC. 3201)</p> <p>Once a voter becomes a permanent absentee voter, he or she will retain this status as long as he or she casts a ballot in all <b>statewide primary or general</b> elections. If a permanent absentee voter fails to cast a ballot in two consecutive general elections, he or she will be removed from the permanent absentee voter list and will need to reapply in order to have this status restored. (E.C. SEC. 3206)</p>
6.	<b>I WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR AN ELECTION AND I'M CONCERNED THAT THE MAIL IS SLOW AND I MAY NOT RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT IN TIME TO COMPLETE IT AND RETURN IT BY ELECTION DAY. IS THERE ANY WAY I CAN APPLY EARLIER THAN THE NORMAL 29 DAYS?</b>	<p>Yes. If you are in the military or temporarily living overseas you may qualify as a "special absentee voter." Special absentee ballot applications may be processed by the elections official as many as <b>60 days</b> prior to an election. Application must contain the same information cited in #4. (E.C. SEC. 3103)</p> <p>An application by a qualified special absentee voter shall be deemed an affidavit of voter registration and an application for permanent absent voter status. (E.C. SEC. 3104)</p>
<p><b>HOW TO VOTE BY MAIL USING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT</b>  <b>Once you have obtained your ballot by following the steps outlined above, you can vote your ballot and return it by mail or personally.</b></p>		
7.	<b>I APPLIED FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO VOTE BY MAIL. I HAVE NOT RECEIVED MY BALLOT BY RETURN MAIL AND MUST LEAVE FOR A TRIP IMMEDIATELY. IS THERE A WAY I CAN STILL VOTE WITHOUT WAITING FOR MY ABSENTEE BALLOT?</b>	Yes, any voter may vote between October 31 and November 6, at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office in Norwalk. Since you will be unable to surrender your absentee ballot, you will be issued a "provisional" ballot, which will not be counted until it can be determined that you did not also vote by mail.

	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS/AUTHORITY
8.	<p><b>HOW DO I VOTE MY BALLOT?</b></p> <p><b>MAY I APPLY AND VOTE AT THE ELECTIONS OFFICIALS' OFFICE?</b></p>	<p>Follow the instructions, which accompany your ballot provided by the elections official. Failure to complete your ballot correctly could jeopardize your vote. You will receive all the supplies necessary for the use and return of the ballot. (E.C. SEC. 3010)</p> <p>Yes, during regular business hours and on the two weekends prior to election day. Call the Absent Voter Section at (562) 466-1323 for office hours or if you have any questions concerning your absentee ballot.</p>
9.	<p><b>DO I HAVE TO SIGN THE ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE?</b></p>	<p>Yes. The signature is compared to the signature on your voter registration card before the ballot is counted to determine that you are the authorized voter. This is an important protection for you. To preserve the secrecy of your ballot, once the signature comparison is made, the ballot is separated from the envelope to prevent anyone from knowing how you voted. In this manner, the ballot becomes as anonymous and secret as any of the other ballots before they are counted. If, when you apply for an absentee ballot, you omit any of the required information from your application, the elections official will send you a ballot, but will also include a notice that the missing information must be provided in order for the ballot to be counted. (E.C. SECS. 3009, 3019)</p>
10.	<p><b>WHEN MUST I RETURN THE VOTED BALLOT?</b></p>	<p>In order to be counted, your ballot must be <u>received</u> by the elections official no later than the close of the polls on election day. The polls close in California at 8:00 p.m. You can mail it or bring it to the elections office or to any polling place worker within the county. Ballots received after close of polls cannot be counted regardless of postmarks. (E.C. SECS. 3017, 3020)</p> <p>If you return your voted ballot by mail, don't forget to put the required postage on the envelope. The post office cannot deliver it without the required postage.</p>
11.	<p><b>IF I LOSE THE ABSENTEE BALLOT SENT TO ME, CAN I GET ANOTHER ONE?</b></p>	<p>Yes. However, you must sign a statement under penalty of perjury that you have lost or did not receive the first absentee ballot. The elections official maintains a record of each request, and provides a list of these requests to the polling place to ensure that each voter only casts one ballot. If you vote twice by absentee ballot, even if by mistake, neither ballot will be counted. (E.C. SECS. 3013, 3014)</p>
12.	<p><b>CAN I GIVE MY VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOT TO SOMEONE ELSE TO RETURN FOR ME?</b></p>	<p>If you are ill, or have a physical disability, you may designate a relative (spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, or sister) or any person residing in the same household as you to return your voted ballot for you following the instructions printed on the back of the return envelope. Your relative may return it in person to the elections official or to a polling place in your county, or may place it in the mail for return to the elections official. Contact your county elections official for more information. (E.C. SEC. 3017)</p>

	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS/AUTHORITY
13.	<b>IF I REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, CAN I CHANGE MY MIND AND STILL VOTE AT MY REGULAR POLLING PLACE?</b>	<p>Yes, but you must bring your unvoted absentee ballot and give it to the polling place worker before voting a regular ballot. (E.C. SEC 3015)</p> <p>If you are unable to surrender your absentee ballot, however, you may still cast a "provisional" ballot at your polling place which will not be counted until it can be determined that you have not also voted by absentee ballot. (E.C. SECS. 3016, 14310)</p>
<b>REGISTRATION</b>		
14.	<b>WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER TO VOTE?</b>	U.S. Citizen – Resident of California – 18 years of age at next election -- Not in prison or on parole for conviction of felony. (CA. CONST. ART. II, SEC 2, E.C. SECS. 321, 2101)
15.	<p><b>HOW LONG MUST A PERSON RESIDE IN CALIFORNIA TO BE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER AND VOTE?</b></p> <p><b>NEW RESIDENTS &amp; NEW CITIZENS</b></p>	<p>A person who has a residence in California, and intends to remain a resident is eligible to vote in California elections. (E.C. SEC. 349)</p> <p>To vote in an election an Affidavit of Registration must be executed and received by the election official at least 15 days before the election. A properly executed affidavit postmarked on or before the 15th day before an election and received by mail after the 15th day will be accepted. (E.C. SEC. 2102)</p> <p>A "new resident" who established residency in California after the 29th day before an election may vote for President and Vice President by registering to vote in the election official's office between the 28th day and 7th day before the presidential election. (E.C. SECS. 332, 3400)</p> <p>Persons who become citizens after the close of registration may register and vote at the Registrar of Voters office between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> day before an election. New citizens must present a Certificate of Naturalization and declare they have established residency in the county. (E.C. SECS. 331, 3500, 3501)</p>
16.	<b>THE U.S. CONSTITUTION STATES THAT AS A CITIZEN I HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. (AMEND'S 15, 19, 24, 26) WHY MUST I REGISTER?</b>	The U.S. Constitution also delegates many powers to the States. California law requires an Affidavit of Registration unless a Superior Court has issued a judgment directing registration. (CA. CONST. ART. II, SEC. 3, E.C. SEC. 2100)
17.	<b>MAY I REGISTER EVEN IF MY 18TH BIRTHDAY IS THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION?</b>	No. Must be <u>18</u> on or before the day of the election. (E.C. Sec. 2000, County Counsel Opinion)
18.	<p><b>DO I NEED TO PAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE?</b></p> <p><b>CAN A WORKER AT THE POLLING PLACE ASK ME TO TAKE ANY TESTS?</b></p>	<p>No fees may be charged for registration. (E.C. SEC. 2121)</p> <p>No.</p>

	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS/AUTHORITY
19.	<b>MY HUSBAND IS OUT OF TOWN, MAY I REGISTER FOR HIM?</b>	No. The signature of the registrant certifies the truthfulness and correctness of the affidavit, under penalty of perjury. (E.C. SECS. 2102, 2150)
20.	<b>MAY I REGISTER TO VOTE IN L.A. COUNTY WHILE I AM TEMPORARILY IN ANOTHER COUNTY?</b>	Yes. The other county would send the registration to L.A., just as we would if the situation were reversed. (E.C. SECS. 2113, 2114)
21.	<b>WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER TO VOTE BUT I AM AN ACTOR AND DO NOT WANT MY ADDRESS MADE PUBLIC.</b>	Under current state law, voter registrations are a matter of public record and must be disclosed on request. Specific voter registration information is however confidential. This includes the home address, telephone number, e-mail address, precinct number, California drivers license/identification number, social security number and any other unique identifier used for purposes of identification. <b>Exception:</b> This information is available to any candidate, specific committees and to any person using this information for election, scholarly, journalistic, political or governmental purposes. (GOV'T. CODE 6250 et seq. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, 6254.4 and E.C. SEC. 2194)
22.	<b>MY MOTHER IS DISABLED. MAY I SIGN THE AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION FOR HER?</b>	If unable to write she may make a mark or cross as a signature. You, then, may sign and date the affidavit below her signature or mark. (E.C. SEC. 2150)
23.	<b>MAY I REGISTER TO VOTE AT MY BUSINESS ADDRESS OR MAY I USE MY P.O. BOX NUMBER?</b>	A person may only register to vote at his or her place of residence. A business address or P.O. Box number may only be used as a mailing address. (E.C. SECS. 349, 2020-2035)
24.	<b>WHEN MUST A VOTER REGISTER?</b>	The registration of a voter is permanent unless a person requests cancellation, is legally found mentally incompetent, imprisoned or on parole for conviction of a felony, dies, moves out of the precinct and/or county, wants to change party affiliation, is unknown at the registered address or has a Residency Confirmation (RCOP) postcard returned or other notification by the Postal Service as undeliverable. A voter must reregister if the voter registration has been canceled for any of the above reasons, and the voter is presently eligible. (E.C. SECS. 2200, 2201, 2222, 2224)
25.	<b>WHEN IS IT ADVISABLE, BUT NOT MANDATORY TO REREGISTER?</b>	If a voter has change of surname (through marriage, etc.). (E.C. SEC. 2115) If a voter moves within the same election precinct. (E.C. SEC. 2204)
26.	<b>MAY I SIGN A PETITION IF I AM NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE?</b>	If you complete and sign an Affidavit of Registration on the same date or a date prior to signing the petition, and if the elections official receives the affidavit on or before the date the petition is filed, the signature will be validated. (E.C. SEC. 2102)



	<b>QUESTIONS</b>	<b>ANSWERS/AUTHORITY</b>
27.	<p><b>DO I NEED TO RE-REGISTER IF I MOVED, CHANGE MY NAME OR POLITICAL PARTY?</b></p> <p><b>FAIL SAFE VOTING</b></p> <p><b>I MOVED AFTER THE OCTOBER 22 REGISTRATION DEADLINE. CAN I VOTE IN THIS ELECTION?</b></p>	<p>California law requires a voter to reregister if they move, change their name or wish to change their political party affiliation. (E.C. SECS. 2115, 2116, 2152, 2204)</p> <p>Under Federal and State election law provisions, voters who moved 15 days or more before an election and fail to notify the elections office of the address change may vote by provisional ballot at the polling place for the <b>NEW</b> residence address or at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerks Office in Norwalk. (E.C. SEC. 14311)</p> <p>Voters, who moved between October 22 and November 6, may vote at the polling place for either the <b>NEW or PRIOR</b> residence address or at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerks Office in Norwalk. Voters who have moved will be asked to vote by provisional ballot. Voter registration address information will be changed for future elections. (It is recommended voters be advised to vote at polling place for new address to provide necessary change of address information to update voter file.) (E.C. SECS. 2035, 14311)</p>
<b>VOTING</b>		
28.	<b>WHAT DO I DO IF MY POLLING PLACE IS NOT OPEN?</b>	Check the address on the back of your sample ballot to make sure you have gone to the right place. Polling places often change. If you are at the right place, call the Registrar's Office at (562) 466-1373 to let them know the polling place is not open. (COUNTY REQUEST)
29.	<b>IF I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN I GET TO MY POLLING PLACE, CAN SOMEONE THERE HELP ME?</b>	Yes, the precinct board will help you. (E.C. SECS. 14272, 14282)
30.	<b>CAN I TAKE MY SAMPLE BALLOT OR OWN WRITTEN LIST INTO THE VOTING BOOTH?</b>	Yes. Deciding your votes before you go to the polling place will help in voting your ballot. (COUNTY RECOMMENDATION)
31.	<b>CAN I VOTE FOR SOMEONE WHOSE NAME IS NOT ON THE BALLOT?</b>	Yes, if the person is a qualified write-in candidate. Only votes for "qualified" write-in candidates will be counted. You may ask your precinct board member for a list of these candidates. You may vote for these candidates by writing their names and the office on the write-in portion of the ballot. If you don't know how to do this, ask your poll worker for help. (E.C. SECS. 15340-15342)
32.	<b>I'VE LOST MY SAMPLE BALLOT AND DON'T KNOW WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO GO VOTE.</b>	You can access the Internet at <a href="http://lavote.net">lavote.net</a> for ballot and/or polling place information. You may also call 1(800) 815-2666, (562) 466-1310, (562) 466-1323 for more information.