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WEEKLY STATUS REPORT: NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION

The following report is the fourth in a series of weekly election status reports published in order to inform your Board and the public of our preparation for the November 2 General Election. The information and data included here link to the County's goal of "service excellence". Additionally, these reports support the Department's ongoing commitment to open and transparent elections for the citizens of Los Angeles County.

The report contains various updates pertaining to recent election-related activities, sample ballot mailing, vote by mail ballots, and poll worker recruitment efforts. The report is organized into five sections. These are:

1. Status of Vote by Mail and Ballot Mailing
2. Sample Ballot Mailings
3. Poll Workers: Recruitment, Training and Polling Place Recruitment
4. Voter Registration
5. Final Election Activities: Simulation Saturday and "Get Out The Vote" Email Blast
6. Special Projects and Announcements: Election Night Red Box Mapping, Voter Empowerment Workshops Recap, Permanent Vote By Mail Enrollment, and Voter Alert for 28th State Senate District

1. Status of Vote by Mail and Ballot Mailing

The mailing of Vote By Mail ballots have been completed. For this election, we received **1,105,104** requests for Vote by Mail ballots, more than ever before. To date, we have mailed **1,052,602** ballots to voters, and we have received **357,335** returned ballots.

The legal deadline to request a Vote By Mail ballot was October 26. In-person early voting is being conducted daily at Norwalk Headquarters leading up to Election Day, and will also be available Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Military and Overseas Voting

Our office begins processing Special Vote By Mail applications for uniformed service members and citizens living outside the United States sixty days prior to an election. By October 27, we had mailed **26,624** military and overseas ballots and have received back **2,941** voted ballots to date. Of those received, 1,185 are from military voters while 1,756 are from civilian overseas voters.

2. Sample Ballot Mailings

Mailing of the Official Sample Ballot booklet began on September 24 and was completed by October 26. In total, we mailed over 4.4 million Sample Ballot booklets to voters across Los Angeles County and abroad. Sample Ballots are also available online through our poll look up feature on www.lavote.net. Voters can view their Sample Ballot online in any of the seven languages offered, as required by federal law.

3. Poll Workers: Training, Recruitment and Polling Place Recruitment

Last weekend, Inspectors picked up their Election Day supplies from Check-in-Centers located throughout the County. Our staff was on-site from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday to assist Inspectors with loading equipment and other materials into their vehicles. In total, we had 92% of Inspectors pick up their equipment last weekend. Our Elections Operations Warehouse remains open for the remaining Inspectors to pick up supplies until all equipment and supplies are distributed.

Training:

Poll worker training commenced one month ago and is nearly complete. Training sessions will be held until October 31, and the RR/CC Poll Worker Training Unit will have conducted nearly **400 training sessions** for Inspectors and Clerks. Supplemental online training is also available to all poll workers for completion prior to Election Day.

Currently, there are 3,924 Inspectors who have attended the mandatory training class. Attendance of the training class is a requirement for Inspectors to work on Election Day. There are approximately 40 classes available throughout the County in the next few days that Inspectors can still attend.

Polling Places:

Polling place recruitment is complete. All of the **4,770** required polling places have been confirmed for the November election. Since the Official Sample Ballots were sent to voters there have been 35 changes in polling locations, and postcard notices have been sent to make voters aware of the change in their polling place.

Polling Places By Supervisorial District						
November 2, 2010 General Election						
	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	Totals
Required	732	890	988	1,033	1,127	4,770
Confirmed	732	890	988	1,033	1,127	4,770

Poll Workers:

For the November 2, 2010 General Election, we require more than 20,000 Clerks, Inspectors and Coordinators to staff our 4,770 polling places. Our recruitment efforts began almost immediately following the June Primary and are nearly complete.

Poll Worker Recruitment Report				
November 2, 2010 General Election				
	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29
Inspectors				
Required	4,770	4,770	4,770	4,770
Recruited	4,755	4,760	4,762	4,767
Outstanding	15	10	8	3
Clerks				
Required	17,057	17,099	17,099	17,168
Confirmed	15,883	17,516	18,272	18,589
Outstanding	1,174	337	95	-1,421 ¹
Special Recruitment				
County Employees	3,156	3,309	3,501	3,606
Bilingual PW	4,554	4,704	4,777	4,711 ²
Students	1,624	2,511	2,804	2,921

4. Voter Registration

The last day to have registered to vote for participation in the General Election was Monday, October 18. Since the June 8 Primary, our office has seen voter registration totals increase throughout the County. By the close of registration, our office had received **233,387** voter registrations since June.

¹ There are currently 1,421 more Clerks confirmed than required.

² The number of confirmed bilingual poll workers has surpassed the requirement of 4,678.

Monthly Voter Registration Totals by District						
November 2, 2010 General Election						
	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Totals
District 1	2,624	2,987	6,078	8,013	15,006	34,708
District 2	3,269	3,382	6,532	8,720	24,361	46,264
District 3	5,223	4,721	6,915	9,743	24,614	51,216
District 4	4,302	4,537	8,244	10,034	22,974	50,091
District 5	4,519	5,176	8,878	12,708	19,827	51,108
Countywide	19,937	20,803	36,647	49,218	106,782	233,387

5. Final Election Activities: Simulation Saturday and “Get Out The Vote” Email Blast

Simulation Saturday

This Saturday the RR/CC will host a press conference and an Election Tally Simulation. The simulation is a regular part of election preparation, which tests the equipment involved in tallying ballots. Members of the media and the general public are invited to attend the event, which will take place at Headquarters beginning with the press conference at 9:15 a.m. The Election Tally Simulation is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

“Get Out The Vote” Email Blast

In an effort to make election information and online services more accessible to the public, our office has piloted an initiative of sending information to voters directly through the email addresses voluntarily provided on voter registration forms. More than 750,000 voters were targeted in this outreach campaign, which represents all registered voters who provided email addresses on their registration forms. A series of four emails was sent to voters over the weeks leading up to Election Day.

These emails covered general election information; gave tips on how to Vote By Mail; and even provided military and overseas voters with information about registering and voting.

The final email was sent to all voters with registered emails on October 27. This reminder provided last minute tips to ensure voters are able to cast their ballot by November 2, and reminded Vote By Mail voters of the timelines and requirements for returning voted ballots (Appendix 1).

6. Special Projects and Announcements: Election Night Red Box Mapping, Voter Empowerment Workshops Recap, Permanent Vote By Mail Enrollment, and Voter Alert for 28th State Senate District

Election Night Red Box Mapping

On Election Night, the public will be able to view the return of ballots in each Los Angeles County community by using our online Election Night Red Box Mapping feature, which can be found on www.lavote.net.

After the close of polls, Inspectors seal their ballots in a red box issued by our office and report to one of the 74 Check-in-Centers located throughout the County. Upon return, red boxes are scanned at the Check-in-Center, and a map of these reporting precincts is displayed online for public viewing. This is an ongoing practice of our office, which demonstrates the commitment to conducting transparent elections for all Los Angeles County voters.

Voter Empowerment Workshops Recap



As a means to restore voter confidence in the electoral process, national, state, and local community-based organizations and government agencies united in coordinating a series of community workshops. These workshops were designed to ensure that communities have access to information about the election and provide a venue for the public to voice their concerns about the integrity of the election. Four workshops were scheduled in the Southeast area of Los Angeles in anticipation of the upcoming November General Election.

Voter Empowerment Workshops were held in the Cities of **Bell, Compton, South Gate,** and **Pomona**. The workshops in Bell and South Gate received media attention from ABC-7 and Univision KMEX.

Many participants of the workshops were first time voters. Participants were walked through the voting process and received information about where to access non-partisan information about candidates and propositions on the November ballot. Our office answered questions about voter registration, Vote By Mail, the polling place, and many other common voter questions.

Our office reached out to approximately 24,000 residents with email addresses on file to make the public aware of this service; however, the workshops were open to all voters in Southeast Los Angeles County.

The RR/CC partnered with the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles, California Common Cause, California Participation Project, the NALEO Educational Fund, and the Los Angeles Unified School District to facilitate this effort. Other partners included the Office of Senator Ron Calderon and the Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina.

Permanent Vote By Mail Enrollment

Earlier this month, our office implemented a pilot program that encourages voters to enroll as Permanent Vote By Mail (PVBM) voters (Appendix 2). The pilot targets 250,000 voters through direct mailers proportionally distributed throughout the County who are not currently PVBM voters, but who have a history of voting in past elections. There have been 18,009 returned applications since mail pieces first entered the mail stream on October 4.

In addition to direct mail solicitation, we have made it easier for voters to apply for PVBM status by creating a check-box on the back of the Official Sample Ballot Booklet sent to all registered voters. This check-box enables the voter to permanently request a VBM ballot by simply marking the box and returning the application back to our office. To date, there are 100,994 voters who have taken advantage of this option.

For this election, we have received a total of 174,336 new requests from the public to become Permanent Vote By Mail voters. This is up over 1500% from the last statewide election held in June in which we received 10,755 new requests. General elections typically receive more attention from voters compared to primaries; however, the increase can also be attributed to the recent outreach efforts to boost PVBM enrollment.

The current total number of PVBM voters is approximately 872,000, which makes up 19.8% of the 4.4 million registered voters in this election. This figure has increased since June when PVBM voters represented only 14% of the voting population.

So far, the number of returned PVBM ballots for the upcoming General Election is 329,569, compared to 277,194 ballots returned at this point in the election calendar for the June Primary.

Permanent Vote By Mail Requests and Returns				
By Supervisorial District				
	June 8 Primary		November 2 General	
	New Requests	Returns	New Requests	Returns
District 1	1,031	25,890	21,712	33,024
District 2	1,596	35,132	28,642	43,315
District 3	1,873	62,391	42,179	79,190
District 4	4,175	72,780	38,419	79,286
District 5	2,080	81,001	47,623	94,754
Totals	10,755	277,194	178,575	329,569

Voter Alert for 28th State Senate District


State Senator Jenny Oropeza, candidate for State Senate District 28, died on October 20, 2010. In an effort to address the concerns of voters who may have questions regarding the passing of a candidate, our office has issued a Voter Alert to inform them of the laws surrounding this issue (Appendix 3).

In accordance with California State Law, if a candidate dies close to Election Day, his or her name will still appear on the ballot as an active candidate for the contest. This means that votes for Jenny Oropeza will be counted and, if elected, a Special Vacancy Election will be proclaimed by the Governor to fill the vacancy after December 6, 2010.

The Voter Alert will be distributed to all polling places in State Senate District 28 and posted on the main page of our website, www.lavote.net.

Appendix 1


Get Out The Vote Email Reminder



REMINDER!

Statewide General Election


Tuesday November 2, 2010



“Help Decide The Future of Your Community”

V O T E!

POLLING PLACE HOURS: 7AM - 8PM


 **Assistance for Voters with Specific Needs**
To confirm that your polling place is wheelchair accessible refer to the back cover of your sample ballot.




Prepare to Cast Your Vote on November 2, 2010

Make sure you're Registered	Verify and track your Voter Registration online.
Locate Your Polling Place	Review the back cover of the official sample ballot booklet. Visit www.lavote.net or Call us at (800) 815-2666.
Return your Vote By Mail Ballot	Your mailed ballot must be received by the RR/CC by November 2nd, 8 p.m. You may return your ballot in person to RR/CC Headquarters, or to any polling place before 8 p.m. on Election Day.
Vote at the Polls	Polling Places will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 2nd.

*Access our online services at www.lavote.net or call us at (800) 815-2666.

***Language Assistance**
For additional information or immediate assistance, voters may call the RR/CC multilingual assistance line at (800) 481-8683.

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CONNECT WITH US...    

Appendix 2

Permanent Vote by Mail Application Direct Mailer (Front and Back Covers)



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GENERAL ELECTION




2010

November 2, 2010



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INPUT DATE	INTL	NOTIFICATION DATE	INTL	VID #
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OFFICE USE ONLY

NAME: (PRINT) _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

REGISTERED ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

ZIP CODE: _____

SIGNATURE AS REGISTERED X _____

DATE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____

Address where ballot will be mailed (if different from registered address)

ADDRESS: (PRINT) _____

CITY: _____

ZIP CODE: _____

Dear Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk:
I am currently a registered voter in Los Angeles County and am applying for Permanent Vote By Mail status.

APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL STATUS

(Inside Pages)



ATTENTION

**Didn't vote in an Election because you were too busy or forgot!
Become a PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL voter.**

HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Complete and return the attached form.
- 2 Automatically receive a Vote By Mail ballot every election.
- 3 Vote your ballot from the convenience of your home, office, the park...*you decide.*

Become a PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL voter. You can never be too busy to Vote By Mail.

WARNING: This request must be received by our office no later than October 26, 2010 to receive a Vote By Mail ballot for this election. Voted ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on November 2, 2010.

(Complete and detach this form - Postage is required)



VOTE BY MAIL UNIT
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
PO BOX 30450
LOS ANGELES CA 90030-0450



Place
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Postage
Stamp Here



DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION?

RETURN ADDRESS

Appendix 3

Voter Alert

VOTER ALERT

NOVEMBER 2ND GENERAL ELECTION

28TH STATE SENATE DISTRICT

State Senator Jenny Oropeza, candidate for State Senate District 28 died on October 20th, 2010.

In accordance with California State Law, if a candidate dies close to Election Day his or her name will still appear on the ballot, and he or she is still an active candidate in the contest.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- ★ **Jenny Oropeza remains an active candidate for State Senate;**
- ★ **Votes cast for Jenny Oropeza will be counted;**
- ★ **If she is elected, a separate Special Vacancy Election will be called by the Governor to fill the vacancy after December 6, 2010;**
- ★ **All eligible voters in State Senate District 28 will be eligible to vote in the Special Vacancy Election.**



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