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RRCC Creates Toolkit to Commemorate Voting Rights Act of 1965

In preparation for the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) is offering an extensive downloadable tool kit for cities, counties and elected offices to use.

The toolkit features a brief history of the VRA, a timeline, a sample resolution and social media posts to commemorate the event among other resources.

The Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965 is a milestone in national legislation that prohibits discriminatory voting practices from disenfranchising African Americans. The act, which was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, makes it illegal to require eligible voters to pass literacy tests in order to register to vote. In the same year the act was passed, many key events took place throughout the Civil Rights Movement: Malcolm X was assassinated, the Selma to Montgomery marches occurred, the Watts riots in Los Angeles occurred, and President Johnson issued Executive Order 11246 to enforce Affirmative Action for the first time.

Download the toolkit here: <http://lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voter-education/voting-rights-act-1965/>

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