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LA County Officials Join to Commemorate Voting Rights Act of 1965 50th Anniversary

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan will join Los Angeles County Supervisors Hilda Solis, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Sheila Kuehl, Don Knabe, and Assessor Jeffrey Prang to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act on Thursday, August 6 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Temple Street steps at 1:30 p.m.

Adoption of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965 is a historic milestone in national legislation that prohibits discriminatory practices from disenfranchising African Americans and minorities. Since its initial passage, the Act has expanded its reach with amendments that assist language minorities in the voting process by providing language-specific election materials to jurisdictions with large numbers of language minorities.

“The Voting Rights Act of 1965 set the foundation of our representative form of government - that everyone has the right to vote,” said Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan. “In passing the Act in 1965, Congress made a strong and emphatic statement that in order for that foundation to remain strong the voting franchise has to be available to all eligible Americans regardless of race, ethnicity, language spoken, location and access. Fifty years later, we celebrate this strong foundation and its commitment to be our representative democracy.”

The office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) is also offering an exclusive 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. Download the toolkit here: <http://lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voter-education/voting-rights-act-1965>

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