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FROM: Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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STATUS REPORT: NOVEMBER 3, 2009 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS

Following is a pre-election status report provided to inform the Board and the public of our progress in preparing for the November 3, 2009 Consolidated Elections. The information and data are provided to help further the County's goal of "service excellence". In addition, the report is part of the Department's ongoing commitment to conduct open and transparent elections for the citizens of Los Angeles County.

The November 3, 2009 Consolidated Elections will decide contests for 102 active local and special districts, from City Council and School Board contests, to local Water Boards, including nearly two dozen local ballot measures. More than 1.5 million registered voters are eligible to participate in the election. The contents of this report provide you brief summary of our preparations. The enclosed "**Media Kit**" provides more specific information about the conduct of the election and relevant statistics.

Election Day Voter Resources

1. **Online Polling Places and Sample Ballots:** Our online poll locator at <http://www.lavote.net/locator/> is available to help voters locate their polling place and/or review their sample ballot.
2. **Voting Registration Status Look-Up:** Voters unsure of their voter registration status can access our online "Voter Registration Look-Up" application on our home page. Direct link: https://lavote.net/SECURED/VOTER_REG/

Status Update

1. Special Updates

Election Simulation:

I am pleased to report that on Saturday, October 31, 2009 the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) executed a successful simulation of ballot inspection and election tally operations in preparation for the November 3, 2009 Consolidated Elections. Prior to every countywide election the Department conducts an election simulation to run through final Election Night procedures.

Accessing Election Results on Election Day:

Election results for this election will be available online and via telephone. In addition, this election, the RR/CC will provide a variety of updates, including election results via Twitter.

Online: <http://rrcc.co.la.ca.us/elect/>

Telephone: (562) 466-1310

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/lacountyrrcc>

Initial results will be posted shortly after polls close. Results will be updated on an ongoing basis as ballots are delivered and processed. To track the status of ballots being delivered the RR/CC website offers an online “red-box” tracking system that allows the user to track the precincts that have arrived for processing and those still in transit (visit: www.lavote.net). On average, election results are updated on the hour.

2. Status of Vote by Mail Voting

Provided below is a general summary of statistics for Vote by Mail and Overseas Voting as of October 31, 2009:

VBM Packets Issued: <i>(including Permanent Vote by Mail voters)</i>	368,720
VBM Ballots Returned: <i>(Including In-Person Early Voting at RR/CC counter)</i>	124,214

Voted ballots must be received by our office or returned at any polling place in the County by the 8:00 p.m. close of polls on Election Day. Postmarked envelopes will not be accepted.

3. Voting Systems/Tally Operations

All systems preparations, including required Logic and Accuracy tests were completed on October 21, 2009 and October 22, 2009.

Election Results Update Schedule:

The following canvass schedule provides dates and times when election results will be updated throughout the official election canvass period.

NOVEMBER 3, 2009 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS SCHEDULED TALLY UPDATES

- Friday, November 6 – 2 p.m.
1st Ballot Counting Update
- Tuesday, November 10 – 2 p.m.
2nd Ballot Counting Update
- Friday, November 13 – 2 p.m.
3rd Ballot Counting Update
- Tuesday, November 17 – 2 p.m.
4th Ballot Counting Update
- Friday, November 20 – 2 p.m.
5th Ballot Counting Update
- Monday, November 23 – 10 a.m.
6th Ballot Counting Update (if necessary)



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October 26, 2009

TO: Members of the Media, Election Observers, And
All Members of the Public

FROM: Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

MEDIA KIT CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 3, 2009

We are pleased to provide the November 3rd Consolidated Elections “Media Kit” to better inform the public. This guide contains information on candidates and measures, voter registration and turnout statistics and a wealth of other important information related to the conduct of the election. The Media Kit can also be found online at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) website www.lavote.net.


The November 3, 2009 Consolidated Elections will decide contests for 102 active local and special districts, from City Council and School Board contests, to local Water Boards, including nearly two dozen local ballot measures. More than 1.5 million registered voters are eligible to participate in the election. The contents of this kit is a resource for detailed and accurate information of how these elections will be conducted.

Our Democratic process cannot function without the many hours of volunteer time given by our poll workers and the exceptional work they perform on Election Day. It has been a remarkable year for elections. In 2009, we have conducted a Statewide Special and Consolidated Election and an unprecedented ten Special Elections since December 2008. As we prepare to conduct the last major election of 2009 I want to give many thanks to Los Angeles County’s volunteer poll workers for their dedicated and continued service throughout 2009.

On Election Night get up-to-the-minute Los Angeles County election results beginning at 8:15 p.m. on our website www.lavote.net; some abbreviated result updates will also be available via twitter at <http://twitter.com/lacountyrrcc>.

For more Information, visit us online at www.lavote.net or follow us on Twitter 

<http://twitter.com/lacountyrrcc>

RR/CC Press Releases available via RSS Feeds  subscribe at http://www.lavote.com/GENERAL/RSS_Feeds.cfm

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS
NOVEMBER 3, 2009

ELECTIONS: FYI 2009

This packet of material is designed to provide information about the Consolidated Elections to be held on November 3, 2009. 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>; Some abbreviated result updates will also be available via Twitter at <http://twitter.com/lacountyrrcc>.***

Election Results on Wednesday, November 3.....(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).

Additional Information Concerning Election Results

On Wednesday afternoon, November 4, 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
Mt. San Antonio Community College	Orange
Rowland Unified	Orange

City and community results may be obtained in the Election Information Section beginning about noon on Wednesday, November 4. Copies of the semi-official precinct by precinct statement of votes cast will be available Thursday afternoon November 5, 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 23.

KEY SERVICES

INKAVOTE PLUS IS HERE TO PROTECT YOUR VOTE!

The *InkaVote Plus* voting equipment is an enhancement to the InkaVote optical scan paper-based voting system used in Los Angeles County since November 2003. Introduced in 2006, the *Plus* includes two key features at every voting location: a ballot reader and an audio ballot booth.

After voting the InkaVote ballot using the ink marker provided, each voter inserts his/her ballot into the InkaVote Plus reader. The reader checks the ballot for inadvertent errors. The reader alerts any voter who makes more selections in a contest than allowed – i.e. an “overvote” - or who mistakenly fails to ink the ballot at all – i.e. a blank ballot. Pollworkers will advise any voter who has overvoted or submitted a blank ballot of the opportunity to make a correction before casting his/her ballot (InkaVote Plus gives voters a second chance to ensure their votes are cast as intended). If no such errors were made, the voted ballot is accepted by the reader and automatically drops into a secure ballot box.

The second component is an audio ballot booth. This equipment is available in each precinct to assist voters who are blind or have specific needs to enable private and independent voting using an audio headset to create a paper InkaVote ballot. Audio voting may also be popular with voters whose primary language is other than English. The audio ballot is available in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese. The second chance voting feature provided by the ballot reader, together with the audio ballot booth, assures Los Angeles County is compliant with the Help America Vote Act and the Voting Rights Act.

FACTS ABOUT INKAVOTE PLUS

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InkaVote Plus Voting System

- Tested and approved by Federal Election Authorities (March 2006)
- Tested and certified by California Secretary of State (April 2006, January 2008)
- Used successfully for all Los Angeles County elections since November 2006

InkaVote Plus Voter Advantages:

- √ Prevents voters from casting blank ballots
- √ Prevents overvotes (more selections than a contest allows)
- √ Provides an audio option for:
 - Voters with visual impairments
 - Voters who prefer translation assistance

SAMPLE BALLOT VIEWING CHOICES

Voters may now choose to view or download their full sample ballot for the November 3, 2009 Consolidated Elections from our website, www.lavote.net. The website feature includes official ballot pages (also available in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese), candidate statements, ballot measures, analysis and arguments for or against, as applicable to the voter's ballot. There are 210 different ballot groups for this election with different local contests depending on the voter's districts. Sample ballots may be viewed by selecting "View Sample Ballot" from the Online Services menu on the Department's website.

"BALLOT EXPRESS" WILL-CALL SERVICE FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT PICK-UP

Since the 2004 General Election, the Registrar has offered a convenient service entitled Ballot Express, a "will-call" service for vote by mail voters. Traditionally, thousands of voters walk into our Norwalk office to apply for and pick up a vote by mail ballot. The volume is especially high during the week prior to a major election, which previously resulted in voters waiting for up to 30 minutes for service. The Ballot Express service allows voters to call (562) 466-1323 in advance and arrange to have a vote by mail ballot ready when they arrive at the office. Any registered voter is eligible to use the Ballot Express service.

MULTILINGUAL VOTER SERVICES

In accordance with federal law and in a continuous effort to assist voters whose primary language is other than English, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk provides voter registration information, election materials and oral assistance in six languages other than English (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese). Voters who request election materials in one of these languages will be mailed a translated sample ballot for all Los Angeles County conducted elections.

Additionally, the RR/CC website provides online election information for voters in Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese and Tagalog/Filipino, in addition to English. Voters may view a sample ballot and other election materials in any of these six languages by visiting our website at www.lavote.net. For additional information on multilingual services or to request multilingual materials prior to an election visit our website or call our Multilingual Assistance Hotline at (800) 481-8683.

DEPUTY REGISTRAR TRAINING PROGRAM

The Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has a Deputy Voter Registrar Training program for those organizations and individuals involved in registering voters and conducting petition drives. Topics will include proper methods and techniques for registering voters, assisting electors with the completion of voter registration forms, and important California Election Codes related to registration requirements. Participants will receive a copy of "The Guide To Registering Voters" and a Deputy Registrar of Voters Certificate upon the successful completion of the hour and a half training program.

If you or your organization is interested in attending this free training program, please contact the Voter Records Administrative Unit.

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POLL LOCATION AVAILABLE BY AUTOMATED PHONE

Determining poll locations for voters calling us prior to and on Election Day is facilitated through two Interactive Voice Response (IVR) servers containing 192 lines, as well as a live phone bank with more than 100 operators. When calling 1-800-815-2666, each caller is 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. When the polling location is found, the system will automatically read the location to the voter. This phone system allows up to 192 callers to call in at the same time, 24 hours a day available through Election Day. Operators are also available to assist callers who want to speak with a "live" operator.

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 (Currently, 98% of polls are accessible)
- Wheelchair accessible voting booths
- Large type voting instructions and magnifying devices at polling places
- Audio cassette tapes with state and county ballot measures
- Vote by mail and permanent vote by mail voting options
- Pollworker assistance at any step

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

- *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 Handicapped 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.

SPEED OF BALLOT COUNTING ELECTION NIGHT – HISTORICAL TRENDS

DO NOT EXPECT very many ballots to be counted before 11:00 p.m. Results of early vote by mail ballots will be available by 8:30 p.m.; however, most precinct ballots do not begin to arrive at the Tally Center in Norwalk until 10:30 - 11:00 p.m. Upon arrival, there are many check-in steps prior to tabulation.

Los Angeles County tabulates the vote using a central count system. There is no tabulation at the voting locations.

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. We realize that media deadlines are often prior to midnight; however, we cannot count ballots until they physically arrive in Norwalk.

CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS

2001 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS			2003 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS			2007 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS		
TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%	TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%	TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%
10:00 pm	112,398	39.98	10:00 pm	88,742	45.43	10:00 pm	105,896	19.33
11:00 pm	191,473	78.87	11:00 pm	143,879	86.30	11:00 pm	167,902	72.82
Midnight	228,459	96.94	Midnight	167,956	99.78	Midnight	191,888	100.00
12:07 am	237,665	100.00	1:00 am	168,361	100.00			

(2005 was not included for this comparison, as the Consolidated Elections were held in conjunction with a Statewide Election)

FINALIZING THE OFFICIAL VOTE TALLY (CANVASS)

INCOMPLETE BALLOT COUNTING ON ELECTION NIGHT

Campaigns and political parties are frequently surprised on the day after a major election when they learn that there are several hundred thousand ballots countywide remaining to be counted. Statewide, typically 20% of ballots cast are not yet included in the election night tally. This section explains the logistics of election night counting and follow-up ballot tabulation that occurs in the days/weeks following the election. State law requires each election jurisdiction to complete an official audit called a “canvass” during the 28 days after the election. When the canvass is completed, the Secretary of State certifies the results.

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

- Vote by Mail ballots (those turned in at voting locations and those received by mail just before or on Election Day)
- Provisional ballots voted at the polls
- Write-in ballots

NOTE: All valid ballots in the above categories are counted prior to official certification of the results.

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS TURNED IN AT POLLING LOCATIONS

Many vote by mail voters wait until the last minute to make their voting choices and then drop off their ballots at a polling place or at RR/CC headquarters on Election Day. We receive these ballots very late on election night. All vote by mail ballots must be pre-processed before they are counted. We must verify every vote by mail voter’s signature prior to opening the vote by mail ballot envelopes to remove the ballots in preparation for counting.

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Provisional ballots are issued at the polls when a voter’s name is not listed in the poll roster, or when our records indicate the voter was already sent a vote by mail ballot. Provisional ballots are sealed in special envelopes at the polls and must be individually researched and verified at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk’s Office before ballots are counted or rejected in accordance with election laws. Once a provisional voter’s eligibility to vote is verified, the ballot is counted.

WRITE-IN BALLOTS

When a voter chooses to vote for a write-in candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, 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 write-in 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, 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 because each ballot containing a write-in vote must be set aside for manual review.)**

SUMMARY

Supplemental ballot counting of vote by mail, provisional and write-in ballots occurs in sequential order after the election but before certification of official results (i.e. all Vote by Mail ballots must be verified and cleared prior to verifying provisional ballots in order to ensure there are no duplicates among these categories). These ballots are not segregated by district prior to counting. Therefore, the number of outstanding ballots for any specific electoral district is unknown until the voting system tallies these ballots.

California law requires election authorities to complete and certify results within 28 days. 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 tally of the votes cast for all candidates and measures on the ballots in 1% of the 1,287 voting precincts. This manual process verifies the accuracy of the computer count.

Supplemental ballot counting takes place at 2 p.m. every Friday and Tuesday throughout the canvass period. Therefore, the first supplemental count will be held on Friday, November 6 at 2:00 p.m. We anticipate the majority of the outstanding vote by mail ballots will be included by the Tuesday, November 10 update. However, due to the extra research required to validate provisional ballots, these ballots are usually the last to be tallied prior to the completion of the official canvass (which must be completed by November 23, 2009).

Candidates and the 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 and on our website www.lavote.net.

We realize it is difficult for candidates/campaigns involved in close contests to wait and know the results of the election. The legally mandated processes described above are utilized to ensure that every vote is counted and included in the official final election returns.

CANVASS SCHEDULE

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

NOVEMBER 3, 2009 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS SCHEDULED TALLY UPDATES

- Friday, November 6 – 2 p.m.
1st Ballot Counting Update
- Tuesday, November 10 – 2 p.m.
2nd Ballot Counting Update
- Friday, November 13 – 2 p.m.
3rd Ballot Counting Update
- Tuesday, November 17 – 2 p.m.
4th Ballot Counting Update
- Friday, November 20 – 2 p.m.
5th Ballot Counting Update
- Monday, November 23 – 10 a.m.
6th Ballot Counting Update (if necessary)

Board of Supervisors declares results official Tuesday, November 24, 2009.

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT TRENDS – TIMES WHEN COUNTED

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

Consolidated Elections

2007 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS 11/6/07		2003 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS 11/4/03		2001 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS 11/06/01	
DATE	VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS COUNTED	DATE	VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS COUNTED	DATE	VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS COUNTED
11/6	89,468	11/04	49,812	11/06	64,586
11/9	9,324	11/7	10,559	11/09	11,964
11/13	10,324	11/12	282	11/13	689
11/16	683	11/14	137	11/16	858
11/19	60	11/18	1		
11/21	1	11/20	14		
TOTAL	109,859	TOTAL	60,805	TOTAL	78,097

(2005 was not included for this comparison, as the Consolidated Elections were held in conjunction with a Statewide Election)

VOTER REGISTRATION

In Los Angeles County, voter registration for the November 3, 2009 Consolidated Elections was 1,710,192 as of September 10, 2009.

PRECINCT OFFICERS AND POLLING PLACES

Polling Places.....	1,287
Precinct Officers.....	5,148
(average of 4 per polling place)	

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

THE ELECTION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

One hundred two (102) jurisdictions are participating in elections being conducted by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. Jurisdictions appearing on the November 3 ballot include 8 community college districts, 49 schools districts, 31 cities, 3 unincorporated communities, 8 county water districts, 2 irrigation districts and 1 library district. There will also be 22 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.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD	NUMBER OF MEASURES	CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION	NUMBER OF OFFICES
3 Unincorporated Communities	3	0	0
8 Community College Districts	0	31	15
49 School Districts	2	212	108
31 Cities	16	121	44
8 County Water Districts	1	30	17
2 Irrigation Districts	0	6	4
1 Library District	0	4	3
102 TOTAL	22	404	191

QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

OFFICE	QUALIFICATIONS	TERM
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 4, 2009
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 4, 2009
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 4, 2009
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 4, 2009

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 14 is a listing of offices to be filled in the November 3, 2009 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 19 through 21 lists the alphabetical designation of measures appearing on the November 3, 2009 ballot. Additionally, page 22 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*	3	5	93	156,885
CERRITOS	3	5	127	192,786
CITRUS	1 Trustee Area #1	2	15	13,855
	1 Trustee Area #3	2	14	20,021
COMPTON	1 Trustee Area #1	4	32	44,352
	1 Trustee Area #2	3	22	24,667
	1 Trustee Area #4	2	18	21,621
MT. SAN ANTONIO*	2	3	210	340,701
PASADENA AREA	1 Trustee Area #1	2	26	37,407
	1 Trustee Area #3	2	14	23,017
	1 Trustee Area #7	3	21	30,669
RIO HONDO	1 Trustee Area #1	2	13	22,709
	1 Trustee Area #3	2	18	28,631
	1 Trustee Area #5	2	26	42,804
SANTA CLARITA	1 Trustee Area #1	4	89	126,986
	1 Trustee Area #3	2	89	126,986

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATIO N
ANTELOPE VALLEY*	2	6	88	149,152
CENTINELA VALLEY**	1 Trustee Area #1	2	48	57,059
	1 Trustee Area #2	2	48	57,059
	1 Trustee Area #5	3	48	57,059
EL MONTE	3	7	32	54,771
WILLIAM S. HART	3	5	89	127,010

*Shared District

**Nominated by Trustee Area, Elected at Large

Note: Registration figures are as of October 8.

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
ABC	3	5	33	51,678
BALDWIN PARK	2	5	14	25,539
BASSETT	3	10	6	10,298
BELLFLOWER	3	5	21	35,022
BEVERLY HILLS	2	4	13	21,312
CHARTER OAK	2	4	10	19,535
CLAREMONT	3	4	16	24,388
COMPTON	4	11	45	59,829
COVINA VALLEY	2	4	19	36,034
CULVER CITY	3	7	19	24,559
DUARTE	2	3	8	13,676
EL RANCHO	3	5	15	28,353
GLENDORA	3	4	17	22,854
HACIENDA	3	5	31	51,872
LA PUENTE				
LA CANADA	3	6	9	12,449
LAS VIRGENES*	3	4	27	39,315
LYNWOOD	2	6	13	21,203
MONTEBELLO	3	5	37	62,503
NORWALK-	4	6	38	54,240
LA MIRADA				
PALOS VERDES	3	6	25	40,876
PENINSULA				
PARAMOUNT	3	5	22	26,630
POMONA	3	7	35	59,473
	1 (unexpired term)	3		
ROWLAND	3	8	28	42,152
SAN GABRIEL	3	6	9	17,238
SAN MARINO	3	4	7	9,885
TEMPLE CITY	2	3	10	16,108
TORRANCE	3	7	42	77,969
WALNUT VALLEY	3	5	20	31,592
WEST COVINA	2	5	18	27,605

*Shared District

**Nominated by Trustee Area, Elected at Large

Note: Registration figures are as of October 8.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEMBERS

SCHOOL DISTRICT	TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
CASTIAC	3	5	10	11,724
EAST SIDE UNION	3	8	5	8,743
EL MONTE	3	5	15	27,836
GARVEY	3	4	10	17,799
HAWTHORNE	3	4	20	24,874
HERMOSA BEACH CITY	3	5	7	13,516
KEPPEL UNION	3	6	6	8,477
LANCASTER	3	6	23	46,440
LENNOX	3	7	7	7,375
LITTLE LAKE CITY	2	4	11	16,297
LOS NIETOS	3	6	8	6,840
MOUNTAIN VIEW	3	4	9	13,896
NEWHALL	3	5	27	36,195
ROSEMEAD	3	7	6	10,143
SOUTH WHITTIER	3	4	9	10,716
VALLE LINDO	3	4	2	2,896
WEST SIDE UNION	3	4	22	33,997
WHITTIER CITY	3	4	22	31,806
WILSONA	3	4	2	3,703

CITY ELECTIONS

**COUNCIL MEMBERS
TO BE ELECTED**

CITY	TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
ARTESIA CITY	3	4	93	122,560
BALDWIN PARK	2	5	14	25,546
BELL GARDENS	3	7	6	11,273
DIAMOND BAR	3	7	17	29,877
DUARTE	3	9	6	11,000
EL MONTE	2	6	18	31,955
HAWAIIAN GARDENS	3	11	3	4,085
HAWTHORNE	2	7	26	31,110
HERMOSA BEACH	3	8	7	13,516
LA PUENTE	2	4	9	14,098
LYNWOOD	3	7	12	20,923
MAYWOOD	3	6	4	7,500
MONTEBELLO	3	9	16	27,542
PALMDALE	2	6	35	57,997
PICO RIVERA	2	7	16	29,419
RANCHO PALOS VERDES	2	7	17	27,022
SANTA FE SPRINGS	3	8	5	8,685
SOUTH EL MONTE	2	4	4	6,541
SOUTH PASADENA	2	3	11	15,108
WEST COVINA	3	6	30	48,582

*Shared District

Note: Registration figures are as of October 8.

CITY ELECTIONS CONTINUED

CITY	MAYOR TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
BALDWIN PARK	1	2	14	25,546
EL MONTE	1	2	18	31,955
HAWTHORNE	1	2	26	31,110
PALMDALE	1	2	35	57,997
SOUTH EL MONTE	1	1	4	6,541

CITY	CITY CLERK TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
BALDWIN PARK	1	3	14	25,546
EL MONTE	1	2	18	31,955
HAWTHORNE	1	2	26	31,110
SOUTH PASADENA	1	1	11	15,108
WEST COVINA	1	1	30	48,582

CITY	CITY TREASURER TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
BALDWIN PARK	1	1	14	25,546
EL MONTE	1	2	18	31,955
HAWTHORNE	1	1	26	31,110
SOUTH PASADENA	1	1	11	15,108
WEST COVINA	1	1	30	48,582

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GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

COUNTY WATER DISTRICTS	DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
CRESCENTA VALLEY	3	6	6	11,725
LA HABRA HEIGHTS	2	3	3	3,735
LA PUENTE	3	5	3	4,385
NEWHALL	3	4	20	21,939
ORCHARD DALE	3	5	6	8,190
PICO WATER	3	7	7	13,457
VALLEY COUNTY	3	7	11	19,673
WEST VALLEY	2	4	0 vote by mail	262
WEST VALLEY	1 (recall election)	2	0 vote by mail	262

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS	DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
PALMDALE	1 Division #2	2	24	39,034
WATER***	1 Division #5	2	24	39,034

LIBRARY DISTRICTS	DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION
PALOS VERDES	2	3	28	45,140

*Shared District

***Nominated by Division, Elected at Large

Note: Registration figures are as of October 8.

LOCAL MEASURES		VOTES REQUIRED
S	<u>ARTESIA CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION</u> (Registration: 122,566) Shall Ordinance No. 09-749, which increases the transient occupancy tax from 6% to 12.5%, be adopted?	Majority
Y	<u>ARTESIA CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION</u> (Registration: 122,566) Shall Ordinance No. 09-750, which increases business license taxes, be adopted?	Majority
EE	<u>CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX ELECTION</u> (Registration: 24,559) To protect the quality of education in Culver City schools from deep State budget cuts by providing stable local funding to maintain: math, science, technology, music and art programs; updated instructional materials; quality teachers; school libraries; and small class sizes; shall Culver City Unified School District levy an annual tax of \$96.00 per parcel for 5 years only, with exemptions for seniors, independent oversight, no money for administrators' salaries, and all funds staying in Culver City to benefit our local schools?	2/3 Majority
RR	<u>EL MONTE CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION</u> (Registration: 31,955) MEASURE RR: ADVISORY VOTE ONLY. Shall the City of El Monte institute an overnight parking regulatory program that would prohibit overnight street parking on most City streets between the hours of 3:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M., subject to limited exceptions, including instances where residents and non-residents alike have purchased special street parking permits issued by the City.	Advisory Vote
P	<u>EL MONTE CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION</u> (Registration: 31,955) MEASURE P: Shall the City of El Monte reorganize the City Council by replacing the current structure of one elected Mayor and four elected City Council members with a new structure composed of five elected City Council members who will share the title of Mayor on a rotating basis. (IMPORTANT: This Measure, if approved, WILL NOT take effect until November 2011. Voters must still vote to elect a Mayor for this November 3, 2009 General Municipal Election)	Majority
E	<u>HUNTINGTON PARK CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION</u> (Registration:14, 806) Shall Ordinance No. 840-NS be adopted to increase the existing Utility Users' and Communication Users' Tax rates by 2.75% in order to maintain a flow of revenues necessary to fund essential city services?	Majority
T	<u>LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION</u> (Registration: 245,877) The Classroom Teacher, Student Safety, and Education Measure. To preserve quality neighborhood schools despite severe state budget cuts by retaining superior teachers, maintaining small class sizes, vocational/job training, college prep, essential academic and after school programs, and protect property values, shall Long Beach Unified School District levy a \$ 92 annual education parcel tax, for five years, requiring senior exemptions, citizens' oversight, no money for administrators and funding only for neighborhood schools?	2/3 Majority

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HISTORICAL VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTER TURNOUT

SCHOOL, GENERAL, SPECIAL & CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS

ELECTION	YEAR	REGISTRATION	TURNOUT	TURNOUT %
Consolidated Elections	11/07	1,561,941	218,156	13.97%
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	11/01	1,704,482	253,793	14.89%
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%

LOCAL MEASURES

VOTES REQUIRED

MS	<u>MAYWOOD CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION</u> (Registration: 7,500) ADVISORY VOTE ONLY: Should the Los Angeles Unified School District acquire, by negotiated sale or eminent domain, 10 single family parcels, 29 multi-family parcels, 7 commercial parcels and 1 vacant parcel within a site bounded by Slauson Avenue to the south, 57th Avenue to the north, King Avenue to the west and Mayflower Avenue to the east for the construction of the new South Region No. 8 High School?	Advisory Vote
SC	<u>MAYWOOD CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION</u> (Registration: 7,500) ADVISORY VOTE ONLY: Should the Los Angeles Unified School District fully and adequately investigate the selection of other sites for the construction of the new South Region No. 8 High School, including alternative sites that were previously recommended by the City of Maywood and the community?	Advisory Vote
M	<u>MONTEBELLO CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION</u> (Registration: 27,542) MEASURE M: Shall an Ordinance be adopted to protect and preserve legal control over the City's Fire and Police Services by requiring an approval of the voters of not less than fifty-five percent (55%) before the services may be performed by any public entity other than the City of Montebello?	55% of votes cast
CH	<u>PALMDALE CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION</u> (Registration: 57,997) Shall the citizens of Palmdale restore home-rule and local control by adopting a city charter to allow the City of Palmdale, rather than the State, the flexibility, discretion, and accountability to control local municipal affairs?	Majority
TR	<u>PICO RIVERA CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION</u> (Registration: 24,419) MEASURE TR PICO RIVERA UTILITY USERS TAX DECREASE MEASURE: Shall an ordinance be adopted to decrease the existing Utility Users Tax by one half of one percent (0.5%) and to revise the method for calculating and collecting the Utility Users Tax to reflect technological advances and changes?	Majority
PC	<u>POMONA CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION</u> (Registration: 49,839) MEASURE PC POMONA TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY USERS TAX CONTINUATION MEASURE: Shall an ordinance be adopted to ratify and continue Pomona's existing Utility Users Tax to fund general city services, including essential municipal services such as, police, fire, street repair, parks and libraries, provided that current exemptions remain, and the ordinance is updated to treat taxpayers equally regardless of telecommunication technology used?	Majority
TOT	<u>RANCHO PALOS VERDES CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION</u> (Registration: 27,022) Shall an ordinance be adopted to increase the rate of the City's existing transient occupancy tax from ten percent (10%) to twelve percent (12%)?	Majority

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LOCAL MEASURES

VOTES REQUIRED

- UU REDONDO BEACH CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
(Registration: 40,207)
REDONDO BEACH UTILITY USERS' TAX MEASURE: To maintain essential City services shall an ordinance be adopted amending the City's utility users' tax to remove an exclusion that currently allows an electrical plant owned by a corporation to pay no utility users' tax on natural gas, with annual audits, public review of all expenditures and without raising individual taxpayers' taxes? Majority
- A SANTA CLARITA VALLEY UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION (Registration: 22,359)
ADVISORY VOTE ONLY Advisory Vote
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY IN UNINCORPORATED LA COUNTY: Do you support having areas in the Santa Clarita Valley including Sunset Pointe, Stevenson Ranch, Southern Oaks, Westridge, Tesoro, Castaic and Val Verde remain as official communities in unincorporated LA County?
- B SANTA CLARITA VALLEY UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION (Registration: 22,359)
ADVISORY VOTE ONLY Advisory Vote
INCORPORATE INTO A NEW SEPARATE CITY: Do you support having areas in the Santa Clarita Valley including Sunset Pointe, Stevenson Ranch, Southern Oaks, Westridge, Tesoro, Castaic and Val Verde incorporate into a new separate city?
- C SANTA CLARITA VALLEY UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION (Registration: 22,359)
ADVISORY VOTE ONLY Advisory Vote
ANNEX INTO THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA: Do you support having areas in the Santa Clarita Valley including Sunset Pointe, Stevenson Ranch, Southern Oaks, Westridge, Tesoro, Castaic and Val Verde negotiate an annexation into the City of Santa Clarita?
- SE SOUTH EL MONTE CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
(Registration: 6,541)
Shall the term of office of mayor be four years? Majority
- L SOUTH PASADENA CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
(Registration: 15,108)
Shall an ordinance be adopted extending the Library Special Tax, which is due to expire on June 30, 2011, for an additional 5 years until June 30, 2016, to provide funding for the maintenance and operations of the South Pasadena Public Library at the current level of library services? 2/3 Majority
- D WEST COVINA CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION (Registration: 48,582)
Shall members of the City Council of the City of West Covina be elected "by" districts as described in the proposed ordinance? Majority
- W WEST VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT RECALL ELECTION
(Registration: 262)
Shall John Gaglione be recalled (removed) from the office of director of the West Valley County Water District? Majority

Note: Registration figures are as of October 8.

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 voting locations to those voters whose names are not listed on the precinct 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 a vote by mail ballot was already issued for that voter. However, the voter claims he/she never requested or received a vote by mail ballot, or states that he/she did not vote the vote by mail ballot and does not have the vote by mail 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 and to allow for authentication of the voter's eligibility before counting.

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 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). Approximately 271,074 provisional ballots were cast in Los Angeles County for the November 2008 Presidential 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 1996, 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 the 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 Los Angeles 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.

Q**WHY HAS MY VOTING LOCATION CHANGED?****A**

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:

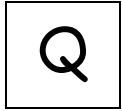
- In 2001, AB 280, Chapter 904 was enacted to revise the maximum number of voters in a precinct from 1,000 to 1,250 in counties with a population of 1,000,000 or more. This law had a sunset date of January 1, 2005 which meant that as of that date the law was repealed and the provisions allowing the increase to 1,250 would only be operative until that time. Effective on that same date, January 1, 2005, AB280 also reinstated the original 1,000 maximum number of voters in a precinct. This change in law reducing the maximum precinct size from 1,250 to 1,000 resulted in creating a requirement for an additional 430 precincts beginning with the June 2006 Primary Election.
- 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).

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

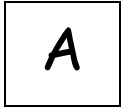
As required by law, the Department's computer tally software has been certified by the Secretary of State's Office.

- 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 1,287 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.



WHAT PROVISIONS ARE MADE FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES?



- **InkaVote Plus** An audio ballot booth is available to assist voters with special needs at every polling place 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 PBR like any other ballot. Also, voters whose primary language is not English may choose to vote an audio ballot in Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese), Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino or Vietnamese.
- **Accessible Polling Places** The international symbol of access is printed on each Sample Ballot booklet to indicate if a polling place is accessible to wheelchairs. Approximately 98% of our polls are accessible.
- **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 Vote by Mail Voting** California law permits any voter to apply for Permanent Absent Voter (PAV) status. PAV’s are automatically sent a vote by mail 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.
- **Cassette Tapes with Ballot Measure Information** Interested persons may obtain cassette tapes containing ballot measure information for the November 3, 2009 Consolidated Elections from the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Election Information Section, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, (562) 466-1310, public libraries throughout the County and the Braille Institute, 741 N. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, (323) 660-3880.

There is no charge for the tape recordings. Persons may request to take them home or listen to them at the locations mentioned or may obtain further information by calling the locations mentioned.

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/Filipino and Vietnamese. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has installed a toll free number (800) 481-8683 for Los Angeles 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 at every polling place the InkaVote Plus voting system 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.

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 selections 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 selections, the audio ballot booth produces a paper ballot which the voter then inserts into the PBR.

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HOW DOES INKAVOTE PLUS PROTECT THE VOTE?

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InkaVote Plus alerts voters to overvotes (making more selections 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?

A

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.

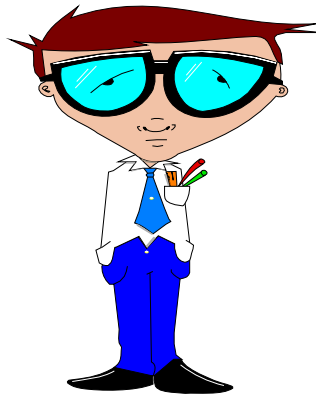
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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK**

**COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTE BY MAIL
BALLOTS, REGISTRATION AND VOTING**



***VOTE BY MAIL
BALLOTS***



VOTING

REGISTRATION

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VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS		
1.	<p>WHO MAY VOTE BY MAIL?</p> <p>ARE THERE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A VOTER CAN BE REQUIRED TO VOTE BY MAIL?</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 by mail. Since 1978, however, any registered voter may apply for and vote a vote by mail 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 vote by mail ballots. (E.C. SEC. 3005)</p>
HOW TO APPLY FOR A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT		
2.	WHERE CAN I OBTAIN AN APPLICATION TO VOTE BY MAIL?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An application to vote by mail is 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) 2. You can submit an electronic request by going to www.lavote.net and clicking on "Apply for Vote by Mail Ballot". 3. You can apply in writing to your local elections official. The address and telephone number of your county elections official is 12400 Imperial Highway, Vote by Mail Section Room 3002, Norwalk 90650, and (562) 466-1323. 4. 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."
3.	WHEN MUST I APPLY FOR A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT?	<p>Election officials process applications and mail out vote by mail 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 a vote by mail 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>

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4.	WHAT INFORMATION MUST BE INCLUDED IN MY APPLICATION?	Your application must include your printed name, your residence address, as it appears on the affidavit of registration, the address where you want the vote by mail ballot sent, and the name and date of the election for which you are applying for (e.g. November 3, Consolidated Elections). In addition, you must sign and date your application. (E.C. SEC. 3006)
5.	I HAVE A MEDICAL DISABILITY. DO I HAVE TO APPLY FOR A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT FOR EACH ELECTION?	<p>No, any voter may apply for permanent vote by mail voter status. Such voters are automatically sent a vote by mail ballot for every election. For further information on how to become a permanent vote by mail voter, refer to your sample ballot or call the Vote By Mail Section at (562) 466-1323. (E.C. SEC. 3201)</p> <p>Once a voter becomes a permanent vote by mail voter, he or she will retain this status as long as he or she casts a ballot in all statewide primary or general elections. If a permanent vote by mail voter fails to cast a ballot in two consecutive general elections, he or she will be removed from the permanent vote by mail voter list and will need to reapply in order to have this status restored. (E.C. SEC. 3206)</p>
6.	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 VOTE BY MAIL 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?	<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 60 days 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 vote by mail status. (E.C. SEC. 3104)</p>
<p>HOW TO VOTE USING A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT</p> <p>Once you have obtained your ballot by following the steps outlined above, you can vote your ballot and return it by mail or personally.</p>		
7.	I APPLIED FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT. 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 VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT?	<p>Yes, any voter may vote between October 5 and November 3, at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office in Norwalk.</p> <p>Since you will be unable to surrender your vote by mail 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.</p>

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8.	<p>HOW DO I VOTE MY BALLOT?</p> <p>MAY I APPLY AND VOTE AT THE ELECTIONS OFFICIALS' OFFICE?</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 Vote By Mail Section at (562) 466-1323 for office hours or if you have any questions concerning your vote by mail ballot.</p>
9.	<p>DO I HAVE TO SIGN THE VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE?</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 a vote by mail 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>WHEN MUST I RETURN THE VOTED BALLOT?</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 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>IF I LOSE THE VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT SENT TO ME, CAN I GET ANOTHER ONE?</p>	<p>Yes. However, you must sign a statement under penalty of perjury that you have lost or did not receive the first vote by mail 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 by mail twice, even if by mistake, neither ballot will be counted. (E.C. SECS. 3013, 3014)</p>
12.	<p>CAN I GIVE MY VOTED VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT TO SOMEONE ELSE TO RETURN FOR ME?</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>

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13.	IF I REQUEST A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT, CAN I CHANGE MY MIND AND STILL VOTE AT MY REGULAR POLLING PLACE?	<p>Yes, but you must bring your unvoted vote by mail 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 vote by mail 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 mail ballot. (E.C. SECS. 3016, 14310)</p>
REGISTRATION		
14.	WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER TO VOTE?	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>HOW LONG MUST A PERSON RESIDE IN CALIFORNIA TO BE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER AND VOTE?</p> <p>NEW RESIDENTS & NEW CITIZENS</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 15th day before an election may vote for President and Vice President by registering to vote in the election official's office between the 14th 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 14th and 7th 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.	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?	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.	MAY I REGISTER EVEN IF MY 18TH BIRTHDAY IS THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION?	No. Must be <u>18</u> on or before the day of the election. (E.C. Sec. 2000, County Counsel Opinion)
18.	<p>DO I NEED TO PAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE?</p> <p>CAN A WORKER AT THE POLLING PLACE ASK ME TO TAKE ANY TESTS?</p>	<p>No fees may be charged for registration. (E.C. SEC. 2121)</p> <p>No.</p>

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19.	MY HUSBAND IS OUT OF TOWN, MAY I REGISTER FOR HIM?	No. The signature of the registrant certifies the truthfulness and correctness of the affidavit, under penalty of perjury. (E.C. SECS. 2102, 2150)
20.	MAY I REGISTER TO VOTE IN LA. COUNTY WHILE I AM TEMPORARILY IN ANOTHER COUNTY?	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.	WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER TO VOTE BUT I AM AN ACTOR AND DO NOT WANT MY ADDRESS MADE PUBLIC.	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. Exception: 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.	MY MOTHER IS DISABLED. MAY I SIGN THE AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION FOR HER?	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) A signature stamp may also be used by an authorized user under specified conditions. (E.C. 354.5)
23.	MAY I REGISTER TO VOTE AT MY BUSINESS ADDRESS OR MAY I USE MY P.O. BOX NUMBER?	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.	WHEN MUST A VOTER REGISTER?	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.	WHEN IS IT ADVISABLE, BUT NOT MANDATORY TO REREGISTER?	If a voter has a change of surname (through marriage, etc.). (E.C. SEC. 2115) If a voter moves within the same election precinct. (E.C. SEC. 2204)
26.	MAY I SIGN A PETITION IF I AM NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE?	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)

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27.	<p>DO I NEED TO RE-REGISTER IF I MOVED, CHANGE MY NAME OR POLITICAL PARTY?</p> <p>FAIL SAFE VOTING</p> <p>I MOVED AFTER THE October 19 REGISTRATION DEADLINE. CAN I VOTE IN THIS ELECTION?</p>	<p>California law requires a voter to reregister if they move out of the precinct, 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 NEW residence address or at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office in Norwalk. (E.C. SEC. 14311)</p> <p>Voters, who moved between October 19 and November 3, may vote at the polling place for either the NEW or PRIOR 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>
VOTING		
28.	WHAT DO I DO IF MY POLLING PLACE IS NOT OPEN?	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.	IF I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN I GET TO MY POLLING PLACE, CAN SOMEONE THERE HELP ME?	Yes, the precinct board will help you. (E.C. SECS. 14272, 14282)
30.	CAN I TAKE MY SAMPLE BALLOT OR OWN WRITTEN LIST INTO THE VOTING BOOTH?	Yes. Deciding your votes before you go to the polling place will help in voting your ballot. (COUNTY RECOMMENDATION)
31.	CAN I VOTE FOR SOMEONE WHOSE NAME IS NOT ON THE BALLOT?	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.	I'VE LOST MY SAMPLE BALLOT AND DON'T KNOW WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO GO VOTE.	You can access the Internet at lavote.net for ballot and/or polling place information. You may also call 1(800) 815-2666, (562) 466-1310, (562) 466-1323 for more information.