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TOUCHSCREEN IN THE POLLS – ARCADIA SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION, APRIL 15, 2003

On April 15, 2003, our Department will continue its phased-in approach to implementation of new voting systems by conducting the Arcadia School District Election using Touchscreen equipment in 16 precincts. A fact sheet is enclosed for your information.

A successful partnership with six City Clerks introduced more than 12,000 voters to the new technology in Irwindale, La Puente, Gardena, Beverly Hills, Signal Hill and South Pasadena on March 4. Department staff gained valuable hands-on experience with voters and pollworkers, and voters in all six cities enthusiastically embraced the new technology. The 2001 Arcadia School District Election was our initial polling place experience with Touchscreen voting.

In Arcadia, we are also testing a Neighborhood Voting Center (NVC) concept. Several polling places have been located in each NVC. Each NVC was chosen because it is an easy-to-find building, accessible, and has plenty of free parking for voters and pollworkers. A list of polling places is attached should you or members of your staff wish to visit on Election Day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

List of NVCs (Neighborhood Voting Centers) with poll location addresses that will be used for the Arcadia Election 04/15/2003.

1. 3 precincts (NVC) - Highland Oaks School (Multi-Purpose Room)
10 Virginia Dr. Arcadia, 91006 (626) 821-6631 - Gail Becker
2. 3 precincts (NVC) - LA County Botanical Gardens (Lecture Hall A)
301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, 91007 (626) 821-3204 - Nadia Balza
3. 2 precincts (NVC) - Holy Angels Church (Parish Hall)
370 Campus Dr. Arcadia, 91007 (626) 447-167 - Suzie Noyes
4. 4 precincts (NVC) - Arcadia Public Library (Auditorium)
20 W. Duarte Rd. Arcadia, 91007 (626) 574-5410 - June Alford
5. 3 precincts (NVC) - Arcadia Congregation Church (Fellowship Hall)
2607 S. Santa Anita Ave. Arcadia, 91006 (626) 314-8286
6. 1 precinct-this is **not an NVC**; it is a singular traditional polling place located at Live Oak Park Community Center (Camellia Room) 10144 Bogue St. Temple City, 91780
(626) 285-2171 Susan Hampson.



**Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Fact Sheet
April 15, 2003
Arcadia Unified School District
Board of Education Election**

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) will be conducting the Arcadia Unified School District Board of Education Election on April 15, 2003. The purpose of the election is to fill three (3) seats for the governing board of this district. Attached is a list of the six candidates who qualified to appear on the ballot.

The election will be conducted using Touchscreen technology at the precincts and roundhole (Data Vote) punch card ballots for absentee voting. Demonstration Touchscreen units are now available at the Arcadia Unified School District Board Office at 234 Campus Drive, Arcadia through election day to allow voters unfamiliar with Touchscreen voting technology to try it out. (For Touchscreen information see pages 3-4 of this fact sheet).

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Ballot Group:	001
Check In Center:	1
Precincts:	16
Precinct Officers:	64 (approximately 4 per precinct)
Poll Hours:	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Registration:	27,905 (15 day close)
Permanant AV:	1,149
Absentee ballot applications received:	3,252 (as of 4/7/03)

VOTES NEEDED TO ELECT CANDIDATE

The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected. There is no run-off election.

TERM OF OFFICE

Newly elected or appointed board of education members take office on June 30th. The term of office is 4 years.

ELECTION RESULTS ON APRIL 15

On election night, unofficial cumulative results will be available by calling the RR/CC at the telephone number listed below. Unofficial Touchscreen vote totals will be combined with the unofficial roundhole absentee ballot vote totals at the central counting location at the Arcadia Unified School District Board Office at 234 Campus Drive, Arcadia. These totals will be available immediately after the polls close at that location. The results will be posted on the Internet web sites listed below and on the RR/CC internal Intranet system. The results will also be posted on the Arcadia Unified School District cable channels listed below.

Many absentee voters wait until the last minute to make their voting choices and then drop off their absentee ballots at a polling place on Election Day. These ballots will be processed between April 17th-24th. All absentee ballots must be pre-processed before they are counted, this includes verifying every absentee voter's signature prior to opening the absentee ballot envelopes to remove the ballots in preparation for counting.

On Friday, April 25th, the RR/CC is scheduled to certify the election results.

Telephone Number:	RR/CC (562) 466-1310
Internet Web site:	RR/CC www.lavote.net Arcadia Board Office www.ausd.net
Cable:	Adelphia Channel 96 Adelphia Channel 58 (for converter box) Altrio Channel 16

SEMI-OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS ON APRIL 16

Phone hours at the RR/CC on the day after the election are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Precinct by precinct results are available in the RR/CC Election Information Section after noon.

Telephone number: RR/CC (562) 466-1310

THE TOUCHSCREEN BALLOT

The Touchscreen ballot contains the same contests and measures as the ballot the voter would normally see at the polling place on election day or that the voters receive in the mail when voting by absentee ballot. Each voter's registration will be confirmed on site prior to voting. The voter is issued a "voter card" to insert into the Touchscreen unit which activates the voter's unique ballot. The voter moves through the ballot by touching options on the screen i.e., touching directly onto a name for candidate selection. Instructions are displayed directly on the screen with the option of viewing the ballot in any of three languages (English, Chinese, and Spanish). Additionally one Touchscreen unit at each poll is equipped to allow voters who are visually impaired or blind to vote independently by the use of audio headsets or large zoom size text.

TOUCHSCREEN PHASE-IN PLAN

The April 17, 2001 Arcadia Unified School District Election was the first election in L.A. County to be conducted using Touchscreen technology at all voting precincts. This is the second time the school district has opted to have the entire election conducted by Touchscreen voting at the precinct level. Until funding is available, the RR/CC will continue to broaden the use of Touchscreen technologically by offering the use of the Touchscreen units it has already purchased for smaller city and district elections. For now, this allows more and more voters to become familiar with this type of technology.

Most recently the RR/CC expanded the use of Touchscreen to 21 locations countywide for early voting in conjunction with the November 2002 Gubernatorial Election. On March 4, 2003, the RR/CC partnered with six cities (Beverly Hills, Gardena, Irwindale, La Puente, Signal Hill and South Pasadena) to offer Touchscreen voting at all 57 precincts involved. "Early Voting" on Touchscreen will continue to be provided in conjunction with all future major elections as funding allows. Full countywide conversion to an electronic Touchscreen voting system in all 5,000 voting precincts is the County's eventual goal for the November 2005 Election assuming Federal and State funds become available in the near future.