



1 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

### **STATUS REPORT ON STATEWIDE SPECIAL AND CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS**

This is the fourth status report regarding major events in process for the October 7, 2003 Statewide Special Recall and the November 4, 2003 Consolidated (UDEL) Elections. On September 22, 2003 eleven members of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit sitting en banc heard oral arguments in the case of Southwest Voter Education Project et al ACLU v. Shelley wherein plaintiffs sought to enjoin the Special Recall Election and postpone it to March 2004. The next day the en banc panel reversed the September 15, 2003 decision of the 3-judge Appellate panel that had ruled in favor of the plaintiffs. This en banc ruling upheld the District Court and, as the plaintiffs subsequently announced they would not appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, the October 7 election will be held as previously scheduled. Please be assured that during the eight days between September 15-23 our office continued election preparations at an unbroken pace; consequently, and we are fully prepared to conduct the election.

#### Statewide Special Election – October 7, 2003

All 1,786 voting locations and approximately 14,000 pollworkers have been recruited, including handling replacements for cancellations of a dozen sites and several hundred pollworkers that occurred after initial confirmation. The Department has issued approximately 477,000 absentee ballots and over 120,000 voted ballots have been returned to date. The number of absentee ballots issued at this point in time is larger than for last November's Gubernatorial General Election (413,473) although slightly less than for the November 2000 General Election (567,483). All absentee ballot applications must be received by our Department no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>. Similarly, the number of last minute voter registration forms received this week (the deadline was to mail voter registration forms was September 22<sup>nd</sup>) was 42,877, compared with 29,287 and for the November 2002 and 2000 elections, respectively. All last minute registrants will be mailed a sample ballot booklet no later than September 29<sup>th</sup> via first class mail. As with all other sample ballot booklets, these will list the voter's polling place on the back cover.

#### Consolidated Elections – November 4, 2003

This election involves 1.3 million registered voters and 898 polling locations requiring the recruitment of approximately 3,600 pollworkers. All polling locations and precinct inspectors have been secured and only 174 poll clerks have yet to be recruited. This election marks the first major election in which the Department will be utilizing the new InkaVote ballot card voting system. All election activities are proceeding on schedule.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this report or any other election preparation activity.

Attachments

### MILESTONE STATUS REPORT OF KEY EVENTS

Statewide Special Election October 7, 2003

EVENT	WEEK ENDING								
	8/15	8/22	8/29	9/5	9/12	9/19	9/26	10/3	10/10
1. FINALIZE BALLOT PAGE DESIGN.		▲ 8/22							
2. RECRUIT AND APPOINT PRECINCT OFFICERS.								△ 10/6	
3. UPDATE REGISTRATION RECORDS.							△ 9/22		
4. TESTING OF ELECTION NIGHT DATA PROCESSING HARDWARE AND PROGRAMS.									△ 10/7
5. RECEIVE SAMPLE BALLOTS AND BALLOT PAGES FROM PRINTERS.						▲ 9/19			
6. MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS.								△ 9/29	
7. PRECINCT SUPPLIES AND VOTE RECORDERS ASSEMBLED.							△ 9/26		
8. BOOTH AND SUPPLIES PICKED-UP BY PRECINCT INSPECTORS.								△ 9/27	

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**OCTOBER 7, 2003 SPECIAL STATEWIDE ELECTION  
STATUS OF EVENTS PERFORMED**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>SCHEDULED COMPLETION</u>	<u>ACTUAL COMPLETION</u>
2. <u>Recruit and Appoint Precinct Officers</u>	10/06/03	
This election will involve 1,938 precincts requiring the recruitment of approximately 14,000 pollworkers. Recruitment of precinct officers is proceeding on schedule.		
3. <u>Update Registration Records</u>	9/22/03	
The September 22, 2003 update of the registration records total 3,947,332 registered voters. This event is proceeding on schedule.		
4. <u>Testing of Election Night Data Processing Hard/Ware and Programs</u>	10/07/03	
Testing of election night tally programs is in process. This event is proceeding on schedule.		
5. <u>Receive Sample Ballot and Ballot Pages From Printer</u>	9/19/03	9/19/03
All sample ballots and ballot assembly pages have been received. Reprints are being processed as required.		
6. <u>Mail Sample Ballots</u>	9/29/03	
As of September 8, 2003 the initial sample ballot mailing to over 3.9 million registered voters has been completed. This event is proceeding on schedule.		

### MILESTONE STATUS REPORT OF KEY EVENTS

Consolidated Elections November 4, 2003

EVENT	WEEK ENDING								
	9/12	9/19	9/26	10/3	10/10	10/17	10/24	10/31	11/7
1. FINALIZE BALLOT PAGE DESIGN.		▲ 9/13							
2. RECRUIT AND APPOINT PRECINCT OFFICERS.									△ 11/3
3. UPDATE REGISTRATION RECORDS.							△ 10/20		
4. TESTING OF ELECTION NIGHT DATA PROCESSING HARDWARE AND PROGRAMS.									△ 11/4
5. RECEIVE SAMPLE BALLOTS AND BALLOT PAGES FROM PRINTERS.				△ 10/3					
6. MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS.						△ 10/14			
7. PRECINCT SUPPLIES AND VOTE RECORDERS ASSEMBLED.								△ 10/25	
8. BOOTH AND SUPPLIES PICKED-UP BY PRECINCT INSPECTORS.								△ 10/25	

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**NOVEMBER 4, 2003 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS  
STATUS OF EVENTS PERFORMED**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>SCHEDULED COMPLETION</u>	<u>ACTUAL COMPLETION</u>
2. <u>Recruit and Appoint Precinct Officers</u>	11/07/03	
This election will involve 898 precincts requiring the recruitment of approximately 3,600 pollworkers. Recruitment of precinct officers is proceeding on schedule.		
3. <u>Update Registration Records</u>	10/20/03	
The September 22, 2003 update of the registration records total 1,583,312 registered voters. This event is proceeding on schedule.		
4. <u>Testing of Election Night Data Processing Hard/Ware and Programs</u>	11/04/03	
Testing of election night tally programs is in process. This event is proceeding on schedule.		