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### VSAP Quarterly Report – 4th Quarter, 2018

The following is the fourth quarterly update for 2018, detailing project activities and accomplishments during the period of October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. This report is provided to inform your Board and the public on the progress of the Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) initiative. This report is prepared in response to a motion adopted by your Board on September 7, 2010.

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### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

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### L.A. County Plans to Transition to Vote Centers - LA Weekly

https://www.laweekly.com/news/la-county-plans-to-transition-to-vote-centers-10102330

#### Out with the old, in the with new - Signal Tribune

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### Residents suggest locations of future vote centers in Long Beach - Long Beach Post

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### SCV residents get chance to give input on voter centers next month - The Signal Santa Clarita Valley

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Community Meetings Will Be Held Across the Region to Get Public's Input on 2020 Vote Centers - NBC4

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### L.A. County Registrar Dean Logan Answers Viewer Voting Questions Ahead of Election Tuesday - KTLA

https://ktla.com/2018/11/04/I-a-county-registrar-dean-logan-answers-viewer-voting-questions-ahead-of-election-tuesday/

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#### Newsletter

Attached to this report is the latest issue of the quarterly newsletter, which is produced to keep the VSAP Advisory Committee, VSAP Technical Advisory Committee and the public informed on activities and developments in the project.

#### About the VSAP

Launched in September 2009, the Voting Systems Assessment Project was developed by the Department in response to the growing voting system needs. The project has transitioned from a research and design project to a system implementation program and as such, is now known as the Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP).

While the County's current voting system has served the voters of Los Angeles County with accuracy and integrity, the design of these systems and the age of their technology do not offer the technical and functional elasticity necessary to continue to accommodate our growing and increasingly diverse electorate.

The size and diversity of Los Angeles County and the limited voting systems market, however, make it almost impossible to reasonably consider a commercial off-the-shelf voting system solution. Any voting system solution will entail a significant development or customization process

in order to satisfy the County's needs, General Voting System Principles and technical requirements.

In response to these needs and challenges, VSAP takes an unprecedented and comprehensive approach at modernizing the County's voting system. The vision of the project is to implement a voting system through a transparent process that takes into account the needs and expectations of current and future Los Angeles County voters. The VSAP aims at achieving three goals in this process: 1) give current and future Los Angeles County voters an unprecedented opportunity to participate in the assessment and development process; 2) increase voter confidence in the electoral process through the participatory structure of the project and; 3) synthesize public input and research to acquire or develop a new voting system for the County.

### **Stay Connected**

More information regarding the Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) Project is available to the public online at http://vsap.lavote.net. The pages on our website are frequently updated with news and information and are a great way to stay connected with the progress of the project between quarterly reports. We strongly encourage public input throughout the process and look forward to continuing to work with your Board on this critical project.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly or your staff may contact Kenneth Bennett, VSAP Program Manager at kbennett@rrcc.lacounty.gov or (562) 462-2699.





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By identifying and assessing thousands of potential vote center sites to ensure that vote centers and Vote by Mail drop box locations are distributed across the County, we will provide greater access and convenience to all voters. There is a lot of work on the horizon and we are excited for the voters of LA County to experience our vision.

Sincerely,

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Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan with the new VBM ballot design

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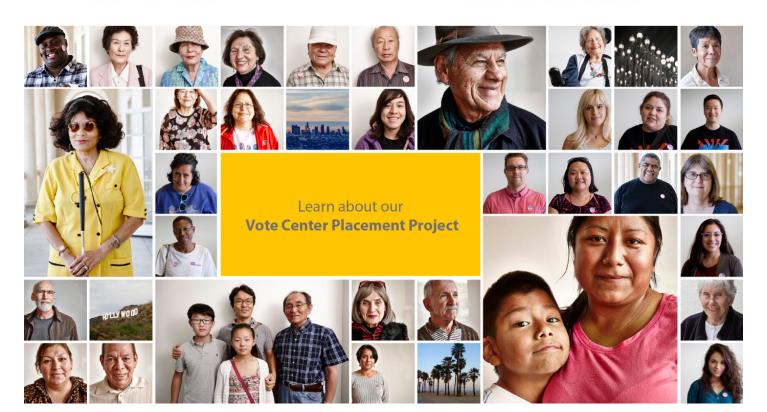
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