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WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - MARCH 3rd ELECTION

This is the second report in a series of pre-election status reports to inform your Board and the public of our preparation for the March 3rd Presidential Primary Election. The information and data included connect to the County's goals of "Operational Effectiveness" and "Community Support and Responsiveness." Additionally, the reports support the Department's ongoing commitment to fair, accessible and transparent election services for the citizens of Los Angeles County.

The reports include updates on important activities related to implementation of the Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) initiative, administering the election and provide statistics related to those activities. The reports focus on key areas of the election process: status of Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot mailing; Sample Ballot mailing; vote center worker recruitment/training; and voter education/community outreach. In addition, the following Highlights section references special projects or significant issues to call to your attention.

Highlights

Voter Status and Participation Tool (replaces the Street Index)

The street index that was previously posted outside of a polling place has been replaced with the Voter Status and Participation Tool. This new tool provides even more information in a convenient and accessible manner. This tool will be available throughout the voting period upon request, and allows the public to see the full list of precincts, registered voters in that precinct and indicates which voters have voted in person or have returned a VBM ballot.

Student Election Worker

The Department is committed to providing high school students with the opportunity to create positive, firsthand experiences in both democracy and community service. The Student Election Worker Program assigns participating high school students to Vote Centers within five to seven miles from their residence. Students are selected based on the following criteria: (a) must be 16 years of age; (b) must be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident; (c) must have parent and teacher consent; and (d) must possess a grade point average of

2.5 or higher. With historic changes surrounding VSAP and modernizing the voting experience, the Department benefits from assigning energetic, tech-savvy high school students as election workers. The program, which is a continuation of the Student Poll Worker Program, continues to be a success and has received over 5,000 applications.

Student election workers will be assigned to work one of the two weekends during the ten-day voting period or on Election Day. To effectively schedule and maximize election worker coverage, students are only permitted to work one of the three schedules offered.

Mobile Vote Center Program

The Mobile Vote Center Program (MVCP) was created as part of Department's goal of election outreach and creating a more accessible election. It allows for special focus and targeted outreach efforts to voters with distinct needs that can be met with the new voting experience. This includes seniors, people experiencing homelessness, voters with disabilities and incarcerated voters, in addition to providing voting opportunities to areas with a high-volume of foot traffic. The MVCP ensures that the Department meets the needs of all County voters to cast their ballot by expanding civic engagement opportunities. The MVCP consists of three components: (a) Mobile Vote Centers, (b) Pop-Up Vote Centers and (c) Flex Vote Centers. The Department has partnered with cities, community-based organizations and other stakeholders to effectively implement this program and distribute these resources equitably across the County.

 <u>Mobile Vote Centers</u>: Mobile Vote Centers are trailers that have been renovated to fit Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) inside. The units have the ability to be set up in high-traffic public places with relative ease. The primary requirement is ability to park on level ground in a space of 20 feet by 40 feet. Mobile Vote Centers provide additional voting opportunities in public spaces and will be deployed from February 22 to March 2. Furthermore, Mobile Vote Centers have been useful in marginalized communities, such as areas with a high number of voters experiencing homelessness, where locations for standard Vote Centers are unavailable.

The Department plans to have approximately 30 Mobile Vote Center events (with 10 BMDs per unit) planned during the first ten days of the voting period. Once finalized, locations will be published on our website and promoted via social media. As a unique and visible addition to the new VSAP initiative, Mobile Vote Centers will create buzz and awareness about changes to the election.

- <u>Pop-Up Vote Centers</u>: Pop-Up Vote Centers consist of a pop-up tent and generator that can be deployed anywhere. The Pop-Up Vote Centers will be deployed on an as-needed basis and are implemented in urgent or emergency situations. Examples of when a Pop-Up Vote Center may be deployed includes off-setting heavy voter traffic and long lines at standard Vote Centers or scenarios where a Vote Center loses power for an extended time. The Pop-Up Vote Centers are included within the Department's contingency plan.
- <u>Flex Vote Centers</u>: Flex Vote Centers consist of a team of staff specializing in utilization of a van to transport an Electronic Pollbook (ePollbook) and two or three BMDs to quickly provide short-term voting opportunities at a variety of locations. Flex Vote Centers are primarily targeted for facilities such as an assisted living centers or Regional Service Centers. The purpose of this program is to provide in-person voting opportunities for populations that are traditionally less mobile and may have a more difficult time getting to a standard Vote Center.

There will be approximately 50 Flex Vote Centers that have been scheduled in partnership with key stakeholders. Flex Vote Centers provide all the services and equipment at a standard Vote Center, but on a smaller scale. Staffing includes two Department staff members and one volunteer provided by the host organization or facility. Flex Vote Centers are scheduled for a full day or half day, depending on a variety of factors including availability, regional distribution and the expected number of voters.

Vote Center Signage

The Department will be posting signage at all Vote Centers informing the voting public that the site is serving as a Vote Center (see below). Additionally, the Department will post signage at locations that have recently served as a polling place, but are not serving as a Vote Center and any locations initially identified as a Vote Center and printed in the Vote Center Locations booklet will also have a sign informing the public if the location is no longer available. In all cases, the signage will include a clear and direct message notifying the public that the location is not serving as a Vote Center and will provide a phone number and website so the voter can find the nearest Vote Center.



Vote Center Line Card

Voters arriving at a Vote Center will receive the Vote Center Line Card (pictured below) upon check-in. The card explains how to vote on the BMD. The components of the BMD are also illustrated. The "MORE" button is also highlighted in Step 4. This card provides important educational material for each voter who arrives at a Vote Center.



For more information, visit LAVote.net

Community and Voter Outreach

As a component to reaching voters in all parts of the County, the Department has implemented an extensive community and voter outreach plan. In addition to providing election information, voter registration and resources at community events, the Department successfully partnered with hundreds of County Departments, public agencies, cities, political organizations, faith-based organizations and nonpartisan community-based organizations (CBOs) to provide in-person VSAP presentations and hands-on experience using the BMD. Peer-to-peer outreach is the most effective way to promote education and information. Through outreach efforts, the Department has conducted over 500 presentations and demonstrations. Not only has this allowed community members to become better educated on the changes, it has been an excellent source of feedback and has provided opportunity to clarify misinformation.

To empower communities, the Department created new programs to increase the reach of the outreach team. The VSAP Ambassador program trained organizations to be experts on VSAP and empowered CBOs to engage with their own stakeholders to promote the changes. The Department also developed a USB drive that contained all resource materials and videos in multiple languages, plus provided VSAP logos, media toolkit and other key information. The USB drives were provided to all City Clerks, as well as key organizations.

Media

2/10/20

Measure FD omitted on 59,000 ballots across Hawthorne, Pomona - Malibu Surfside News

2/11/20

L.A. is radically altering the way we vote. Get ready for big changes, possible problems - LA Times

Radio: Dean Logan with the Registrar-Recorder say the new voting system has gone through multiple rounds of testing – KPCC

All-new Election Day(s): The way LA County votes gets mammoth shakeup - Press Telegram

Now you can vote anywhere in L.A. County. Find a location - LA Times

Los Angeles voters express anxiety over new voting system following complications after Iowa Caucus – USC Annenberg Media

2/12/20

Dean Logan explains how voting is changing in LA County - KFI AM 640

2/13/20

New voting system in Los Angeles County faces its first major test - NBC Today

ALERT! Maxine Waters Issues Statement on New Voting Process in Los Angeles - LA Sentinel

March 3 Primary: What You Need to Know - CBS LA

Palisadians Raise Concerns About 2020 Voting Changes ---Palisadian-Post

New ballot marking machines will greet voters March 3 — Our Weekly

Is LA County Heading for A Confusing March 3 Primary? Voters Face This Gauntlet of Changes --- LAist

2/14/20

The Way Los Angeles Votes Is Radically Changing. Is Anyone Paying Attention? ---LAist

2/15/20

L.A. County's New Voting System Is Approved for Presidential Primary Despite Technical, Security Flaws — KTLA

Primary Voting Is Different This Year: More Locations, More Time, New Machines — Alhambra Source

2/17/20

Feb. 18 Is The Voter Registration Deadline For The March 3 Presidential Primary ----CBS

Los Angeles County's new voting system approved for primary despite flaws -- Fox40

'Perfect Storm': Los Angeles County's new voting system is approved for primary despite flaws -- CNN

Election Activity Statistics								
March 3, 2020 Primary Election								
	02/11/2020	02/18/2020						
Vote By Mail by Supervisorial District (Issued/ Received)								
District 1 Issued	556,400	559,925						
Received	885	15,290						
District 2 Issued	557,963	561,964						
Received	983	15,182						
District 3 Issued	675,092	680,682						
Received	3,399	27,834						
District 4 Issued	980,020	983,168						
Received	2,585	32,564						
District 5 Issued	712,222	717,709						
Received	3,438	32,031						
Total Issued	3,481,697	3,503,448						
Total Received	11,290	122,901						
Military and Overseas								
Ballots Issued	24,631	24,674						
Ballots Received	243	436						
Sample Ballots								
Mailed (continuous through Feb 22 nd)	2,895,911	5,080,771						
Incoming Voter Registration Totals by Supervisorial Districts (since January 1, 2020)								
District 1	22,735	36,953						
District 2	24,120	39,618						
District 3	29,761	50,666						
District 4	28,738	47,817						
District 5	30,971	50,597						
Countywide Total	136,325	225,951						

Incoming Voter Registration Totals by Age (since January 1, 2020)						
18-29	38,475	66,257				
30-39	29,139	49,271				
40-49	19,604	31,916				
50-59	19,567	31,295				
60-69	17,283	27,298				
70-79	8,929	14,327				
Over 80	3,328	5,597				
No Data		40				
Total	136,325	226,001				

Total Election Workers Recruited/ Placed (includes community and county employees)	12,435	14,152				
Details (part of total from above)	12,100					
Multilingual Election Workers 4,018 4,210						
	4,010	4,210				
Student Election Workers	3,567	3,770				
Number of Vote Centers by Supervisorial District						
District 1	224	226				
District 2	186	186				
District 3	162	163				
District 4	199	199				
District 5	201	203				
Total	972	977				