

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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# WEEKLY STATUS REPORT – JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION

This is the second in a series of pre-election status reports to inform your Board and the public of our preparation for the June 5th Statewide Direct Primary Election. The information and data included connect to the County's goals of "Operational Effectiveness" and "Community Support and Responsiveness." Additionally, these reports support the Department's ongoing commitment to fair, accessible and transparent election services for the citizens of Los Angeles County.

The report includes updates on important activities related to the conduct of the election and provides statistics related to those activities. The report focuses on key areas of the election process: status of Vote by Mail (VBM) mailing, sample ballot mailing; poll worker recruitment/ training and polling place recruitment; voter registration; and voter education/community outreach. In addition, the following Highlights section references special projects or significant issues to call to your attention.

## Highlights

# **City of Long Beach Coordinated Election**

The Long Beach General Municipal (Run-Off) Election will be coordinated with the Statewide Direct Primary Election. This joint effort by the Long Beach City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is to ensure a unified and simplified voting experience for Long Beach voters on June 5th. To make it easier for Long Beach voters to cast their vote, they will report to one table at polling locations where they will receive two ballots, one Statewide and one local ballot for the Long Beach election. Voters can deposit both completed ballots in the same ballot box. Vote By Mail voters will also receive two ballots to be placed in one secrecy sleeve and returned in the same envelope. Ballots for both elections will be centrally tabulated at RR/CC headquarters after the polls close.

# **Outreach – Voting While Incarcerated Program**

The Voting While Incarcerated Program is one of our outreach programs designed to ensure that those persons incarcerated in Los Angeles County jails who are eligible to vote, can still exercise their right to vote. We are Board of Supervisors May 29, 2018 Page 2

currently working with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, ACLU, A New Way of Life, Shields for Families, Los Angeles County Office of Diversion and Re-Entry, and the Los Angeles County Probation Department to register eligible inmates to vote and provide them with applications for Vote By Mail (VBM) ballots. Since January 1, 2018, we have delivered 1,380 VBM ballots to voters in LA County Jails.

## **Outreach – High School/College Registration**

The Department partnered with Youth Vote (Yvote) and the League of Women Voters to increase voter registration opportunities and distribute election information to high school students. Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Outreach team attended 7 High School events and 11 events at colleges and/or universities to provide voter registration opportunities. Currently, Los Angeles County has the highest number of pre-registrations in the State. Nearly 30,000 (16 to 17 years old) students have pre-registered to vote.

## **Outreach – Homeless Voters**

The Department has dedicated outreach efforts toward increasing partnerships with community organizations to promote elections-related messages and services to the homeless population throughout the County. Through our network of partnerships, we have leveraged opportunities to disseminate key information to the public about registering persons experiencing homelessness to vote.

We have also increased our presence at events such as health fairs, forums where homeless and other individuals interact with government, community events, and similar activities to provide elections information and voter registration opportunities. Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Outreach team has attended six homeless related events and provided voter registration services, disseminated significant election material and information on how to obtain a free birth certificate. The team is scheduled to attend a minimum of one dedicated homeless event per month for the remainder of the year. Currently, the Department has16,123 active voters, who are in some state of homelessness in our voter database.

## **Chat Function**

The Department's Chat function went live on May 21<sup>st</sup> to help and educate the public on all the tools and information needed to navigate our website. Through this function, constituents can communicate with our online operators and receive step by step instructions to complete tasks online, such as voter registration. On Election Day, poll workers can utilize the feature to resolve issues at voting locations. We have had 327 chats related to the June 5<sup>th</sup> election.

#### Media

The Department has generated many earned media opportunities to help promote the election and disseminate important information of interest to voters for this election. The following is a summary of recent earned media opportunities and press releases that have been issued regarding the upcoming election.

#### News Releases

## May 18, 2018

<u>https://www.lavote.net/docs/rrcc/news-releases/06052018\_press-conference-SOS.pdf</u>

## May 21, 2018

https://www.lavote.net/docs/rrcc/news-releases/06052018\_Close-of-Reg.pdf

## May 29, 2017

<u>https://www.lavote.net/docs/rrcc/news-releases/06052018\_VBM-Ending.pdf</u>

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## Press Mentions

## May 21, 2018

- You, Too, Can be Austin Beutner (No Prior Experience Necessary) LA Progressive
- Organizers Submit More than 19,000 Signatures for Santa Monica Term Limits Measure Santa Monica Lookout
- <u>Registered and ready to join the elite 17% of voters who rule L.A.</u> LA Times

## May 22, 2018

- Ready to vote in the June 5 primary? Here's when and where you can cast a ballot early or by mail in Los Angeles County LA Daily News
- Ready to vote in the June 5 primary?... Daily News
- What your fellow humans want you to know about voting in the primary election KPCC

## May 23, 2018

- Three Arrested in Voter Signature Fraud on Skid Row NBC 4
- How to Make Your Vote Count NBC 4

## May 24, 2018

- <u>One voter, two registration forms: Errors reported in rollout of California's 'motor voter' system</u> LA Times
- c: Board Deputies Celia Zavala, Acting Executive Officer County Counsel

Election Activity Statistics			
June 5, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Election			
	05/21/2018	05/29/2018	
Vote By Mail			
Ballots Issued	2,242,675	2,285,560	
Ballots Received Back	85,326 3.8%	163,023 7.1 %	
Military and Overseas	I		
Ballots Issued	27,599	27,763	
Ballots Received	792 2.9%	1,190 4.2 %	
Sample Ballots			
Mailed (continuous through date)	4,851,060	4,889,861	
Registered Voters Totals by Supervisorial District			
District 1	855,542	857,054	
District 2	996,753	998,128	
District 3	1,113,016	1,114,028	
District 4	1,084,199	1,085,377	
District 5	1,093,928	1,095,296	
Countywide Total	5,143,438	5,149,883	
	05/21/2018	05/28/2018	
Registered Voters by Age			
18-29	1,005,471	1,009,691	
30-39	979,141	980,097	
40-49	813,849	814,349	
50-59	855,228	855,709	
60-69	748,330	748,725	
70-79	451,924	452,079	
Over 80	287,970	287,710	
No Data	1,525	1,523	
Total	5,143,438	5,149,883	

Incoming Voter Registration Total (since January 1, 2018)			
	05/21/2018	05/28/2018	
New Online Registrations	53,110	61,141	
Online Re-registrations	59,465	76,024	
Paper Registrations	86,041	92,779	
Volunteers (Pollworkers and Inspectors)	-		
<b>Total Recruited</b> (includes all regular and specialty recruitments, as well as inspectors and coordinators)	21,707	22,560	
Details (part of total from above)			
Precinct Coordinators	350	350	
Multilingual Pollworkers	8,316	8,669	
County Employees Recruited	3,331	3,590	
Legal Permanent Residents	229	245	
	05/21/2018	05/28/2018	
Number of Polling Places by Supervisorial District			
District 1	721	721	
District 2	855	855	
District 3	848	848	
District 4	920	920	
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District 5	803	803	
Total	<b>4,147</b>	803 4,147	
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Total Number of Trainings for Inspectors and Clerks	4,147	4,147	
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