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WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - JUNE 5TH ELECTION

This is the third 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

Governor / U.S. Senate Contests

The June 5th ballot includes 27 candidates for Governor and 32 candidates for U.S. Senator. We have placed a notice in Vote By Mail ballot packets alerting voters that candidates for Governor and U.S. Senator are listed on two pages and to only vote for one candidate for each contest. Additionally, we created an animated notice alerting voters to check both pages. The notice was disseminated via social media and was used by media outlets as well. We anticipate, because of the length of the ballot some voters will take longer to complete their ballot.

Outreach

On Monday, June 4th, the Department's outreach team assisted Youth Vote (Yvote) in hosting an event for Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) students to provide them with the opportunity to experience their first-time voting at our headquarters in Norwalk. Over 100 students attended the event along with LAUSD Board Member, District 2. Other attendees included radio personalities from Power 106 and a local artist that created original artwork to commemorate the occasion.

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The following media outlets also attended:

- ABC Nightline
- ABC7 Local
- La Opinion
- KABC 790 radio
- Telemundo
- KTLA

Weekend Early Voting

The Weekend Early Voting Program concluded on June 3rd and was the last opportunity for a registered voter to obtain a VBM ballot before Election Day. Voter turnout during the weekend of Early Voting was significant. A total of 3,016 early votes were cast this past weekend for the June 5th election. The expanded locations saw 1,420 ballots issued on Saturday and 1,596 issued on Sunday. The highest turnouts were in Pasadena and West Los Angeles.

Location	Saturday (June 2 nd)	Sunday (June 3 rd)	Total
West Los Angeles College	210	247	457
Lancaster Public Library	103	81	184
Lawndale Library	117	115	232
Long Beach City College	121	169	290
Boyle Heights City Hall	83	118	201
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk	155	161	316
Pasadena - Jackie Robinson Community Center	236	221	457
West Valley Regional Library	190	221	411
East San Fernando Valley - Lake View Terrace Library	81	107	188
West Covina Library	124	156	280
Total:	1,420	1,596	3,016

Vote By Mail Ballot Drop-Off

The Department's VBM Drop-Off Program will continue throughout the County through Election Day. It provides a convenient, accessible and transparent option for voters to securely and easily cast their VBM ballot. The program has had successful voter participation. To date we have received 3,869 VBM ballots from the 109 sites located throughout the County that are serving as drop-off locations.

Language Accessibility

The Department currently provides language assistance to voters in 13 languages other than English. The Los Angeles County Multilingual Voter Services program was established to provide services to voters who need language assistance. These services include:

Translated Election Materials

A translated sample ballot booklet is mailed to voters who requested language materials. The sample ballot booklet contains a list of candidates, candidate information and measures, information on where to vote, how to request a vote-by-mail ballot, and instructions on how to use the voting equipment.

Bilingual Assistance at Polling Location

Voters with limited English Proficiency can receive bilingual assistance in their language, on Election Day, at specific polling places throughout the County based on census location data for each language. Bilingual printed materials are available in all languages at polling places.

Bilingual Assistance Hotline: 1-800-815-2666, option 3

Voters may call a toll-free number to request that translated election materials are mailed to them every election. They can also receive information about or request poll place locations, bilingual voter registration cards, translated vote-by-mail application and sample ballot booklets. A list of the mandated languages and other languages that we support can be found on our <u>website</u>.

Polling Place Changes

119 polling places for the June 5th election have changed since Sample Ballots were printed and mailed. The changes are primarily because of cancellations by the polling place owner. All affected voters were mailed a poll place change postcard that includes the new polling location. A robocall was also sent out to voters informing them that their voting location changed and that they will receive a postcard with new polling place information. The robocall also refers voters to our website where they can locate and confirm their new polling place. Additionally, signs are posted at each canceled polling location on Election Day morning that provides voters with the new voting location and address.

Provisional Voting

The Department has been proactively seeking to inform the public about the issue of provisional voting prior to Election Day. Provisional voting, which has been used in California since 1984, ensures that no properly registered voter is denied their right to cast a ballot if that voter's name is not in the roster due to clerical, processing, computer, or other error. It also allows the Department the ability to verify that no voter mistakenly votes twice in any given election. Provisional ballots also serve as a failsafe for voters who are unable to get to their assigned polling location on Election Day.

A voter may vote a provisional ballot at any polling place in the County in which they are registered to vote, however, only the contests the voter is eligible to vote for will be counted. Once voted, a provisional ballot is placed in a pink envelope and secured for processing. Provisional ballots are counted after elections officials have confirmed the validity of the voter's registration and that the voter did not already vote in the election. Historically, nearly 90% of provisional ballots are valid and counted. More information about Provisional Voting is available on the Department's <u>website</u>.

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

June 4, 2018

- Photo Opportunity: Official Opening of the Polls
- Media Logistics on Election Day

June 1, 2018

LA County Registrar Opens 10 Early Voting Locations This Weekend

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May 31, 2018

• Election Simulation for the June 5th Statewide Direct Primary Election

May 30, 2018

• LA County Registrar Partners with Lyft and Uber for Election Day

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	06/04/2018		
Vote By Mail					
Ballots Issued	2,242,675	2,285,560	2,321,479		
Ballots Received Back	85,326 3.8%	163,023 7.1 %	326,101 14 %		
Military and Overseas	•				
Ballots Issued	27,599	27,763	27,835		
Ballots Received	792 2.9%	1,190 4.2 %	1,739 6.2 %		
Sample Ballots					
Mailed (continuous through date)	4,851,060	4,889,861	4,908,896		
Registered Voters Totals by Supervisorial District					
District 1	855,542	857,054	858,326		
District 2	996,753	998,128	999,222		
District 3	1,113,016	1,114,028	1,115,381		
District 4	1,084,199	1,085,377	1,086,454		
District 5	1,093,928	1,095,296	1,097,047		
Countywide Total	5,143,438	5,149,883	5,156,430		
	05/21/2018	05/28/2018	06/04/2018		
Registered Voters by Age					
18-29	1,005,471	1,009,691	1,013,041		
30-39	979,141	980,097	981,415		
40-49	813,849	814,349	815,432		
50-59	855,228	855,709	856,438		
60-69	748,330	748,725	749,080		
70-79	451,924	452,079	452,030		
Over 80	287,970	287,710	287,475		
No Data	1,525	1,523	1,519		
Total	5,143,438	5,149,883	5,156,430		

Incoming Voter Registration Total (since January 1,		05/20/2049	06/04/2049
	05/21/2018	05/28/2018	06/04/2018
New Online Registrations	53,110	61,141	65,071
Online Re-registrations	59,465	76,024	116,500
Paper Registrations	86,041	92,779	100,971
Volunteers (Pollworkers and Inspectors)	,		
Total Recruited (includes all regular and specialty recruitments, as well as inspectors and coordinators)	21,707	22,560	22,854
Details (part of total from above)			
Precinct Coordinators	350	350	350
Multilingual Pollworkers	8,316	8,669	8,756
County Employees Recruited	3,331	3,590	3,656
Legal Permanent Residents	229	245	248
	05/21/2018	05/28/2018	06/04/2018
Number of Polling Places by Supervisorial District			
District 1	721	721	721
District 2	855	855	855
District 3	848	848	848
District 4	920	920	920
District 5	803	803	803
Total	4,147	4,147	4,147
Number of Trainings for Inspectors and Clerks	176	306	432
Outreach Activity Statistics			
Total people registered at outreach events (since January 1, 2018)	757	976	1,043
Total number of outreach events	111	159	171
Deputy Registrar Training Sessions Hosted	26	29 (3 LASD)	29 (3 LASD)
New Citizens Registered	7,371	10,424	10,424

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Livestream

For your convenience, the Department will be livestreaming election night operations on our <u>website</u>. The Webcams will capture election activity in the following areas:

Red Box - South Lobby
Ballot Security Envelope - 5th Floor
MTS Room
Ballot Inspection - 3rd Floor
Ballot Inspection Snags - 3rd Floor