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## WEEKLY STATUS REPORT – NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION

This is the first in a series of pre-election status reports to inform your Board and the public of our preparation for the November 6<sup>th</sup> General 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 administering the election and provides 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; poll worker recruitment/training and polling place recruitment; and voter registration and voter education/community outreach. In addition, the following *Highlights* section references special projects or significant issues to call to your attention.

## <u>Highlights</u>

## Voter Alert – Misleading Robocall and Mailer

The Department issued a voter alert on October 11<sup>th</sup> to inform residents about a misleading robocall and mailer that incorrectly claims there is an error in one of the ballot titles for the November 6<sup>th</sup> General Election. The call and mailer, sponsored by a campaign, imply the error was made by County Registrars of Voters. An error was not made and, moreover, proposition ballot titles are prepared by the California Attorney General with no alterations by local Registrars of Voters. The Department's voter alert also urges voters to be vigilant about election-related robocalls or materials and to direct any questions or concerns to us at voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov.

## Sample Ballots/Online Voter Information Tool

Mailing of the Official Sample Ballot booklets began on September 26<sup>th</sup> and continues through October 16<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 5.1 million sample ballot booklets have been issued to voters. Voters who have not

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yet received their Sample Ballot can utilize the Department's "Find My Election Information" online tool to access their Sample Ballot, find their assigned Polling Place, get directions to their assigned Polling Place and obtain other helpful information. Here is the link to our <u>website</u>.

# New Vote by Mail Ballot

The County's new redesigned Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot is being issued to voters for the first time during this election. Voters will receive new full-face ballot cards, a return envelope and secrecy sleeve that is easier to read, fill out and understand. The ballot is available in 12 different languages, in addition to English. Voters have several ways that they can return their Vote by Mail ballot. (1) Voters may return the ballot via USPS. No postage is necessary for returning a VBM ballot for this election. (2) Voters may drop-off their VBM ballot at any polling place on Election Day or any Weekend Early Voting location prior to Election Day. (3) The Department has established 150 conveniently located ballot drop-off locations across the County. For more information and locations for Vote by Mail Drop-Off and Weekend Early Voting sites, please see our website.

The last day to request a VBM ballot is October 30<sup>th</sup>. Information on the new VBM ballot and how to apply to vote by mail is also available on our <u>website</u>.

# Early Voting / Weekend Early Voting

Early voting began at our Norwalk headquarters on October 9<sup>th</sup> and continues through Election Day. Early voting provides a convenient option for voters to cast a ballot before Election Day. We are focused on meeting the needs of voters who want to vote prior to Election Day.

In addition to Early Voting at our headquarters, the Department is once again offering Weekend Early Voting at 9 additional locations throughout the County. These locations provide an option for any Los Angeles County voter to cast his or her ballot in person during the two weekends prior to Election Day: October 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>. All locations will also serve as a Vote by Mail Drop-Off for voters who already have their VBM ballot completed and ready for return. The addresses and hours of operation are found on our <u>website</u>.

## **Conditional Voter Registration**

Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) is available at our Headquarters in Norwalk and at Weekend Early Voting locations in Los Angeles County for the November 6<sup>th</sup> Election. Eligible Los Angeles County residents who miss a voter registration deadline still have the option to participate. Under California Election Law, Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) allows a prospective voter to conditionally register and cast a provisional ballot. Conditional Voter Registration must be completed in person and is not available at polling places on Election Day or online.

## Vote by Mail Drop-Off

The Department has established a VBM Ballot Drop-Off program that provides convenient, accessible and transparent options for voters to securely and easily return their VBM ballot before Election Day. The VBM Drop-Off locations have been available since October 9<sup>th</sup> and will remain available through November 6<sup>th</sup>. There are 150 total sites located throughout the County where VBM voters can simply drop-off their voted ballot. To ensure that the public is aware of the program, flyers have been distributed at outreach events, provided to community partners and posted on our social media sites. We are also working with our media partners and other stakeholders to communicate information about the program. A list of participating sites, with their addresses and hours of operation, can be found on our <u>website</u>.

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## **Poll Monitoring**

The Department will conduct a Poll Monitor Orientation on October 27<sup>th</sup> to inform the public and partner organizations, as well as City Clerks, on options for and best practices while observing activities at voting locations. Poll monitors, sometimes referred to as observers, are people interested in Election Day activities and may represent campaigns, political parties or advocacy organizations. The attendees will be provided information on what constitutes electioneering, a summary of polling place operations and the poll monitor hotline number to report polling place issues directly to our office. Observers may watch the set-up and the closing of polling places. Poll monitors may not disrupt the election process or interfere with a voter's right to cast a secret ballot.

### Media

The Department has implemented a full-scale media campaign with various media partners throughout LA County to promote the newly redesigned Vote by Mail ballot, key election deadlines for November 6<sup>th</sup> and other information. The campaign includes public service announcements on all major LA County radio stations, bus ads, movie theater ads, multilingual ads and social media messaging. The Department is also engaging local newspapers and radio stations to help promote the election and disseminate valuable information to voters. The following is a summary of recent earned media opportunities and press releases that have been issued regarding the upcoming election:

#### News Releases

## September 24, 2018

L.A. County Registrar of Voters Celebrates National Voter Registration Day Countywide

## September 27, 2018

• Sample Ballot Booklets Issued for November 6th General Election

#### October 9, 2018

• New and Improved Vote by Mail Ballots Mailed for the November 6th General Election

## October 11, 2018

Voter Alert: Beware of Robocalls Making Misleading Statements

## Press Mentions

#### October 2, 2018

• <u>1.5 Million New Registered Voters Gear Up for Gubernatorial General Election</u> – NBC Los Angeles

#### October 3, 2018

- <u>State voter registration at historic high; L.A. County numbers up too</u> The Signal, Santa Clarita Valley
- <u>Opinion: The only way to stop coming voter scams is photo id</u> Whittier Daily News

#### October 4, 2018

- How LA County is working to make voting faster, easier and more secure KCRW
- <u>Can LA County fix its voting issues before November</u> KCRW

## October 8, 2018

• <u>CA DMV may have improperly registered 1,500 to vote</u> – ABC7 News

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### October 9, 2018

- Voting Begins In Los Angeles County CBS LA
- <u>Vote-by-mail ballots to arrive for CA residents, local event to inform about updated VSAP initiative</u> - The Signal Tribune

### October 10, 2018

- County Registrar Mails More than 2.3 Million New, Improved Vote by Mail Ballots SCV News
- Early Voting under way in L.A. County KNX
- Uber, Lyft Offering Free Rides to the Polls on Election Day KTLA 5

### October 11, 2018

- Prop. 6 mailers, robocalls deceptive, opponents claim ABC 7
- <u>Noncitizens registered to vote? Put California's bungled 'motor voter' system on hold right away</u> LA Times

#### October 12, 2018

- <u>Voter Alert: Beware of Robocalls Making False Statements</u> SVC News
- c: Board Deputies Celia Zavala, Executive Officer County Counsel

Election Activity Statistics November 6, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Election				
Vote By Mail	•	Ļ		
Ballots Issued	2,468,243			
Ballots Received Back	12,002			
Military and Overseas	•	ł	•	
Ballots Issued	26,846			
Ballots Received	916			
Sample Ballots	ł			
Mailed (continuous through date)	5,158,182			
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District 1	875,837			
District 2	1,017,632			
District 3	1,131,722			
District 4	1,093,688			
District 5	1,109,633			
Countywide Total	5,228,512			
	10/15/2018	10/22/2018	10/29/2018	
Incoming Voter Registration Totals by Age (since Ja	anuary 1, 2018)			
18-29	307,114			
30-39	194,683			
40-49	130,705			
50-59	119,559			
60-69	91,748			
70-79	47,307			
Over 80	21,006			
No Data	282			
Total	912,404			

Incoming Voter Registration Total (since January 1, 2018)				
	10/15/2018	10/22/2018	10/29/2018	
New Online Registrations	250,921			
Online Re-registrations	457,327			
Paper Registrations	163,075			
<b>Total Recruited</b> (includes all regular and specialty recruitments, as well as inspectors and coordinators)	24,200			
Details (part of total from above)				
Precinct Coordinators	350			
Multilingual Pollworkers	9,390			
County Employees Recruited	3,569			
Legal Permanent Residents	230			
	10/15/2018	10/22/2018	10/30/2018	
Number of Polling Places by Supervisorial District			-	
District 1	727			
District 2	852			
District 3	845			
District 4	916			
District 5	825			
Total	4,165			
Number of Trainings for Inspectors and Clerks	142			
Outreach Activity Statistics	I			
Total people registered at outreach events (since January 1, 2018)	2810			
Total number of outreach events	263			
Deputy Registrar Training Sessions Hosted	41			
New Citizens Registered	18,963			