

# Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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# **ELECTION STATUS REPORT - November 2, 2021 Local and Municipal Elections**

This report is to inform your Board and the public of our preparation and operations for the November 2, 2021, Local and Municipal Elections. There are 219,520 registered voters for this election with election services in the Alhambra, Carson, Commerce, Inglewood and Norwalk communities. The information and data included connect to the County's goals of "Operational Effectiveness" and "Community Support and Responsiveness." Additionally, the election status reports support the Department's ongoing commitment to fair, accessible and transparent election services.

#### Vote by Mail

The Department is encouraging VBM as the safest and easiest method for voting. The Department mailed Vote by Mail (VBM) ballots to all active registered voters on October 4. VBM ballots were mailed to all voters who registered to vote by the close of registration deadline on October 18.

A variety of VBM resources are available on our <u>website</u>. Voters may also request VBM ballots and materials in one of nineteen different languages, sign up for "Where's My Ballot" to track their ballot, and request a replacement VBM ballot.

### **Vote by Mail Ballot Return Options**

Voters have three options for returning a VBM ballot:

- (A) VBM Drop Box: The Department established 24 VBM Drop Box locations for this election. All locations are accessible 24-hours. Voters may return their VBM ballot at any VBM Drop Box up to 8:00 PM on Election Day. Ballots are retrieved from VBM Drop Boxes every 24-hours by authorized County staff. The VBM Drop Box Locator Tool assists voters with finding a location and is available on our website.
- (B) United States Postal Service (USPS): Voters may return their VBM ballot by mail, using the provided postage-paid return envelope. All VBM return envelopes must be postmarked on or before Election Day to qualify for the election. Under a recent revision to the Elections Code, the Department can accept postmarked VBM return envelopes up to 7 days following Election Day.
- (C) Vote Center: Voters may drop their ballot off at any Vote Center. Vote Centers are open from October 23 through November 2. Vote Centers are open from 10:00 AM 7:00 PM and 7:00 AM 8:00 PM on Election Day (November 2). The Vote Center Locator Tool assists with finding a location and is available on our website.

## **Early Voting and Election Day at Vote Centers**

Early in-person voting began at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Headquarters in Norwalk on October 4. Voters can vote in person Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. On Election Day, voters can vote in person from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

Vote Centers will open for in-person voting on October 23. A total of 24 Vote Centers throughout the County will be open for this election. The first 6 Vote Centers will open on October 23. On October 30, an additional 17 Vote Centers will open. Vote Centers are open from 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM and 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM on Election Day (November 2). The Vote Center Locator Tool assists with finding a location and is available on our website.

### Social Distancing and Public Health Guidelines at Vote Centers

In compliance with State and Local Public Heath Orders, the Department continues to implement the "Safe Election Plan" at all vote centers. This plan aligns with recommendations from the State and follows LA County Public Health requirements and recommendations. The following guidelines are implemented at all vote centers:

- Both Election Workers and voters must wear a mask inside a Vote Center.
- A Stop Station will be present at the entrance of each Vote Center. Personal
  protective equipment such as masks and hand sanitizer will be available for the
  public.
- Social and physical distancing will be maintained in all lines and the voting area.
- All electronic pollbooks and BMDs will be sanitized after each voter use.
- Any voter that refuses to wear a mask will be allowed to vote using the curbside voting process.

## Vaccination Mandate Tracking and Enforcement

In compliance with the COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate, the Department is ensuring that all community election workers are vaccinated. All community election workers are required to provide proof of vaccination via email at

<u>ElectionWorkerVerification@rrcc.lacounty.gov</u> or in-person. Community election workers who failed to provide the required documentation have been released from their assignment and replaced with a Reservist. All other election workers, for this election, are RR/CC employees who have provided vaccination verification through the Fulgent system.

#### **Departmental Resources and Contacts**

#### **Tools for Voters**

The most important tool for voters is our website <a href="www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>. Here they can check if they are registered to vote; check the status of their Vote by Mail Ballot (VBM); find a Vote Center or VBM Ballot Drop Box; access their Interactive Sample Ballot and follow live election results on Election Night. We encourage you to share these resources with voters who call your office. We have added a few more tools for this election:

Voter Information Page: This online tool can be found on our website

under <u>Find My Election Info</u>. This page helps voters check their registration status; look up their sample ballot; and access other helpful

election information.

Interactive Sample Ballot: This tool allows voters to view and mark their

sample ballot utilizing an electronic device. The <a href="Interactive Sample Ballot">Interactive Sample Ballot</a> generates a Poll Pass, which helps expedite the in-person

voting process.

BallotTrax: This tool is linked on our website under Voting by Mail

in Los Angeles County. It allows voters to track their VBM Ballot. Voters can sign up to be notified when

their ballot is sent, received and counted.

Replacement Ballot Tool Voters who damage their VBM Ballot, are traveling,

need a ballot mailed to a temporary mailing address, or who need a replacement ballot for any reason can do so on our website at Request a Replacement Vote

by Mail Ballot.

#### **Contact Information for Voters**

Phone: (800) 815-2666

Email: voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov

Website: www.lavote.net

# **Resources for Press Deputies**

Election Results
Fact Sheets
News Releases
Vote by Mail Tracking

#### **Press Contact**

Michael Sanchez (562) 462-2648 – office (562) 274-3938 – mobile msanchez@rrcc.lacounty.gov

#### **Election Contacts**

The contact information below is for **internal use only** to allow for more convenient and streamlined communication. Please communicate with your assigned contact regarding issues or to request information during the voting period.

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*Districts 3/4/5:* Julane Whalen

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We appreciate the partnership with your offices in our efforts to serve voters and allow them to exercise their fundamental right to vote. If you have any questions, please contact Adrian Avelar, Executive Assistant at (562) 345-8372 or email <a href="mailto:aavelar@rrcc.lacounty.gov">aavelar@rrcc.lacounty.gov</a>.