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LA County Supervisor Solis & County Registrar Respond to Reports of Damaged Drop Box

LOS ANGELES – Today Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis and Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean C. Logan responded to an incident last night where a Vote by Mail Drop Box located outside the Baldwin Park Library on Baldwin Park Boulevard was damaged by fire. The incident is being investigated as arson.

The Los Angeles County Registrar's office immediately requested an investigation through local law enforcement and has reported the incident both to the FBI and the Attorney General for investigation and to obtain all available footage to determine the cause of the fire.

The Registrar's office has acquired and is reviewing all material collected to determine the appropriate notifications to voters whose ballots may have been impacted and will ensure they can exercise their fundamental right to vote. Additionally, the damaged drop box location has been closed.

"The arson of an official ballot drop box by the Baldwin Park Library in the First District has all the signs of an attempt to disenfranchise voters and call into question the security of our elections," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. "Tampering, or attempts to tamper, with our democracy will not be tolerated. Rest assured, LA County residents' voices will be heard when they vote, including in this election. Every lawful ballot will be counted, and residents can register to vote by today's deadline at LAVote.net. Voters can call the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk if they submitted their ballot at the Baldwin Park Library Dropbox to verify their ballot was received and take any remedial measures."

County staff last picked up ballots at the affected drop box location on Saturday, October 17th at 10:10 AM. The Registrar's Office encourages those who utilized this drop box location after the aforementioned time period to call 562-503-2445 or vbmdropoff@rrcc.lacounty.gov for assistance. The Registrar is immediately increasing the frequency of ballot pickup at all other boxes.

"The Los Angeles County Registrar will continue to do everything possible to ensure the integrity of local elections," said Registrar Logan. "Tampering with vote by mail drop boxes and ballots is serious criminal offense and we will vigorously seek the prosecution of individuals who engage in such behavior."

All Los Angeles voters can check the status of their ballot by visiting LAVote.net, and can utilize U.S. Mail or other drop box locations throughout the County to turn in their ballot.

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