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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - NOVEMBER 8th ELECTION

This is the first of a series of weekly pre-election status reports issued to inform your Board and the public of our preparation for the November 8th Presidential General 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 these activities. The report focuses on five areas of the election process: status of Vote by Mail (VBM) mailing, sample ballot mailing; pollworker 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

Election Security

Recent media reports of voter registration system security breaches have raised concerns nationwide regarding the cybersecurity of critical elections infrastructure. We are receiving regular reports on security issues from the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Additionally the United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) has issued a security checklist to State and local election administrations regarding voter registration data. We have confirmed the County's compliance with all federally recommended measures.

With respect to cybersecurity preparedness, there are two important points to remember.

1. Cybersecurity is no different for elections than it is for other critical sectors, including healthcare, public safety, or financial services. The best cybersecurity practices adopted by IT professionals across the spectrum of government and industry are equally applicable to elections administration.

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2. Cybersecurity involves several layers of protection against attack, including physical security, general IT security protocols, and system-specific security features. Each of these layers is present in the cybersecurity defenses protecting the County's elections infrastructure, and each involves people and processes in addition to hardware, software, and facilities.

Department IT staff work regularly with IT professionals from the Internal Services Department (ISD) and 3rd party vendors with expertise in cybersecurity, to ensure the security, integrity and availability of the critical election IT assets.

Vote by Mail Drop-Off

The Department has established a VBM Ballot Drop-Off program for this election to provide convenient, accessible and transparent options for voters to securely and easily cast their VBM ballot before Election Day.

The VBM Drop-Off locations were available starting on October 11th and will continue through November 7th. There are 76 sites located throughout the County that serve as drop-off locations where VBM voters can simply drop off their ballot. To ensure that the public is aware of the program, flyers have been distributed at outreach events and posted on our social media sites. We are also working with our media outlet partners and other organizations to communicate information about the program. A list of participating cities, with their addresses and hours of operation, can be found on our website.

Early Voting

Early voting began at our Norwalk headquarters on October 10th and will continue through Election Day. Early voting provides a convenient option for voters to cast a ballot at our Norwalk office before Election Day.

In addition to Early Voting at our headquarters, the Department is implementing Weekend Early Voting to expand the number of options voters have to cast their vote early. There will be five additional Weekend Early Voting locations throughout the County. Any registered Los Angeles County voter can cast a ballot at any of early voting sites on the two weekends before Election Day. The dates, addresses and hours of operation for Early Voting and Weekend Early Voting can be found on our website.

Outreach – National Voter Registration Day

The Department held a successful National Voter Registration Day event at our headquarters in Norwalk on September 27, 2016, to encourage the public to register to vote and get information about the upcoming election. The event was covered by several radio stations, 21 media outlets, and 10 partner organizations. The Secretary of State was also in attendance to promote the importance of voter registration.

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 homeless persons 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. Currently, the Department has 1,413 active homeless voters in our voter database.

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Media

The Department has generated a number of 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.

Interviews

October 2, 2016

 L.A. County Registrar of Voter kicks off large scale media campaign to get out the vote – Balita Filipino News

October 3, 2016

- Register to Vote in the Upcoming Elections! LA18
- <u>Pollworkers wanted for the upcoming election</u> Santa Monica Daily Press
- L.A. County pushing for poll workers Signal SCV
- Starting Oct. 11: Drop Off Your Ballot at Santa Clarita City Hall SCV News
- Human Voter Guide returns, says get ready for early voting KPCC

October 4, 2016

- USG announces partnership with app Daily Trojan
- Pollworkers Needed For Upcoming Election Canyon News

October 5, 2016

- Hacked voter registration systems: a recipe for election chaos CIO
- Election 2016: County Supervisor Race Gets Ugly Argonaut News
- Pollworkers wanted for the upcoming November 8, 2016 Presidential Election LA Sentinel
- Vote by mail drop-off locations available throughout LA County Balita Filipino News

October 10, 2016

- Mail-in, drop-off balloting to begin Tuesday The Signal
- Heads up! Long lines are expected at Nov. 8 polling locations KPCC
- City Clerk Office Serves as Ballot Drop-Off Location for November 2016 Santa Monica Mirror
- County may hike poll-worker pay The Signal

October 11, 2016

- LA County Sends Vote-By-Mail Ballots for November Election NBC
- Clinton Trump race could draw biggest early-voting turnout in LA County history LA Daily News
- Los Angeles County Sends Out Vote by Mail Ballots SVC News
- LA County Sends Vote by Mail Ballots for November Election NBC Los Angeles
- Pitchess transfer delayed, poll-worker pay hiked The Signal
- <u>LA County approves pay raises for poll workers ahead of November election</u> San Gabriel Valley Tribune, LA Daily News, Daily Breeze News
- 1.8 Million-Plus Ballots Mailed out, Time to Make Your Decision Patch SoCal

October 12, 2016

- Ballots in the Mail and on the Way to Pasadena Residents Pasadena Now
- LA County approves pay raises for poll workers ahead of November election Business Magz

October 13, 2016

- <u>Voter Information</u> Culver City News
- And the winners are...well, we'll get back to you. Why this year's city election results will trickle in slowly – Signal SVC

October 14, 2016

- Vote 2016: Ballot Drop off City Clerk's Office Santa Monica Mirror
- Voters Can Head to the Polls before Election Day SCV News

October 15, 2016

- Here are the early weekend voting location in Los Angeles County Press Telegram
- Santa Monica requests more than 30,000 Vote by Mail ballots Santa Monica Daily Press

October 17, 2016

- A recipe for mayhem at the polls The Sacramento Bee
- LA County Registrar Invites Voters To 'Ask Me Anything' On Reddit CBS LA
- Los Angeles' top elections officer talks about voter fraud and polling place intimidation in Reddit chat –
 LA Times
- As Trump Alleges Election Is 'Rigged,' LA County Registrar Says Safeguards Against Voter Fraud Are In Place – CBS LA

Election Activity Statistics November 8 General Election				
	10/18/2016	10/25/2016	11/1/2016	
Vote By Mail				
Ballots Issued	2,110,289			
Ballots Received Back	49,787			
Military and Overseas				
Ballots Issued	35,974			
Ballots Received	2,651			
Sample Ballots				
Mailed (continuous through date)	4,137,723			
Registered Voters Totals by Supervisorial District				
District 1	844,248			
District 2	991,941			
District 3	1,114,737			
District 4	1,097,265			

District 5	1,103,780			
Countywide Total	5,151,971			
	10/18/2016	10/25/2016	11/1/2016	
Registered Voters by Age				
18-29	1,125,727			
30-39	938,521			
40-49	814,362			
50-59	869,219			
60-69	719,577			
70-79	410,132			
Over 80	273,357			
No Data	1,076			
Total	5,151,971			
Incoming Voter Registration Total (since January 1	, 2016)			
New Online Registrations	161,316			
Online Re-registrations	537,858			
Paper Registrations	527,907			
Volunteers (Pollworkers and Inspectors)				
Total Recruited (includes all regular and specialty recruitments, as well as inspectors and coordinators)	25,836			
Details (part of total from above)				
Precinct Coordinators	350			
Multilingual Pollworkers	10,194			
County Employees Recruited	4,289			
Student Pollworkers	4,434			
Legal Permanent Residents	55			
	10/18/2016	10/25/2016	11/1/2016	

Number of Polling Places by Supervisorial District			
District 1	782		
District 2	878		
District 3	920		
District 4	994		
District 5	949		
Total	4,523		
Number of Trainings for Inspectors and Clerks	130		
Outreach Activity Statistics			
Total people registered at outreach events (since January 1, 2016)	3,952		
Pollworkers recruited	303		
Deputy Registrar Training Sessions Hosted	45		
New Citizens Registered	8,546		
National Voter Registration Day - 09/27/16			
People registered at RRCC	44		
People registered at Cal State Los Angeles	60		
People registered at USC	177		