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WEEKLY STATUS REPORT: MAY 19, 2009 STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION

The following report is the second of four weekly election status reports provided for the purpose of informing the Board and the public of our progress in preparing for the May 19th Statewide Special and Consolidated Election. The information and data are provided in an effort to help ensure the County's goal of "service excellence." In addition, these reports are part of the department's ongoing commitment to conduct open and transparent elections for the citizens of Los Angeles County.

The report contains various updates pertaining to recent election related activities, the mailing of sample ballots, vote by mail ballots, and poll worker recruitment. The report is organized into four sections (outlined below). General information and statistics about the election, including a list of the contests appearing on the ballot, are included in the appendices section of the report.

- 1. Special Updates**
- 2. Status of Vote by Mail and Overseas Voting**
- 3. Sample Ballot Mailings**
- 4. Poll Worker Recruitment and Training/Polling Place Recruitment**

1. Special Updates

Polling Place Change Alerts:

In my last report, I noted that the department is reaching out to voters in the City of Los Angeles who's polling place may have changed from the location assigned for the March 3rd Municipal Primary Election. Our goal is to be sure that these voters take the time to confirm the location of their polling place prior to voting.

Voters will receive an automated (*robocal*) message that will inform the household that their polling place may have changed and instruct them to check their sample ballot, look up their polling place online at www.lavote.net, or call the RR/CC. A voter household universe of 414,653 will receive the *robocal*¹ notice approximately one week prior to Election Day.

Public Release of 2008 Post-Election Report:

We produced a comprehensive Post-Election Report detailing the November, 2008 General Election. This is the first report of what we hope will be a regular publication for the department, following every major Presidential Election. We will distribute hard copies to the Board and the Chief Executive Office this week. The report includes charts and graphs of comparative statistics such as Vote by Mail requests and returns, early voting, voter registration, turnout, and more. It also includes a CD-Rom with interactive countywide, Supervisorial district and Congressional district maps of vote distributions by party, age, gender and vote choice in the Presidential contest. The report will also be made available to the public and posted on our website after April 30th.

2. Status of Vote by Mail and Overseas Voting

Vote by Mail voting requests and mailings began this week. Voters have until May 12, 2009 to submit a request for a Vote by Mail ballot. Currently, there are more than half a million Permanent Vote by Mail Voters (PVBM) on file. As of the date of this report **565,778 Vote by Mail packets** for the May 19th Election have been processed for mailing, the vast majority of these going to PVBM voters.

3. Sample Ballot Mailings

Mailing of the Official Sample Ballot booklets began April 13, 2009. As of April 17, 2009 we have mailed **2.5 million** sample ballot booklets to voters across the County. Sample ballots are also available online through our poll look up feature on www.lavote.net.

¹ Automated calls (*Robocalls*) have become an effective communication tool for the department. *Robocalls* provide us a cost-effective and rapid-response method for communicating important time-sensitive information to the County's voters.

4. Poll Worker Training and Recruitment/Polling Place Recruitment

Polling Places:

Polling place recruitment is nearly complete with about 20 of the 3,057 polling places still pending additional review or inspection.

NOTE: Parking and accessibility are the primary factors we consider in evaluating and selecting polling places.

Poll Workers:

This election will require at least **15,285** individuals to serve as poll workers. As of Friday April 17, 2009 **12,361 (81%)** of poll workers needed have been recruited. Pollworker recruitment will continue until the required number has been confirmed.

Poll Worker Recruitment Report					
May 19th Special Statewide Election					
	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	5-May	12-May
Inspectors					
Required	3,057	--			
Recruited	2,477	2,989			
Outstanding	580	68			
Clerks					
Required	12,228	--			
Confirmed	4,427	5,419			
Outstanding	7,801	6,809			
Special Recruitment					
County Employees	1,554	2,018			
Bilingual PW	713	873			
Students	1,317	1,450			

APPENDIX 1

This election is being conducted as a countywide election, serving the more than four million voters within Los Angeles County.

The following table provides you some general statistics concerning the size and scale of the election.

General Statistics for May 19th, 2009 Special Statewide Election	
Ballot Groups:	384
Vote at Poll Precincts:	3,057
Vote by Mail Precincts:	503
Average Voters per Precinct:	1,500
Registered Voters:	*4,334,165
Check in Centers:	66
Precinct Officers:	15,285 (4 per polling place)
Poll Hours:	7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sample Ballot Translations:	Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese
Estimated Cost of Election:	\$28 million

APPENDIX 2

The ballot includes contests and measures for various jurisdictions and levels of government. Contests include: 1 Congressional, 1 State Legislative, 3 Municipal Officials and 2 Special District Officials. Measures include: 6 Statewide Measures and 2 Citywide Measures.

List of Contests

Federal

32nd Congressional District Primary

State

Statewide Measures 1A-1F

26th State Senate Special General Election

Municipal

City of Los Angeles

Los Angeles City Attorney

Los Angeles City Council District 5

City of Palmdale

Palmdale City Council

Palmdale Measure A

Palmdale Measure B

Special District

Los Angeles Community College District

Trustee Areas 2 and 6