

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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#### WEEKLY STATUS REPORT: MAY 19, 2009 STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION

The following report is the third in a series of weekly election status reports provided to inform the Board and the public of our progress in preparing for the May 19<sup>th</sup> Statewide Special and Consolidated Election. The information and data are provided to help further 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).

- 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
- 5. Voting System/Tally Operations

#### 1. Special Updates

This week we issued the following notice regarding the correct term of office designation for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District contest on the May 19<sup>th</sup> ballot.



### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, concerning the May 19<sup>th</sup> Statewide Special and Consolidated Elections. The "Term of Office" for the 32<sup>nd</sup> District Special Primary Election contest should read "UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING January 3, 2011".

The "Term of Office" printed on PAGE 2 of the ballot incorrectly reads "UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING January 3, 2010. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Special Primary Election is to complete an unexpired term ending January 3, 2011.

No action from voters is necessary. The "term of office" is provided for informational purposes only. It will not impact voting procedures. To view a corrected version of the sample ballot go to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk website <a href="https://www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>. For additional information please contact the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Registration/Sample Ballot Inquiries section at (562) 466-1323.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2009

The notice is posted on our website, scheduled for publication in the San Gabriel Daily Tribune for a period of five consecutive days, and will be displayed (and translated in all covered languages) in all polling places within the district. In addition, all qualified candidates have also received notice.

#### 2. Status of Vote by Mail and Overseas Voting

Since the last status report, we have received a steady stream of Vote by Mail ballot requests. Since April 21, 2009 we have received **41,558 VBM** requests. During this same period, the Department has mailed an additional **59,536 VBM** ballots. In total, **655,407 Vote by Mail packets** have been mailed to date.

Voters have also begun to mail back their voted ballots. Since our initial mailing of VBM packets we have received a total of **26,077 returned ballots**. Voters have until May 12, 2009 to submit a request for a Vote by Mail ballot. Request forms are available on the

back cover of the Official Sample Ballot booklet or online at <a href="www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>. Voted ballots must be received by our office or returned at any polling place in the County by the 8:00 p.m. close of polls on Election Day. Postmarked envelopes will not be accepted.

#### 3. Sample Ballot Mailings

Mailing of the Official Sample Ballot booklets has continued smoothly, in part due to the cooperation of the United States Postal Service (USPS). Mailings of this magnitude can often present challenges. The USPS partnership with the RR/CC has helped to improve the timely delivery of election materials.

As of April 21, 2009 we have mailed **3.5 million** sample ballot booklets to voters across the County. Sample ballots are also available online through our poll look up feature on <a href="https://www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>.

#### 4. Poll Worker Training and Recruitment/Polling Place Recruitment

#### Training:

Poll worker training for both Inspectors and Clerks commenced last weekend. Training sessions will be held throughout the County through May 17, 2009. During this period the RR/CC Poll Worker Training Unit will conduct **264 trainings**.

#### **Polling Places:**

Polling place recruitment, for this election, has been completed. During the course of the next few weeks staff will work with contacts at selected polling locations to ensure the greatest level of accessibility and also confirm availability.

NOTE: Parking, accessibility, and availability 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 24, 2009, **10,009** or **66%** of the poll workers needed had been recruited. Pollworker recruitment continues 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	3,056		
Outstanding	580	68	1_		
Clerks					
Required	12,228				
Confirmed	4,427	5,419	6,953		
Outstanding	7,801	6,809	5,275		
Special Recruitment					
County Employees	1,554	2,018	2,286		
Bilingual PW	713	873	961		
Students	1,317	1,450	1,505		

#### 5. Voting Systems/Tally Operations

This week will begin voting systems preparation for the election. Preparations begin with loading the election file onto Precinct Ballot Readers (PBRs). Loading will begin April 29, 2009 and continue through May 8, 2009 (See Appendix 1). This activity is open to qualified Election Observers. County Central Committees and members of the Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury have been notified of the dates. Following the loading of PBRs, and at least seven days prior to Election Day, we will conduct Logic and Accuracy testing on all voting devices, pursuant to *EC* § 15000. Election observers are invited to observe the testing process.

#### **APPENDIX 1**

## **NOTICE**

Public notice is hereby given that in preparation for the upcoming May 19<sup>th</sup> Statewide Special and Consolidated Elections the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk will conduct the programming of the InkaVote *Plus* Precinct Ballot Readers (PBRs).

Pursuant to California Election Code § 15004, the testing, programming, and preparation of voting devices is open to political parties, bona fide association of citizens, and media organizations.

Election loading of PBRs is scheduled to begin April 29, 2009 and will continue until all units have been successfully loaded. Interested observers must notify the RR/CC by calling (562) 462-2885.

Scheduled Location: Election Operations Center

12680 Corral Place, Santa Fe Springs

**Observation Hours:** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2009.



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