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

Following is the fourth 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 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**

### **Election Observer Training:**

Prior to each major election, the RR/CC conducts an extensive training and orientation for Election Observers. The program is part of the County's commitment to conducting open and transparent elections. Through the program, Election Observers are afforded the opportunity to observe Logic and Accuracy testing of voting system components and equipment, Vote-By-Mail Ballot processing, Election Day activities at polling locations and Check-In-Centers, tally center operations and post election ballot processing. Observers are also oriented to the availability of Election Day resources and encouraged to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Representatives from County Political Party Central Committees, our Community Voter Outreach Committee member organizations, the Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury and other interested citizens are invited to participate.

Designated observers are asked to attend a pre-election orientation and training scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the RR/CC Executive Conference Room.

An Election Observer Panel Plan is posted on our website outlining observable activities and a schedule of activities. You can access the plan at [http://www.lavote.net/GENERAL/PDFS/PRESS\\_RELEASES/05012009-063207.pdf](http://www.lavote.net/GENERAL/PDFS/PRESS_RELEASES/05012009-063207.pdf)

### **New Media:**

The RR/CC is now providing election updates and reminders using Twitter. The free web-based service allows those interested to subscribe as "followers", so that they receive periodic short text messages on-line or on mobile devices advising them of the latest election news or deadlines. Within days of establishing our account, more than 30 "followers" had already signed up for the updates absent any promotion.

We invite you to follow us on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/lacountyrrcc>

### **San Marino Unified School District Special Parcel Tax Election**

Today the Department is conducting an all Vote by Mail election for the SMUSD. The department has received 4,715 returned ballots for this election. Voters will have until 8:00 pm tonight to return voted ballots to RR/CC headquarters. Ballot processing for the election will begin promptly at 8:00 pm. A second tally update will be processed this Friday May 8, 2009. Results will be posted and updated online at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net). For the first time, we will also provide brief semi-official results updates via our Twitter account at: <http://twitter.com/lacountyrrcc>.

### **2008 Post Election Report:**

Last week, the RR/CC released a 2008 Post Election Report. The report on the phenomenal and record-setting Presidential General Election provides an array of information on voting trends, voter outreach activities, and demographic data; countywide and for selected districts. Easy-to-read interactive maps, charts and graphs of voter registration and turnout statistics along with historical information compiled from past elections are contained within the report. The historic 2008 Presidential contest was unparalleled in many ways; as a result, a number of trends and patterns emerged that resulted in noteworthy levels of voter participation and engagement. The 2008 Presidential Election provided an excellent opportunity to learn from and improve our electoral process for the future.

Copies of the report were distributed to each of the members of the Board of Supervisors, the CEO, and to members of Congress, the State Assembly and the State Senate representing Districts that fall within Los Angeles County. The full report and associated interactive countywide, Congressional District and Supervisorial District maps are posted on our website at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

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

The election is well under way with ongoing vote by mail activity. Since April 28, 2009 we have received an additional **45,252 VBM** requests. During this same period, the Department has mailed an additional **54,142 VBM** ballots. In total, **694,706 Vote by Mail packets** have been mailed to date.

Voters continue to mail back their voted ballots. Since our last report to the board on April 28, 2009 we have received an additional **54,142 returned ballots**. In total, the Department has received **92,263 voted 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 [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net). 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**

We have completed our full initial mailing of sample ballot booklets to voters across the County. Sample ballots are also available online through our poll look up feature on [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

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

##### **Poll Workers:**

Poll worker training for the election is ongoing through the weekend prior to May 19. During this period the RR/CC Poll Worker Training Unit will conduct **264 trainings**. In addition to in-person training classes, Inspectors and Precinct Coordinators are required to complete modules on the RR/CC On-line Poll Worker Training application. The on-line training program offers in-depth training in areas such as provisional voting and serving voters with special needs.

As of May 5<sup>th</sup>, we have more than 2,300 County Employees and over 1,500 student workers signed up to work as poll workers on May 19.

<b>Poll Worker Recruitment Report</b>					
<b>May 19th Special Statewide Election</b>					
	<b>14-Apr</b>	<b>21-Apr</b>	<b>28-Apr</b>	<b>5-May</b>	<b>12-May</b>
<b>Inspectors</b>					
Required	3,057	--	--	--	
Recruited	2,477	2,989	3,056	3,053	
Outstanding	580	68	1	4	
<b>Clerks</b>					
Required	12,228	--	--	--	
Confirmed	4,427	5,419	6,953	8,733	
Outstanding	7,801	6,809	5,275	3,495	
<b>Special Recruitment</b>					
County Employees	1,554	2,018	2,286	2,308	
Bilingual PW	713	873	961	1,174	
Students	1,317	1,450	1,505	1,513	

##### **Polling Places:**

Automated “robo-call” messages will begin this weekend to voters whose polling place has changed since the March 5 election in the City of Los Angeles. Additionally, media updates will be issued reminding voters of the three options for confirming their polling location – 1) back cover of the Sample Ballot; 2) online at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net); or 3) interactive voice response at 1-800-815-2666, option 7.

## **5. Voting Systems/Tally Operations**

Last week, the precinct-based components of our InkaVote Plus voting system – the Precinct Ballot Reader (PBR) and Audio Ballot Booth (ABB) – were loaded with the current election files and prepared for deployment. Truck loading begins this week, where the equipment will be securely stored prior to Inspector Supply Pick-up, which is scheduled for this weekend.