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WEEKLY STATUS REPORT: JUNE 5, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION

The following report is the second in a series of weekly election status reports published in order to inform your Board and the public of our preparation for the June 5 Primary Election. The information and data included here link to the County's goal of "service excellence". Additionally, these reports support the Department's ongoing commitment to open and transparent elections for the citizens of Los Angeles County.

The report contains various updates pertaining to recent election-related activities, sample ballot mailing, vote by mail ballots, and poll worker recruitment efforts. The report is organized into five sections. These are:

- 1. Status of Vote by Mail and Ballot Mailing
- 2. Sample Ballot Mailings
- 3. Poll Worker Recruitment/Training and Polling Place Recruitment
- 4. Voter Registration
- 5. Special Projects: Close of Registration, Inspector Supply Pick Up, Election Observer Information

1. Status of Vote by Mail and Ballot Mailing

We began our Vote by Mail (VBM) operation by mailing VBMs to Permanent VBM voters on April 16, the first day provided under California Elections Code for receiving requests for VBM ballots. Including PVBM voters, we have received **1,118,590** requests for Vote by Mail ballots and we have mailed **1,109,713** ballots to voters to date. So far, we have received **174,968** returned ballots.

It is important to note that voters have until 7 days before the election to request a Vote by Mail ballot. For this election, that date is May 29, 2012. Request forms are available on the back cover of the Official Sample Ballot booklet or online at <u>www.lavote.net</u>. 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.

Military and Overseas Voting

Our office begins processing Special VBM applications for uniformed service members and citizens living outside the United States sixty days prior to an election. We mailed **22,082** military and overseas ballots and have received **1,834** voted ballots. Of those received, 759 are from military voters while 1,075 are from civilian overseas voters.

2. Sample Ballot Mailings

The initial mailing of the Official Sample Ballot booklet began on April 27. By May 17, we had mailed over 4.1 million Sample Ballot booklets to voters across Los Angeles County. Supplemental mailings have been completed to voters who registered after Sample Ballot preparation began bringing the number of mailed Sample Ballots to nearly **4.3 million**. Those who registered after the supplemental mailing, but prior to the registration deadline, will receive a card informing them of their polling location and how to view their Sample Ballot online. Sample Ballots are available online, in any of the nine languages offered, through our poll look up feature on <u>www.lavote.net</u>.

Voters who have opted-in to receive their sample ballots electronically are now viewing their sample ballots online. In the past week, another 200 subscribers have chosen the paperless option bringing the number of subscribers to 14,731. So far, 4,763 of these voters have viewed their e-Sample Ballot.

3. Poll Worker Training/Recruitment and Polling Place Recruitment

Training:

Poll worker training commenced three weeks ago, and training sessions will be held throughout the County until June 3, 2012. During this period the RR/CC Poll Worker Training Unit will conduct a total of **445 training sessions** for Inspectors and Clerks. Supplemental online training is also available to all poll workers on <u>www.lavote.net</u>.

Polling Places:

Polling place recruitment is complete. All of the **4,573** required polling places have been confirmed for the June election. Since the Official Sample Ballots were sent to voters, there have been 25 changes in polling locations, and postcard notices have been sent to make voters aware of the change in their polling place. Additionally, we plan to make robo-calls to these voters on May 30.

Polling Places By Supervisorial District - June 5, 2012 Primary Election							
	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	Totals	
Required	768	855	914	1,035	1,001	4,573	
Confirmed	768	855	914	1,035	1,001	4,573	
Postcard Pcts.	2	9	4	3	7	25	

Poll Workers:

For the June 5, 2012 Primary Election, we require more than 21,000 Clerks, Inspectors and Coordinators to staff our 4,573 polling places. Our recruitment efforts began several weeks ago and are nearly complete.

With the election just around the corner, there are still a number of communities that are experiencing a shortage of poll workers. To address this concern, our office issued a media release and conducted robo-calls urging citizens to volunteer as poll workers poll worker on Election Day. Due to this effort, 531 people expressed interest in assisting.

Poll Worker Recruitment Report - June 5, 2012 Primary Election					
	May 14	May 21	May 28		
Inspectors					
Required	4,573	4,573	4,573		
Recruited	4,547	4,561			
Outstanding	26	12			
Clerks					
Required	16,706	16,706	16,706		
Confirmed	13,762	14,721			
Outstanding	2,944	1,985			
Coordinators					
Required	400	400			
Confirmed	400	400			
Outstanding	0	0			
Special Recruitment					
County Employees	2,911	3,147			
Bilingual PW	6,577	6,826			
Students	2,350	2,408			

4. Voter Registration

The last day to register to vote for participation in the Primary Election was Monday, May 21. Currently, there are **4,460,111** registered voters in Los Angeles County; however, our office is still processing registration forms that were submitted prior to the May 21 deadline. We will provide final figures in next week's update. The following table shows the distribution of active voters across the five Supervisorial districts.

Voter Registration Totals by District June 5, 2012 Primary Election				
	May 21, 2012			
District 1	742,751			
District 2	825,599			
District 3	944,596			
District 4	974,104			
District 5	973,060			
Countywide	4,460,111			

5. Special Projects: Close of Registration, Inspector Supply Pick Up, and Election Observer Information

Close of Registration

Our Norwalk office remained open until midnight of May 21 to accept voter registrations from the public before the legal deadline. As a result of this effort, we received over **300** voter registration forms during our close of registration activities on May 21.

In addition to this, we are accepting registration forms submitted by May 21 through our partners such as the Department of Motor Vehicles and City Clerks offices.

Inspector Supply Pick Up

Polling place equipment and supply tubs will be distributed to Inspectors this weekend, May 26 and 27. Inspectors are scheduled to pick up their supplies from any of the 74 Check-In-Centers located throughout the County. A will-call pick up service is scheduled for Monday, May 28 for those who are unable to pick up the supplies over the weekend. In total, we hope to distribute all supplies to the 4,573 Inspectors by the end of the weekend.

Election Observers Program

Our office conducts an Election Observer Program for every election. Through this program, observers have the opportunity to view the election process from the testing of election systems equipment to post election processing. Other activities that can be

observed in this program are Vote By Mail ballot processing, Election Day activities at polling places and Check-In-Centers, tally center operations, and the Official Canvass.

Election Observer training was conducted for participants on May 22 at our Norwalk Headquarters. Representatives from Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC), Community Voter Outreach Committee (CVOC), County Central Committee, and major political parties received a poll monitor handbook and certificate of completion.

To participate in the program, interested individuals are encouraged to contact Adolfo Gonzalez at (562) 462-2737 by Friday, June 1, 2012.

A complete copy of our election observer panel plan is available at <u>http://lavote.net/VOTER/PDFS/ELECTION_RELATED/06052012_ELECTION_OBSERV</u> <u>ER_PROGRAM.pdf</u>