

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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September 7, 2005

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

# 9/13/05 ELECTION FOR 53<sup>rd</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT – INFORMATION/UPDATE

The special primary election to fill the vacancy in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District created by the death of Assembly member Mike Gordon will take place on Tuesday, September 13. Information regarding the conduct of this election is included in the attached Fact Sheet along with a copy of the ballot. As this is a special vacancy election, if any of the six competing candidates receives a majority of the votes cast at this election, then he or she shall be declared elected. However, if no candidate receives a majority of votes cast, the names of the candidates who receive the most votes cast among the candidates in each political party shall be placed on a special general election ballot in conjunction with the November 8, 2005 Special Statewide Election.

There are 239,658 registered voters in this district. To date, 26,704 absentee ballots have been mailed to those requesting a ballot by mail. On election day there will be 110 voting precincts (the location is listed on the back cover of the sample ballots sent to each registered voter of the District). After the polls close at 8 p.m., voted ballots will be transported to Norwalk. Throughout the evening unofficial election results will be available by calling (562) 462-2648 and will also be posted on our website at <a href="https://www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>.

Although there is no provision in our current budget to cover the costs of this special election, AB 783 has passed the Assembly and the State Senate and is on the way to the Governor. If signed by the Governor, AB783 provides for partial reimbursement of special vacancy elections for federal and state legislative offices.

If you have questions, please feel free to call me.

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# Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Fact Sheet September 13, 2005

53<sup>rd</sup> State Assembly District Special Primary Election

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) will be conducting the 53<sup>rd</sup> State Assembly District Special Primary Election on September 13, 2005. There is one ballot group and 110 voting precincts.

The election is being conducted to fill the vacancy created due to the death of Assembly Member Mike Gordon. See attached sample of the official ballot that lists candidates and their political party affiliation.

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Ballot Group: 1
Precincts: 110
Check in Centers: 3
Precinct Officers: 550

Poll Hours: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Registration: 239,658 (as of 8/30/05)

Absentee ballot applications received: 26,795 (as of 9/07/05)

Sample Ballot Translation: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish

and Vietnamese

#### **ABSENTEE VOTING PERIOD**

Applications to vote absentee may be filed between August 19 and September 6. Under special circumstances, a voter may request an emergency absentee ballot beginning September 7 through Election Day, September 13. Additional information regarding this service or any questions regarding absentee voting can be obtained by telephoning the Absentee Voter Section of the RR/CC at (562) 466-1323, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., weekdays.

### **VOTES NEEDED TO ELECT CANDIDATE**

If any candidate receives a majority of all votes cast at the special primary election he or she shall be declared elected and the special general election shall not be held. (E. C. § 10705)

If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast at the special primary election, the name of the candidate of each qualified political party who receives the most votes cast for all candidates of that party shall be placed on the special general election ballot on November 8, 2005 as the candidate of that party.

(E. C. § 10706)

# **TERM OF OFFICE**

2 years

(Unexpired term) ending November 30, 2006. (Art IV, Sec 3 (a), St. Const.)

#### **BALLOT AND VOTING SYSTEM**

The ballot for this election is a 26-round hole ballot with candidates names printed on it. (See attachment). No write-in candidates filed by the legal deadline (August 30, 2005).

# **UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS ON 9/13**

On election night, unofficial cumulative results will be available by calling the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at the telephone numbers listed below until all precinct ballots are counted. Unofficial absentee voting results will be available by approximately 8:15 p.m. As precincts arrive, results will be posted on the RR/CC's Internet website listed below and on the internal Intranet system. Many absentee voters wait until the last minute to make their voting choices and drop off their absentee ballots at the polling place on Election Day. These ballots will be processed between September 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. All absentee ballots must be pre-processed before they are counted – this includes verifying every absentee voter's signature prior to opening the absentee ballot envelopes to remove the ballots in the preparation for counting.

Telephone Numbers: Public (562) 466-1310

Media (562) 462-2648 or 462-2726

Internet Website: <u>www.lavote.net</u>

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# **UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS BY PRECINCT BEGINNING 9/14**

Phone hours on the day after the election are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Precinct by precinct results will be available in the RR/CC Election Information Section after noon.

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Media (562) 462-2648 or 462-2726

Internet Website: www.lavote.net

#### **OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS**

On Tuesday, September 20, 2005, the RR/CC is scheduled to complete the official canvass. The legal deadline to certify the election results is October 11, 2005.

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# **OFFICIAL BALLOT**

#### STATE ASSEMBLY, 53rd DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

#### **SEPTEMBER 13, 2005**

**County of Los Angeles** 

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TED W. LIEU, Democratic→ Torrance Councilmember/Reservist	$\bigcirc$
JAMES R. SMITH, Peace & Freedom→ Educator/Journalist	$\bigcirc$
MARY JO FORD, Republican→ Businesswoman/Physician/Educator	
PAUL NOWATKA, Republican→ City Councilmember/Educator	
PAUL WHITEHEAD, Republican→ High School Educator	0

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