

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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CONNY B. McCORMACK REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

October 11, 2006

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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

## WEEKLY STATUS REPORT #2: NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION

#### Sample Ballots / Website Enhancement

Today, four weeks prior to the November 7 election, 2 million sample ballot booklets have already been placed in the mail stream. Completion of sample ballot mailing is expected by the end of next week (to those individuals who were registered by 46 days prior to the election. Several supplemental sample ballot mailings will subsequently occur until 10 days prior to election day for individuals who register or re-register up until or on the October 23, 2006 deadline).

Significant improvements have been implemented since the June election to insure timely delivery of sample ballots throughout the County. Together with our printing vendor, we recently completed development of a sophisticated online, real time computer program to track the 3.8 million sample ballots that will be mailed to each registered voter in advance of the November 7, 2006 election.

While tracking of sample ballots from the time of authorization of print proofs, through printing and placement into the mail stream are crucial components, we are also implementing new processes to survey when sample ballots actually arrive. In addition to random phone calls to a number of voters following mailing, we have identified and secured agreement of 45 staff of our Department who reside in neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles County to report what date each received his/her sample ballot in the mail for this election.

Also, we have enhanced the sample ballot look-up feature on our website found at <u>www.lavote.net</u>. In prior years, this website has contained sample ballot voting pages listing candidates and contests specific to each voter's geographical area/jurisdictional boundary lines. However, technical constraints prevented inclusion of the voluminous additional information contained in the sample ballot booklet, such as candidate statements, arguments and rebuttals regarding ballot propositions, etc. For the first time, our website will now offer voters the option to view this material as well.

#### Polling Places and Pollworkers

As of today, more than 92% of needed pollworkers have been recruited to serve at the 5,028 voting precincts. Pollworker training - 490 separate classes over a five week period - are ongoing. Feedback indicates that pollworkers are responding positively to the new InkaVote Plus voting equipment.

#### Absentee Ballot Mailings

Absentee ballots have been mailed to over 380,000 voters. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is October 31. Please note that news reports from neighboring counties stating that voters need to use more than one stamp to return voted ballots do NOT apply in Los Angeles County. Our single-card paper InkaVote ballot requires only one first class postage stamp to reach our office.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this report or any other election preparation activity.

Attachments

c: CAO County Counsel

## NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION STATUS OF EVENTS PERFORMED

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 2006

EVENT	SCHEDULED COMPLETION	<u>ACTUAL</u> COMPLETION
Recruit and Appoint Precinct Officers	11/06/2006	

This election involves 5,028 precincts requiring the recruitment of approximately 27,000 pollworkers. This event is proceeding as scheduled.

3. Updated Registration Records 10/23/2006

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The October 6, 2006 update of Los Angeles County's registration records total 3,896,503 registered voters. The voter registration deadline is October 23. This event is proceeding as scheduled.

4. <u>Testing of Election Night Data Processing</u> 11/06/2006 <u>Hardware and Programs</u>

Testing of election night tally programs is in progress. This event is proceeding as scheduled.

5. <u>Mail Sample Ballots</u> 10/28/2006

The initial sample ballot mailing to over 3.8 million registered voters began on September 28, 2006 and continues through October 28, 2006. Supplemental sample ballot mailing (to persons registering or re-registering to vote up until the October 23 deadline) will occur throughout October.

6. <u>Election Supplies and Vote Recorders</u> 10/25/2006 <u>Assembled</u>

Vote Recorder packaging will begin on October 16, 2006. Supply Box processing will begin on October 25, 2006.

7. <u>Election Supplies and Equipment</u> 10/29/2006 <u>Picked-Up by Inspectors</u>

Booths and supplies are scheduled for pick-up on October 28 – 29, 2006.

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

# **MILESTONE STATUS REPORT OF KEY EVENTS**

November 7, 2006 – Gubernatorial General Election

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	EVENT	09/08	09/15	09/22	09/29	10/06	10/13	10/20	10/27	11/03	11/09
1.	AUTHORIZE SAMPLE BALLOT FOR PRINTING.				▲ 09/16						
2.	RECRUIT AND APPOINT PRECINCT OFFICERS.										△ 11/06
3.	UPDATE REGISTRATION RECORDS.				_				<u>△</u> 10/23		
4.	TESTING OF ELECTION NIGHT DATA PROCESSING HARDWARE AND PROGRAMS.										△ 11/06
5.	DELIVERY OF SAMPLE BALLOTS TO RR/CC.						△ - 10/09				
6.	MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS.									△ 10/31	
7.	PRECINCT SUPPLIES AND VOTE RECORDERS ASSEMBLED.										
8.	BOOTH AND SUPPLIES PICKED- UP BY PRECINCT INSPECTORS.									_ <u>∧</u> 10/29	

WEEK ENDING

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