

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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October 22, 2010

TO:

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FROM: Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

WEEKLY STATUS REPORT: NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION

The following report is the third in a series of weekly election status reports published in order to inform your Board and the public of our preparation for the November 2 General 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: Voter Empowerment Workshops, Permanent Vote By Mail Enrollment, and Website Redesign

1. Status of Vote by Mail and Ballot Mailing

We began our Vote by Mail (VBM) operation on September 10, the first day provided under California Elections Code for receiving requests for Vote by Mail ballots. We began mailing ballots to Permanent Vote by Mail (PVBM) voters on September 9. To date, we have received **1,012,738** applications for Vote by Mail ballots and we have mailed **926,282** ballots to voters. So far, we have received **164,055** 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 October 26, 2010. 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 Vote By Mail applications for uniformed service members and citizens living outside the United States sixty days prior to an election. By October 20, we had mailed **26,568** military and overseas ballots and have received back **2,386** voted ballots to date. Of those received, 860 are from military voters while 1,526 are from civilian overseas voters.

2. Sample Ballot Mailings

The initial mailing of the Official Sample Ballot booklet began on September 24 and was completed by October 13. Nearly **4.2 million** Sample Ballot booklets entered the mailstream in the initial mailing to voters across Los Angeles County. Supplemental mailings began this week to voters who registered after Sample Ballot preparation began and will continue into next week. Sample Ballots are also available online through our poll look up feature on <u>www.lavote.net</u>. Voters can view their Sample Ballot online in any of the seven languages offered, as required by federal law.

3. Poll Worker Training/Recruitment and Polling Place Recruitment

Training:

Poll worker training commenced two weeks ago, and training sessions will be held throughout the County until October 30. During this period the RR/CC Poll Worker Training Unit will conduct a total of **387 training sessions** for Inspectors and Clerks. Supplemental online training is also available to all poll workers for completion prior to Election Day.

Polling Places:

Polling place recruitment is complete. All of the **4,770** required polling places have been confirmed for the November 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.

Polling Places By Supervisorial District November 2, 2010 General Election							
	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	Totals	
Required	732	890	988	1,033	1,127	4,770	
Confirmed	732	890	988	1,033	1,127	4,770	

Poll Workers:

For the November 2, 2010 General Election, we require more than 20,000 Clerks, Inspectors and Coordinators to staff our 4,770 polling places. Our recruitment efforts began almost immediately following the June Primary and are nearly complete.

Poll Worker Recruitment Report November 2, 2010 General Election						
	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29		
Inspectors						
Required	4,770	4,770	4,770			
Recruited	4,755	4,760	4,762			
Outstanding	15	10	8			
Clerks						
Required	17,057	17,099	17,099			
Confirmed	15,883	17,516	18,272*			
Outstanding	1,174	337	95			
Special Recruitment						
County Employees	3,156	3,309	3,501			
Bilingual PW	4,554	4,704	4,777			
Students	1,624	2,511	2,804			

* Although the total number of confirmed Clerks surpasses the requirement, 95 Clerks are needed in District 3 to meet its requirement.

4. Voter Registration

The last day to register to vote for participation in the General Election was Monday, October 18. Since the June Primary, our office has seen voter registration totals increase throughout the County. To date, our office has received **177,664** voter registrations since June.

Monthly Voter Registration Totals by District November 2, 2010 General Election						
	June*	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Totals
District 1	2,624	2,987	6,078	8,013	7,213	26,915
District 2	3,269	3,382	6,532	8,720	12,451	34,354
District 3	5,223	4,721	6,915	9,743	10,501	37,103
District 4	4,302	4,537	8,244	10,034	11,864	38,981
District 5	4,519	5,176	8,878	12,708	9,030	40,311
Countywide	19,937	20,803	36,647	49,218	51,059	177,664

Our office remained open until midnight of October 18 to accept voter registrations from the public before the legal deadline. In addition to this, we partnered with community groups to staff drive-through registration sites from 8:00 a.m. to midnight at 11 Department of Motor Vehicle Offices, City Halls, and community organizations throughout the County. Partners include the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, and Voto Latino.

As a result of this effort, we received over **17,000** voter registration forms during our close of registration activities on October 18.

5. Special Projects: Voter Empowerment Workshops, Permanent Vote By Mail Enrollment, and Website Redesign

Voter Empowerment Workshops

As a means to restore voter confidence in the electoral process, national, state, and local community-based organizations and government agencies have united in coordinating a series of community workshops. These workshops are designed to ensure that communities have access to information about the election and provide a venue for the public to voice their concerns about the integrity of the election.

Our office partnered with the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles, California Common Cause, California Participation Project, the NALEO Educational Fund, and the Los Angeles Unified School District to facilitate this effort. Other partners included the Office of Senator Ron Calderon and the Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina.

The workshops explain voter rights and voting procedures, as well as answer many common voter questions. Voters received information about where to access non-partisan information about candidates and propositions on the November ballot. Our

office was on hand to answer questions about voter registration, Vote By Mail and the polling place.

So far, Voter Empowerment Workshops have been held in the Cities of Bell and Compton, and another workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 23 in South Gate. The workshop in Bell received media attention from ABC-7 and Univision KMEX.

Our office reached out to approximately 24,000 residents with email addresses on file to make the public aware of this service; however, the workshops are open to all voters in Southeast Los Angeles County.



Permanent Vote By Mail Enrollment

Earlier this month, our office implemented a pilot program that encourages voters to enroll as Permanent Vote By Mail (PVBM) voters (Appendix 1). The pilot targets 250,000 voters through direct mailers proportionally distributed throughout the County who are not currently PVBM voters. Mail pieces entered the mail stream beginning October 4, and there have been 13,665 applications returned to date.

In addition to direct mail solicitation, we have made it easier for voters to apply for PVBM status by creating a check-box on the back of the Official Sample Ballot Booklet sent to all registered voters. This check-box enables the voter to permanently request a VBM ballot by simply marking in the box and returning the application back to our office. To date, there are 59,054 voters who have taken advantage of this option.

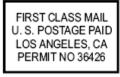
Website Redesign

We are proud to announce the launch of the new look of our Departmental website, <u>www.lavote.net</u>. The website is designed to be simple and clear, while providing users easy access to our online services. Enhancements to the home page and elections page have already taken effect (Appendix 2). Eventually, the entire website will be redesigned based on this format.

Appendix 1

Permanent Vote by Mail Application Direct Mailer (Front and Back Covers)









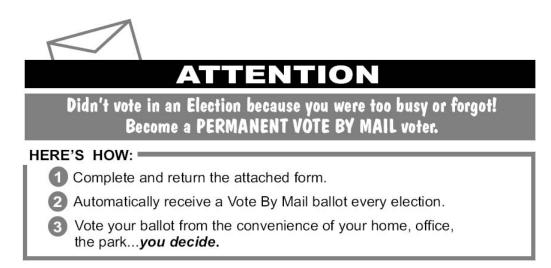
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Become a PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL voter. You can never be too busy to Vote By Mail.

WARNING: This request must be received by our office no later than October 26, 2010 to receive a Vote By Mail ballot for this election. Voted ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on November 2, 2010.

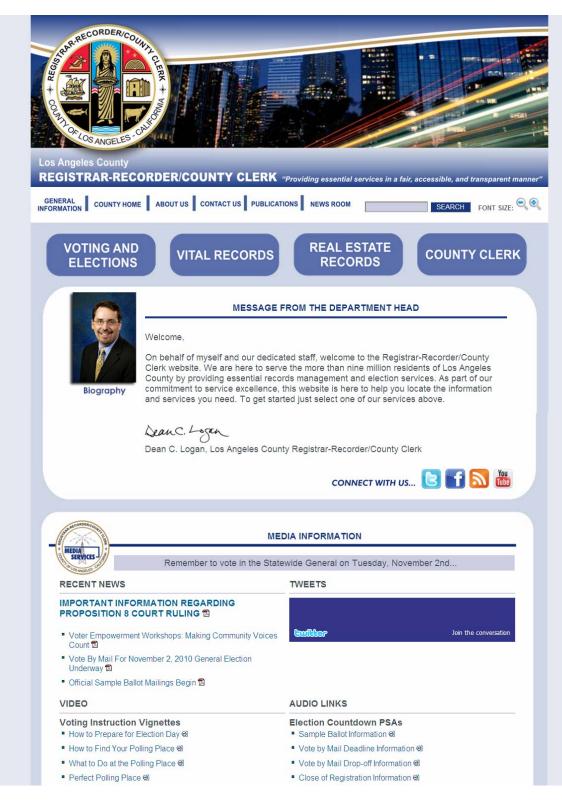
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Appendix 2

Redesigned Home Page



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Redesigned Voting and Elections Page