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Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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Enclosed is the "Media Kit" for the upcoming November 7 General Election for your reference and that of your staff members who answer public inquiries on election matters.

The implementation of our voting system enhancement, InkaVote *Plus*, is featured both in the introduction and throughout the guide. Election statistics have been updated to include the June 2006 Primary Election.

Please contact me if you have questions about this or any election matter.



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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TO:

MEDIA, ELECTION OBSERVERS AND OTHER INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS

FROM:

Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

# **ELECTION 2006 INFO GUIDE (NOVEMBER 7th GENERAL ELECTION)**

We are pleased to present the November 7<sup>th</sup> General "*Election 2006 Info Guide*". This guide contains information on candidates and measures, trends in voter registration and turnout and a wealth of other interesting information and statistical comparisons. It also includes information on how to get up-to-the-minute election results. The *Election 2006 Info Guide* is an invaluable source on "Everything you always wanted to know about major elections but were afraid to ask"! This entire election guide is on our website at www.lavote.net.

Akin to a major military deployment - The logistics of administering a statewide election in Los Angeles County is without equal. We have secured more than 5,000 polling locations, recruited and trained 25,000+ poll workers, registered and updated records for many thousands of voters who are eager to participate in the General Election, and mailed sample ballot booklets to over 3.8 million voters.

# WHAT'S NEW?

• InkaVote Plus – It's Here To Protect Your Vote!: Los Angeles County's new voting equipment – InkaVote Plus - is an enhancement to the InkaVote optical scan paper-based voting system used since November 2003. The Plus includes two new features at every voting location: a precinct ballot reader (PBR) and an audio ballot booth.

The PBR checks ballots for overvotes (more selections than a contest allows) and for completely blank ballots and notifies the voter. This provides a second chance to correct errors.

The audio ballot booth is available to assist voter with special needs. Voters who are disabled, including those who are blind or visually impaired, may vote privately and independently using an audio headset and a simple keypad. Also, voters whose main language is not English may choose to vote an audio ballot in Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese), Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino or Vietnamese.

- InkaVote Plus Video and Information Available on Website: Information on InkaVote Plus is now available on our website, <a href="www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>. Visitors will find a 90 second educational video, colorful brochure and "Frequently Asked Questions" to explain the what, why and how of InkaVote Plus.
- New Sample Ballot Viewing Choices: Voters may now choose to view or download
  their full sample ballot from our website, <a href="www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>. The website feature includes
  official ballot pages (also available in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish,
  Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese), candidate statements, ballot measures, analysis and
  arguments for or against, as applicable to their ballot.
- New Warehouse and Operation Center: In July of 2006, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk acquired a new 100,000 square foot warehouse and service center in Santa Fe Springs, CA. The new warehouse will replace the current 44,000 square foot service center in Montebello that has housed election equipment for the past 20 years. The move to the new site will be completed and ready for the 2007 elections. Currently, the new operation center is home and testing site for the 9,800 lnkaVote Plus Precinct Ballot Readers and Audio Ballot Booths that will be used for the first time for the November 7, 2006 General Election.
- Deputy Registrar Training Program: This new service provides training for community-based organizations and individuals in the proper methods and techniques for registering voters, guides those assisting voters with the completion of voter registration forms, and covers California Election Code Sections related to registration requirements
- **Key Websites:** For a wide range of election information, check out our Department's website (<a href="www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>) and the Secretary of State's website (<a href="www.ss.ca.gov">www.ss.ca.gov</a>). Up-to-the-minute Los Angeles County election results will be available election night beginning at 8:15 p.m. on our website, where visitors will also find a link to statewide results provided by the Secretary of State.

If you have questions or items you would like to see in future election info guides, please write a letter, send an email (cmccorma@rrcc.co.la.ca.us) or call (562) 462-2716 to let me know your thoughts. Working together, we can make the electoral process more accessible to the voters of Los Angeles County.

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# **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

**Hourly Voter Turnout Information** 



(562) 462-2726 or

You may obtain information about specific election services by calling the following telephone numbers.

Projected turnout reports (based on phone calls to sample precincts) will be issued each hour on the half-hour from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on election day.	(562) 462-2648 (for media use)
Semi-Official Election Results Preliminary absentee voting results will be available at approximately 8:30 p.m. election night. As ballots arrive from the precincts and are tabulated, results will be available approximately every 20 minutes until all 5,028 voting precincts have reported (also, see section on expected speed of ballot counting). *** Election results will also be continuously updated and displayed on the Internet election night at http://www.lavote.net.	(562) 466-1323
Election Results Information on Wednesday, November 8 From 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	(562) 466-1310
Voter Registration/Sample Ballot Inquiries To verify registration status or inquire about a sample ballot.	(562) 466-1310 or (562) 466-1323
Absentee/Vote-by-Mail Ballot Inquiries	(562) 466-1323
Election Information General information on election, registration and voter services.	(562) 466-1310
Sample Ballot Translation To receive a Sample Ballot booklet translated into Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino or Vietnamese.	(800) 481-8683
TDD (Telephone Device for the Deaf)	(562) 462-2259

# **Precinct Officers**

To become a precinct officer

(800) 815-2666

Option #7

# **Polls**

To offer a home as a polling place or report problems at a polling place on Election Day.

(800) 815-2666

Option #7

# **Registering to Vote**

To register to vote during regular office hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After hours, call (562) 462-2260 to leave a recorded message to request a voter registration form be mailed. (Note: The registration deadline for the November 7, 2006 General Election is October 23, 2006.)

(562) 466-1310

# **Candidate Nomination Procedures**

Information regarding election dates, offices to be filled, qualifications for office, nomination filing dates and procedures.

(562) 462-2317

# **Campaign Financial Disclosure**

Campaign financial statement filing requirements for candidates, committees and office holders.

(562) 462-2339

# **Voter Fraud Hot Line**

To report factual information on illegal voter registration and/or voting activities.

(800) 815-2666 Option #6

# **KEY SERVICES**

# **INKAVOTE PLUS IS HERE TO PROTECT YOUR VOTE!**

The new voting equipment – *InkaVote Plus* - is an enhancement to the InkaVote optical scan paper-based voting system used in Los Angeles County elections since November 2003. The *Plus* includes two new features at every voting location: a ballot reader and an audio ballot booth.

After voting the InkaVote ballot using the ink marker provided, each voter inserts his/her ballot into the new InkaVote Plus reader. The reader checks the ballot for inadvertent errors. The reader alerts any voter who makes more selections in a contest than allowed – i.e. an "overvote" - or who mistakenly fails to ink the ballot at all – i.e. a blank ballot. Pollworkers will advise any voter who has overvoted or submitted a blank ballot of the opportunity to make a correction before casting his/her ballot (InkaVote Plus gives voters a second chance to ensure their ballots are cast as intended). If no such errors were made, the voted ballot is accepted by the reader and automatically drops into the ballot box.

The second new component is an audio ballot booth. This equipment will be available in each precinct to assist voters who are blind or otherwise disabled to enable private and independent voting using an audio headset to create a paper InkaVote ballot. Audio voting may also be popular with voters whose main language is not English as the audio ballot will be available in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese. The second chance voting feature provided by the ballot reader, together with the audio ballot booth, bring Los Angeles County into compliance with federal laws as required by multiple provisions of the Help America Vote Act and the Voting Rights Act.



InkaVote Plus Audio Ballot Booth (on left) and Precinct Ballot Reader.

Prior to deploying the new InkaVote Plus equipment, our Department completed extensive acceptance testing of all 9,800 units and installation of a comprehensive inventory management system. Earlier this year the new equipment and its associated operating systems successfully completed all federal and state level testing and certifications required prior to use.



Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Conny McCormack (center) introduces the New InkaVote Plus voting equipment during a press conference on September 28, 2006.

# **NEW WAREHOUSE AND OPERATION CENTER**

In July of 2006, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk acquired a new 100,000 square foot warehouse and service center in Santa Fe Springs, CA. The new warehouse will replace the current 44,000 square foot service center in Montebello that has housed election equipment for the past 20 years. The move to the new site will be completed and ready for the 2007 elections. Currently, the new operation center is home and testing site for the 9,800 InkaVote Plus Precinct Ballot Readers and Audio Ballot Booths that will be used for the first time for the November 7, 2006 General Election.



9,800 Audio Ballot Booths and Precinct Ballot Readers line up in preparation for election day deployment at the new warehouse in Santa Fe Springs.



Precinct Ballot Readers are prepped for deployment after completing extensive acceptance testing at the new warehouse in Santa Fe Springs.

# **TOUCHSCREEN / EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS**

For the November 7, 2006 General Election, the County will offer Touchscreen Early Voting at seventeen sites beginning October 25 through November 3. Touchscreen voting can be used by any Los Angeles County voter who so chooses. It is especially useful for voters with visual impairments (using audio headsets and/or large-sized text) and voters whose first language is other than English {by choosing ballot presentation in Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese}. Locations and hours for Touchscreen voting are:

# **TOUCHSCREEN / EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS\***

# LOS ANGELES

Braille Institute Weingart North 741 N. Vermont Ave. Daily: 8:30am – 4:30pm

# LOS ANGELES

Downtown Central Library 630 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Mon – Thurs: 11am – 7pm Fri - Sat: 10am – 5pm Sun: 1pm – 4:30pm

### **LOS ANGELES**

AC Bilbrew Library 150 E El Segundo Bl. Mon – Thurs: 11am – 7pm Fri - Sat: 10am – 5pm Sun: 1pm – 4:30pm

# **EAST LOS ANGELES**

County Regional Library 4837 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Mon – Thurs: 11am – 7pm Fri - Sat: 10am – 5pm Sun: 1pm – 4:30pm

# **BEVERLY HILLS**

City Hall Rm. G30C 455 N. Rexford Dr. Daily: 8:30am – 4:30pm

# **CALABASAS**

Calabasas Public Library 23975 Park Sorrento Mon – Thurs: 11am – 7pm Fri - Sat: 10am – 5pm Sun: 1pm – 4:30pm

### **CARSON**

County Regional Library 151 E. Carson St. Mon – Thurs: 11am – 7pm Fri - Sat: 10am – 5pm Sun: 1pm – 4:30pm

# **CULVER CITY**

City Hall 9770 Culver Blvd. Daily: 8:30am – 4:30pm

# **LAKEWOOD**

County Regional Library 4990 Clark Ave. Mon – Thurs: 11am – 7pm Fri - Sat: 10am – 5pm Sun: 1pm – 4:30pm

# **LANCASTER**

Fire Training Center Room 67 42110 6<sup>th</sup> St. West Daily: 8:30am – 4:30pm

### **MONTEREY PARK**

City Hall Community Room 320 W. Newmark Ave Daily – 8:30am – 4:30pm

# **NORTH HILLS**

Mid-Valley Regional Library 16244 Nordhoff St. Community Room Mon – Thurs: 11am – 7pm Fri - Sat: 10am – 5pm Sun: 1pm – 4:30pm

# **PASADENA**

Jackie Robinson Center 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. At Entrance to Left Daily: 8:30am – 4:30pm

# **REDONDO BEACH**

Public Library 303 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Conference Room Mon – Thurs: 11am – 7pm Fri – Sat: 10am – 5pm Sun: 1pm – 4:30pm

# **VALENCIA**

Valencia County Library 23743 W. Valencia Blvd. Mon – Thurs: 11am – 7pm Fri - Sat: 10am – 5pm Sun: 1pm – 4:30pm

## **WEST COVINA**

County Regional Library 1601 W. Covina Pkwy. Mon – Thurs: 11am – 7pm Fri - Sat: 10am – 5pm Sun: 1pm – 4:30pm

### **NORWALK**

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - Room 3002 12400 Imperial Hwy.

**Weekdays**: Mon-Fri, October 10<sup>th</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>:

8:00am – 5:00pm **Weekends**: Sat/Sun, October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

8:00am - 4:00pm

ELECTION DAY, TUES. NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> - 7:00AM TO 8:00PM

# **VOTING OPTIONS: "Three Choices, No Excuses"**

The range of voting options available to Los Angeles County voters to cast a ballot in the 2006 General Election include: 1) voting an absentee ballot by mail; 2) voting at one of the 17 touchscreen early voting locations; or 3) voting at the designated neighborhood polling place on election day (location listed on back cover of sample ballot).

# INKAVOTE PLUS VIDEO AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

Located on the main page of www.lavote.net, the featured link can be accessed by selecting InkaVote Plus under the Info on the November 7, 2006 General Election header. Once the link has been selected, users will have the option of 1) viewing the 90 second InkaVote Plus video that describes how the new equipment works, 2) perusing the "InkaVote Plus is Here" brochure for information on the what, why and how of InkaVote Plus, or 3) browsing the Frequently Asked Questions page to find answers on how InkaVote Plus protects the vote, how voters with disabilities can use Inkavote Plus and how InkaVote Plus can help voters with limited-English skills.

# **NEW SAMPLE BALLOT VIEWING CHOICES**

Voters may now choose to view or download their full sample ballot for the November 7, 2006 General Election from our website, <a href="www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>. The website feature includes official ballot pages (also available in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese), candidate statements, ballot measures, analysis and arguments for or against, as applicable to the voter's ballot. There are 517 different ballot styles for this election with different congressional, state assembly, and other local candidates depending on the voter's districts. Sample ballots may be viewed by selecting "Sample Ballot Lookup" from the quick link section of the Department's website.

# STREAMLINED WEBSITE

The department's website was modernized and streamlined to conform to the standard format for Los Angeles County government sites. The streamlined look offers a number of user-friendly features to assist with locating the information needed. Some of these features include:

- Convenient drop down boxes providing a menu listing of operations and services with links to specific pages that contain detailed information.
- Interactive capabilities that enable users to download forms, complete and file forms online, access related featured links, and find polling place and sample ballot information.
- Quick links providing instant access to the most commonly accessed information.
- A 'Contact Us' list, providing a dropdown list to specific email boxes of the various operations of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. This enables users to directly send public inquires and receive more expedient responses to inquiries.

## DEPUTY REGISTRAR TRAINING PROGRAM

This year the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has developed a new Deputy Registrar Training program for those organizations and individuals involved in registering voters and conducting petition drives. The training provides the proper methods and techniques for registering voters, guides those assisting voters with the completion of voter registration forms, and covers California Election Code Sections related to registration requirements. Please contact the Voter Records Administrative Unit (Patt Sanders 562-462-2881 or Abigail Perez 562-462-2937) if your organization is interested in participating in the program or for further information.

# **NEIGHBORHOOD VOTING CENTERS (NVCs)**

In an effort to recruit and retain voting locations that are visible, stable, sizeable, accessible for voters with disabilities and adaptable to more sophisticated voting technologies, the County must select voting locations that are larger and have significant parking. NVCs fit this description and accommodate more than one precinct.

Between major elections, traditionally between 10-15 percent of Los Angeles County's polling places must be replaced because previously used locations are no longer available. The transition to NVCs involves identifying and securing long-term partnerships with polling place hosts, which will achieve desired stability and minimize voter confusion. Examples include government buildings, schools, recreation centers and community centers.

Our Department provides a variety of services to assist in directing voters to their correct polling locations including listing the poll address on the back cover of all sample ballot booklets, posting poll addresses on our website and an automated phone system which can be accessed 24 hours a day to determine where to vote. Partners, including city clerks and representatives of many community based organizations all assist in responding to thousands of voter inquiries and help direct voters to correct polling locations using the Department's interactive website.

# "BALLOT EXPRESS" WILL CALL SERVICE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT PICK-UP

Since the 2004 General Election, the Registrar has offered a convenient service entitled Ballot Express, a "will call" service for absentee voters. Traditionally, thousands of voters walk into our Norwalk office to apply for and pick up an absentee ballot. The volume is especially high during the week prior to a major election, which previously resulted in voters waiting for up to 30 minutes for service. The Ballot Express service allows voters to call our office in advance and arrange to have their absentee ballot ready when they arrive at the office. Any registered voter is eligible to use the Ballot Express service.

# CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Interested persons may view campaign finance reports for County offices on the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website.

To check out this addition to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website, click on "Campaign Finance Reports." This will take you directly to the Campaign Finance Reports page where search indexes can be found by Election, Candidates, Committee and Measure. The reports are provided as PDF files. To view these files requires a free Adobe Acrobat Reader. A link to download this application is available on the Campaign Finance Reports page.

# **MULTILINGUAL VOTER SERVICES**

In a continuous effort to reach voters whose first language is not English, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website has been expanded to include information on voting services for persons requiring assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese (the languages mandated for translation in compliance with the U.S. Voting Rights Act). Viewers have translated links located on the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's home page into these specific languages for accessibility. When clicked, viewers will find a Multilingual Assistance Hotline which is a toll free number for voters to request translated materials (i.e., voter registration forms and sample ballot booklets) in a specific language. Hard copies of the "Multilingual Voter Services" brochure are available upon request, or can be viewed on our website.

# POLL LOCATION AVAILABLE BY AUTOMATED PHONE

Determining poll locations for voters calling us at election time and on Election Day is facilitated with two Interactive Voice Response (IVR) servers containing 192 lines, as well as a live phone bank of over 100 employees. When calling 1-800-815-2666 each voter will be prompted to enter his/her zip code, the digits corresponding to the voter's house number and numeric birth date. The IVRs will instantly interact with the voter registration database seeking a match for this data. If found, the system will automatically, without human intervention, read the polling location to the voter. This phone system allows up to 192 callers to call in at the same time, 24 hours a day, beginning on **October 16** through Election Day. Employees are available to assist callers who want to speak to a "live" person and/or who could not be found in the system.

# **VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES**

What is our goal? 100% participation of eligible voters in all elections, 100% polling place accessibility, and options for all voters who seek independent voting. In compliance with federal law and state law, we provide services to voters with disabilities including:

- InkaVote Plus audio ballot booth at every polling place
- Accessible polling places wherever possible
- Wheelchair accessible voting booths
- Large type voting instructions and magnifying devices at polling places
- Cassette tapes with state and county ballot measures
- Absentee/vote-by-mail and permanent absentee/vote-by-mail voting options
- Pollworker assistance at any step
- Program for blind and visually impaired voters. Blind and visually impaired voters may choose to vote privately by use of a touchscreen voting system with headset voice prompter device at 17 locations from October 25 - November 3.

What does the law say? Four federal laws are of special importance to disabled and elderly voters:

- Voting Rights Act of 1965 Any voter requiring assistance may receive it from a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.
- Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 1984 Promotes the fundamental right to vote by requiring "access for elderly and handicapped individuals to registration facilities and polling places in federal elections."
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) Requires public entities to provide auxiliary aids and services where necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in, and enjoy, the benefits of service, program or activity conducted by a public entity.
- Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) At least one direct recording electronic voting system or other voting system available at each polling location to enable individuals with disabilities including blind voters to vote independently. Los Angeles County will meet this requirement at each precinct voting location beginning with the November 7, 2006 General Election. For this election, all 5,028 locations will have InkaVote Plus.

# POLLWORKER RECRUITING AND TRAINING ENHANCEMENTS

- "County Pollworker" Program. This program allows Los Angeles County employees to be assigned to the Registrar's Office on election day as pollworkers. Since the program's inception in 1998 approximately 6,800 County employees have served as pollworkers. We anticipate up to 3,000 County employees will serve for the November 7, 2006 General Election.
- "Split Shifts" Program. We have instituted a "Split Shift" policy for pollworkers who would like to serve but cannot commit to a 15 hour day. To participate in the Split Shift program, two pollworkers sign an agreement stating that one of them is taking responsibility to assure the whole day is covered if the other does not show up at the time of "shift change". They also agree to share the pollworker stipend.
- Pollworker Training Classes. In advance of the November 7, 2006 Election, 490 pollworker training classes are held. Designated classes include language assistance for bilingual pollworkers.
- Student Pollworkers. As noted in the "Democracy in Action" section of this Info Guide, California law allows recruiting high school seniors over the age of 16 as pollworkers. Over 10,500 students throughout Los Angeles County have participated in the Student Pollworker Program since 1998 and we anticipate over 2,000 high school student volunteers for this November.
- College Pollworker Program. In an effort to supplement a statewide shortage of pollworkers, a college pollworker program has been established with several colleges. Political science professors are calling upon students in their American government classes to sign up as pollworkers for election day in exchange for extra credit in the course, as well as an opportunity to view the political process at "ground level." More than 1,500 college students have served since 2002. For the November 7, 2006 General Election, we have recruited over 460 college students.

# ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAMS

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is responsible for registration of voters; maintenance of registration files; conducting federal, state, local and special district elections; checking initiatives, referenda and recall petitions; filing campaign reports; recording real estate documents and other records; maintaining birth, death and marriage records; issuing marriage licenses, and filing business documents. The fiscal year 2006-2007 budget of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is approximately \$140 million and annually the Department collects over \$360 million in revenue for the County General Fund and its 88 cities. The Department's permanent budgeted staff is 1,018.

Los Angeles County has a population of over 10.2 million residents which accounts for approximately 30% of the total population of the State of California. Los Angeles County has more residents than any other County in the nation. Los Angeles County, with over 500 political districts and 3.8 million registered voters, is the largest and most complex election jurisdiction in the country. More ballots were cast in Los Angeles County for the November 2004 General Election (3,085,582) than were cast statewide in 41 of 50 states. That election also broke virtually every previous County record and statistic ever compiled. A sample of the staging statistics includes: record number of voters casting ballots (79% voter turnout), and the largest number of pollworkers (30,381). In addition to presidential and gubernatorial primary and general elections, the Department provides support services for approximately 200 city, school and special district elections each year.

The administration of a countywide election is akin to a major military deployment. For example, the November 7, 2006 General Election required processing 334 candidates, recruiting and training 25,000+ precinct workers and mailing sample ballot information pamphlets to 3.8 million registered voters. We anticipate issuing over 500,000 absentee ballots and expect to count approximately 2+ million ballots for this election.

# A STATISTICAL OVERVIEW 2006-GENERAL

•	Number of Registered Voters	*3,899,397
	Number of Elective Positions Involved in Election	
•	Number of Candidates	334
•	Number of Ballot Measures	42
	Statewide (Props 1A-1E, 83-90)	13
	County	
	Local Districts	29
•	Number of Poll Locations	5,028
•	Number of Pollworkers	25,000+
•	Number of Separate Ballot Groups	517

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006

# ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION (HOW TO, TRENDS, COUNTING)

An Interesting History.....Absentee voting goes back a long way. In fact it all began during the Civil War when the first absentee ballots were allowed by the North for the soldiers and sailors. California first allowed absentee voting in 1920. Universal absentee voting began in 1978. Prior to 1978, absentee ballots were available only to the ill and disabled, those who lived too far from the polls and other special circumstances. As a result of the change in legislation allowing any person to vote absentee, it has become a very popular means to cast a ballot. For the November 2, 2004 General Election 816,637 absentee ballots were requested and 701,693 absentee ballots were cast.

The first day to apply for an absentee ballot (sometimes referred to as a mail ballot) for the 2006 General Election was October 10. Absentee requests must be received no later than October 31. Absentee ballots may be requested in one of five ways:

- By filling out the Vote-By-Mail Application on the back cover of the sample ballot sent to each registered voter;
- By letter to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office, Document Receipt, P.O. Box 30450, Los Angeles 90030-0450;
- By Fax to (562) 462-2354
- By visiting the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website <u>www.lavote.net</u> and completing an online form.
- In person at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 3002.

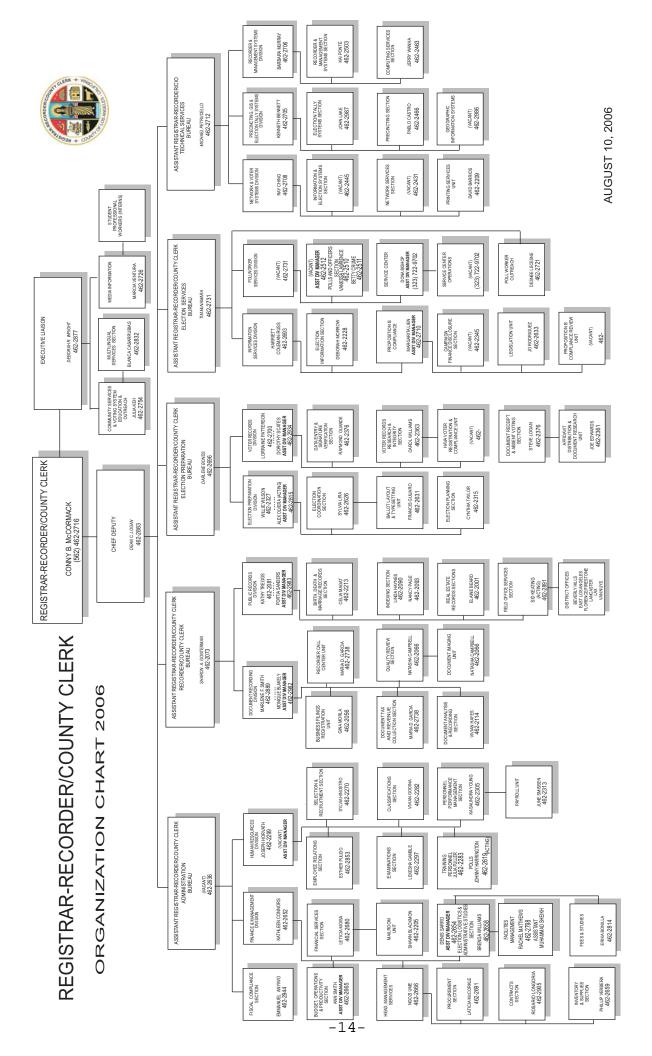
Absentee ballots cannot be requested over the telephone.

# The following provides a list of remedies if you apply for an absentee ballot and have not received it within a week after mailing your application.

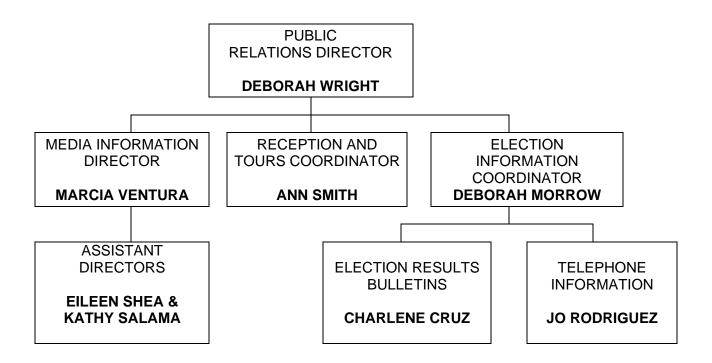
- Call our office to request a replacement absentee ballot be mailed;
- Vote at the Registrar's Office during the absentee voting period (from 29 days prior to the election through election day);
- Vote at one of the designated 17 satellite Early Voting Sites using touchscreen technology from October 25-November 3.
- Vote at your designated neighborhood polling location.

To be counted, all voted absentee ballot must be mailed in time to be received by the Registrar's Office by 8 p.m. on November 7, or dropped off at any polling place in the County no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day.

The voter may authorize a designated family member to return the voted ballot to any polling place in the County or to the Registrar's Office. Under special circumstances a voter may request an emergency absent voter ballot beginning November 1 through election day, November 7. For additional information regarding this service or any questions regarding absentee voting, call the Document Receipt and Absent Voting Section at (562) 466-1323 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday or go online to www.lavote.net.



# **ORGANIZATION CHART PUBLIC RELATIONS - ELECTION NIGHT**



# **DEMOCRACY IN ACTION PROGRAMS**

# HIGH SCHOOL (H.S.) STUDENT POLLWORKER PROGRAM



# What Is the H.S. Student Pollworker Program?

Student Pollworker Program (SPP) is a great way to introduce young people to democracy in action and at the same time provide a valuable community service. Students serve as regular members of a precinct board on Election Day, receive the \$80 pollworker stipend plus a \$25 training bonus if they attend a training class.

# Who Can Participate?

- High School Seniors with a grade point average of 2.5, U.S. Citizenship and at least 16 years of age.
- Any high school in Los Angeles County for which School District approval has been obtained.

# What Are The Benefits?

- Students may earn community service points toward graduation and extra credit in class.
   This looks great on their job and college applications.
- Students are paid \$80 for working on Election Day.
- Students who attend a training class will be paid \$25 ONLY if they work on Election Day.

# **Teacher Coordinator Incentive Pay**

We offer teachers \$100 as a way to thank them for coordinating the Student Pollworker Program as well as a \$25 training bonus if they attend a training class with their student(s).

# Which High Schools Will Participate for the November 7, 2006 General Election?

Although the Department continues to recruit, there were 68 high schools that participated in the Student Pollworker Program for the June 6, 2006 Primary Election. For the November 7, 2006 General Election over 2,000 students have signed up to participate. Questions? Call Betty Jo Crume at (562) 462-2511.

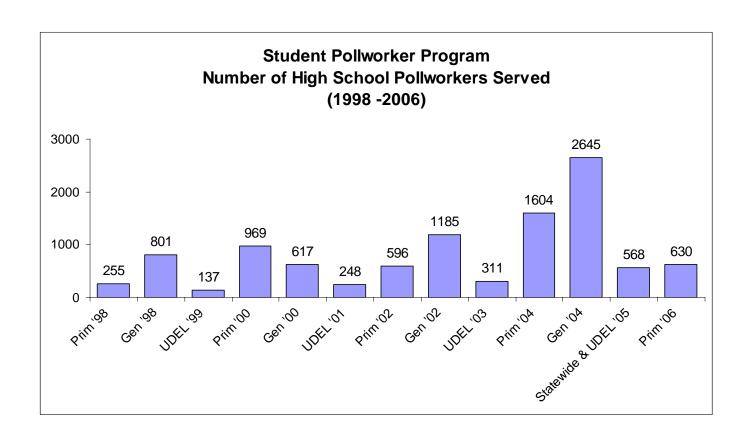
# THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOLS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THE NOVEMBER 2006 ELECTION:

Alexander Hamilton High School
Alhambra High School
Allan E. Daily High School
Artesia High School
Azusa High School
Baldwin Park High School
Bowman High School
Cabrillo High School
California Academy of Math & Science
California High School
Canoga Park High School

Hollywood High School
Huntington Park High School
James Monroe High School
John Burroughs High School
John Marshall High School
Jordan High School
King/Drew Magnet High School
La Canada High School
La Puente High School
Lancaster High School
Little Rock High School

Canyon High School Carbillo High School Carson High School Central High/ All People Church Chatsworth High School Chavez/ Tubman High School Compton High School Crenshaw High School Culver City High School Dorsey High School Downtown Magnet High School **Duarte High School** Eagle Roch High School El Camino Real High School El Monte High Scool Fairfax High School Franklin High School Gabrielino High School Gardena High School Garey High Schoool Garfield High School **Grant High School** Hawthorne High School

Locke High School Long Beach Poly Tech High School Los Altos High School Manual Arts High School Mark Keppel High School Mary Star of the Sea High School Middle College High School Millikan High School Montebello High School Mountain View High School Narbonne High School North Hollywood High School Nortre Dsame Academy Palmdale High School Palos Verdes Penninsula High School Paraclete High School Quartz Hill High School Reseda High School San Gabriel High School San Marino High School San Pedro High School Sherman Oaks C.E.S South Bay Lutheran High School



# **COLLEGE POLLWORKER PROGRAM**

# WHAT'S THE COLLEGE POLLWORKER PROGRAM?

This is a partnership effort with a college campus designed to replenish a rapidly diminishing "pool" of civic minded individuals who work as pollworkers on Election Day.

College students make great pollworkers because they are enthusiastic, energetic, computer savvy, in the learning mode where they can retain information quickly. Many are also bilingual (i.e. they speak Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese or another language) which is a plus to assist limited English proficient voters on Election Day.

This program was piloted in 2002 with California State University Long Beach and was a great success with over 300 college pollworkers recruited! Since then, over 22 colleges have participated and 1,580 college pollworkers have served. For the November 2006 Election we have recruited over 460 college students to volunteer on election night. We hope to expand this fast growing list of participants.

# WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- College students who are U.S. Citizens.
- Any college/university in Los Angeles County.

# TEACHER COORDINATOR INCENTIVE PAY

We offer teachers \$100 as a way to thank them for coordinating the College Pollworker Program as well as a \$25 training bonus if they attend a training class with their students.

# THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES THAT HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THE NOVEMBER 2006 ELECTION:

Antelope Valley College

Cerritos College Citrus College

College of the Canyons

CSU Long Beach CSU Los Angeles CSU Northridge CSU Pomona

East LA Community College

El Camino College

Los Angeles City College CSU Dominguez Hills Pacific Oaks College Los Angeles Harbor College

Los Angeles Mission College Los Angeles Pierce College

Los Angeles Southwest College

Los Angeles Trade Tech College

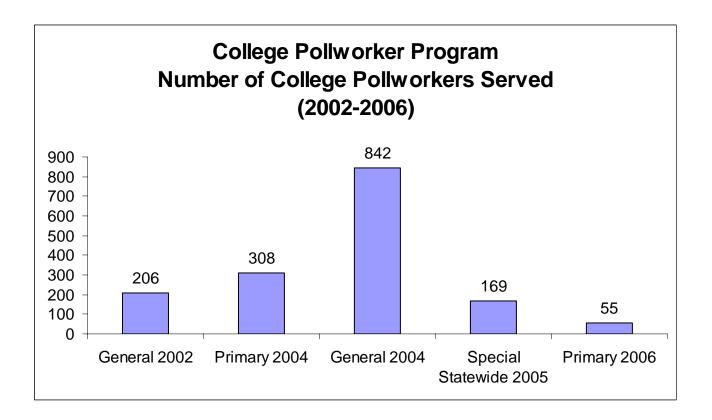
Los Angeles Valley College Mount San Antonio College

Pasadena City College

UCLA USC

West Los Angeles College Long Beach City College

Rio Hondo College



# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE H.S. AND COLLEGE PROGRAMS?

# For students

- Students may earn community service points toward graduation and extra credit in class.
- Looks great on their resume.
- Students are paid \$80 for serving on Election Day.
- Students who attend a training class will be paid \$25 ONLY if they work on Election Day.

# For teachers

- Complements the students' in-class civics curriculum requirements.
- Their students express their appreciation for the voting process and use their new knowledge in class.
- Teacher Coordinators are paid \$100 for coordinating the program at their school plus \$25 training bonus if they attend a training class.

# For veteran pollworkers

- Students bring new energy and enthusiasm.
- Students can assist with carrying and setting up heavy election supplies.

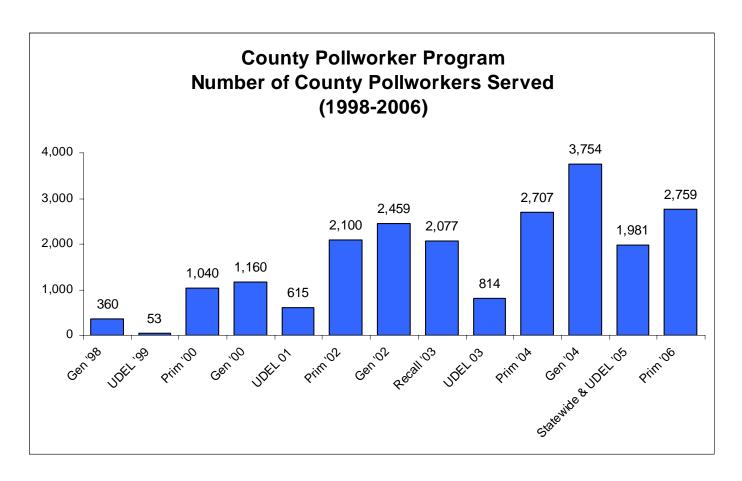
# For election officials

- An additional pool of pollworkers from which to recruit.
- Students are more likely to show up on election day because they have made a commitment to their teachers.
- Students are in "learning mode" so they easily pick up complex election procedures covered in training.

# COUNTY POLLWORKER PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Critical pollworker recruiting problems and Election Day "no shows" forced election officials nationwide to turn to increasingly creative ways to supplement the traditional force of dedicated pollworkers. A pilot "County Employee Voluntary Pollworker Program" was created and has been in effect since November 1998. The Board of Supervisors endorsed this pilot program permitting voluntary "reassignment" of County employees (with permission of their supervisors) to the Department of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for Election Day. Based on the great success of the pilot program, the Board of Supervisors approved the transition of the pilot "County Employee Voluntary Pollworker Program", as a permanent County Program on July 31, 2001.

For the November 1998 Gubernatorial Election, 360 County employees served as "County Pollworkers." The program has since expanded to a record number of 3,754 who served in the November 2004 Presidential Election. In the June 2006 Primary Election 2,759 County Employee participated. To date for the upcoming November 2006 Election we have recruited over 3,000 County Employees. The program is popular with County employees, providing participants with a community service opportunity while helping alleviate critical pollworker shortages.



# CORPORATE POLLWORKER PROGRAM

The Corporate Pollworker Program is a partnership between the County of Los Angeles and civic minded corporations to provide employees to serve as Pollworkers on Election Day. Employers pay their Corporate Pollworkers their regular salary for the normal workday and the County pays a stipend of \$80 to cover all other uncompensated time. Employees also receive a \$25 bonus for attending a training class at a number of convenient locations throughout the County. The program improves the public visibility of these businesses and provides them public recognition for their contribution. It also leads to increased civic participation/awareness by the employees of the corporation and improves their understanding of the Election process.

Thank you to all of our Corporate partners. We've recruited over 800 pollworkers thus far for the upcoming November 7, 2006 Election. Among some of the participating corporations are; Prudential California Realty (Torrance & Palos Verdes), Kiwanis Clubs, Lions Clubs, 40+ Rotary Clubs, Smith Barney, Bryant & Johnson, Mid Valley Learning Center Inc., African Enterprise Inc., and Harbor YWCA.

# **ELECTION NIGHT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

We are continuing an innovative program to utilize volunteers to replace paid workers in the processing of ballots on election night. The "Election Night Volunteer Program" was implemented to reduce expenditures and simultaneously promote community involvement in the election process. Since the inception of the program in the 1996 General Election, nearly 3,000 students from various local high schools have volunteered to work in the Tally Center - Election Headquarters. Teachers are given a stipend when accompanying a group of volunteers to work in the Tally Center Election Headquarters. Teacher involvement has been a major component of the success of this program. Student volunteers benefit by receiving a first hand view of democracy at work, creating an understanding of the election process through community service and school extra credit from their teachers. For the November 7, 2006 General Election, approximately 300 students have been recruited to perform a variety of assignments including ballot receipt, unpacking and inspection.

# **DEMOCRACY IN ACTION / COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

In 1998, we established the Community Voter Outreach Committee (CVOC) to maximize the County's voter outreach to the community. We forged strong partnerships with over 100 community organizations including the Los Angeles County League of Women Voters (LWV), the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO), Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE), Korean Resource Center, Independent Living Center, Braille Institute, NAACP - Los Angeles, Southern California Rehabilitation Services, United Cerebral Palsy - Los Angeles, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center and many more.

Members of CVOC organizations have responded to hundreds of requests from a variety of schools and community events to provide materials for voter registration, voter education including hands-on practice with voting devices and to recruit multilingual pollworkers.

Our Department makes "I'VE REGISTERED TO VOTE" stickers available to organizations. Additionally,

"I VOTED" stickers are given to all voters on Election Day after they cast their ballot. "I VOTED TOUCHSCREEN" stickers are given to all voters after they cast their ballot during the early voting period from October 25 through November 3.

# PARTNERSHIP WITH DMV

In our continued commitment to increase voter participation, extend community outreach and improve customer service, procedures were developed and programs implemented to enhance the voter outreach programs and our partnership with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to improve the federally mandated DMV "motor voter" registration program. This proactive, enhanced program which started in 1993 includes on-site visits to DMV staff meetings at local DMV offices and regular communication between the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and DMV staff; conducting on-site Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk voter registration drives at designated DMV office locations prior to major elections. The program's goal is to reduce the number of voters who attempted to register at their local DMV office but encountered a problem. This program has been commended by the Secretary of State.

# http://www.lavote.net

Web Site of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC)

# HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN LOOK UP:

# **Elections**



- "Voter Registration" Want to register to vote? Find out if you are eligible, where to obtain a registration form, and how to register by mail.
- "Where Do I Vote?" Look up your neighborhood polling place (if 18 and registered to vote).
- "What Are My Districts?" Did you know you might be eligible to vote in a Mosquito Abatement District? Find out all the districts in which you are eligible to vote.
- "Who Are My Elected Officials?" Find out who represents you in such districts as the Board of Supervisors, assembly, senate, congressional, etc.
- "Absentee Voting" Receive information regarding absentee ballots by downloading an absentee ballot application.
- "<u>Election Results</u>" Get up to the minute "live" results on Election Night and check whether your favored candidates/measures are winning.
- "<u>Election Calendar/District Elections</u>" Find out the deadlines for candidates to file nomination documents for upcoming elections.
- "News Releases" Find out about important events, elections, and deadlines affecting Los Angeles County elections!
- "Political Party Information" Find out the purpose of the political party you wish to join.
- "Candidate Registration" Registration information is provided on line. You may find what offices will be on the ballot and the qualifications needed to become a candidate.
- "What's On My Sample Ballot?" You may view your actual ballot including candidates and ballot measures applicable to your geographic area i.e., congressional, state assembly, etc.
- "County Initiative Procedures" You may view the procedures that must be followed in order to place a county initiative on the ballot.
- "Multilingual Voter Services" Find out about services for voters who require assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.
- "Who Is My City Clerk?" Don't forget about local elections where your vote can really make a difference! Call your City Clerk and find out about your next local election!
- "Campaign Finance Reports" You may view reports for candidates for County offices i.e. Assessor, Sheriff, Board of Supervisors, County measures, and related Committees.

# **ELECTION STATISTICS**

# A STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

<ul> <li>Number of Registered Voters</li> </ul>	3,899,397*
Number of Elective Positions Involved in Election	
Number of Candidates	334
Number of Ballot Measures	42
Statewide (Props 1A-1E, 83-90)	13
County	0
Local Districts	
Number of Poll Locations	5,028
Number of Precinct Officers	25,000+
Number of Ballot Groups	517

# **VOTER REGISTRATION STATISTICS**

In Los Angeles County, current voter registration for the November 7, 2006 General Election is:

	REGISTRATION*	PERCENTAGE
Democratic	1,944,597	49.87
Republican	1,048,792	26.90
American Independent	64,736	1.66
Green	25,350	.65
Libertarian	18,207	.47
Natural Law	7,817	.20
Peace and Freedom	23,579	.60
Non Partisian	24,260	.62
Decline to State	742,059	19.03
TOTAL REGISTRATION	3,899,397	100%

Voter registration for the five supervisorial districts within Los Angeles County is provided below:

	REGISTRATION*
First Supervisorial District	565,481
Gloria Molina	
Second Supervisorial District	673,397
Yvonne Brathwaite Burke	
Third Supervisorial District	849,632
Zev Yaroslavsky	
Fourth Supervisorial District	867,831
Don Knabe	
Fifth Supervisorial District	943,056
Michael D. Antonovich	·
TOTAL	3,899,397

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Voter registration continues through the October 23, 2006 deadline.

# HISTORICAL VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTER TURNOUT INFORMATION PRESIDENTIAL AND GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS

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Gubernatorial Primary-6/06	3,826,979	1,923,656 (32.58)	1,023,910 (29.64)	63,671 (13.45)	25,349 (.20%)	17,917 (.20%)	(%60') /26'/	23,689 (.08%)	N/A	N/A	100,194 (13.42%)	1,050,076	27.44%
Presidential General-11/04	3,972,738	2,016,280 (50.75%)	1,071,615 (26.97%)	(%69.1) (4.69%)	27,858 (.70%)	18,952 (.48%)	10,136 (.26%)	28,654 (.72%)	N/A	26,103 (.66%)	706,049 (18.8%)	3,085,582	79.1%
Presidential Primary-3/04	3,670,157	1,872,335 (51.02%)	1,022,449 (27.86%)	60,131 (1.64%)	27,371 (.75%)	18,307 (.50%)	10,930 (.30%)	30,744 (.84%)	N/A	25,492 (.69%)	602,398 (16.41%)	1,379,747	37.59%
Gubernatorial General-11/02	3,962,831	2,071,424 (52.27%)	1,092,389 (27.57%)	68,461 (1.73%)	27,113 (.68%)	20,584 (.52%)	18,543 (.47%)	N/A	13,397 (.34%)	48,601 (1.23%)	602,319 (15.19%)	1,784,320	45.03%
Gubernatorial Primary-3/02	4,142,514	2,184,349 (52.73%)	1,135.585 (27.41%)	73,798 (1.78%)	26,947 (.65%)	21,933 (.53%)	22,424 (.54%)	N/A	16,087 (.39%)	47,231 (1.14%)	614,160 (14.83%)	1,070,651	25,85%
Presidential General-11/00	4,075,037	2,168,085 (53.20%)	1,132,380 (27.79%)	71,567 (7.76%)	24,014 (.59%)	20,829 (.51%)	23,796 (.58%)	N/A	17,429 (.43%)	38,415 (.94%)	578,522 (14.20%)	2,769,927	%16.79
Presidential Primary-3/00	3,808,488	2,022,316 (53.10%)	1,070,759 (28.11%)	66,924 (1.76%)	20,767 (.54%)	19,036 (.50%)	25,775 (.68%)	N/A	18,871 (.50%)	38,651 (1.01%)	525,389 (13.80%)	1,836,153	48.21%
Gubernatorial General-11/98	3,854,826	2,079,930 (53.96%)	1,118,725 (29.02%)	64,088 (1.66%)	15,358 (.40%)	17,680 (.46%)	24,155 (.63%)	23,168 (.60%)	17,979 (.47%)	14,368 (.37%)	479.375 (12.44%)	2,058,862	53.41%
Gubernatorial Primary- 6/98	3,772,593	2,035,586 (53.96%)	1,106,879 (29.34%)	61,980 (1.64%)	14,623 (.39%)	16,642 (.44%)	25,427 (.67%)	22,743 (.60%)	18,893 (.50%)	13,775 (.37%)	456,045 (12.09%)	1,450,126	38.44%
Presidential General-11/96	3,857,805	2,084,994 (54.05%)	1,174,039 (30.43%)	59,759 (1.55%)	13,608 (.35%)	15,848 (.41%)	30,676 (.80%)	22,389 (.58%)	21,635 (.56%)	13,855 (.36%)	421,002 (10.91%)	2,505,790	64.95%
Presidential Primary-3/96	3,620,677	1,945,759 (53.74%)	1,130,664 (31.23%)	53,004 (1.46%)	12,108 (.33%)	14,739 (.41%)	35,921 (.99%)	20,795 (.57%)	24,205 (.67%)	11,815 (.33%)	371,667 (10.27%)	1,346,358	37.18%
Gubernatorial General-11/94	3,665,868	2,037,899 (55.59%)	1,162,889 (31.72%)	49,158 (1.34%)	11,641 (.32%)	14,854 (.41%)		18,833 (.51%)		11,942 (.33%)	358,652 (9.78%)	2,147,678	58.58%
Gubernatorial Primary- 6/94	3,550,877	1,952,955 (55.00%)	1,135,792 (31.99%)	49,832 (1.40%)	12,180 (.34%)	14,899 (.42%)		19,791 (.56%)		11,746 (.33%)	353,682 (9.96%)	1,128,308	31.77%
Presidential General- 11/92	3,744,096	2,061,025 (55.05%)	1,211,010 (32.34%)	50,511 (1.35%)	11,782 (.31%)	15,468 (.41%)		20,681 (.55%)		12,483 (.33%)	361,136 (9.65%)	2,831,077	75.61%
Presidential Primary-6/92	3,338,914	1,801,052 (53.94%)	1,152,096 (34.51%)	37,215 (1.11%)	11,346 (.34%)	13,368 (.40%)		19,763 (.59%)		8,189 (.25%)	295,885 (8.86%)	1,612,673	48.29%
Gubernatorial General-11/90	3,487,180	1,902,797 (54.57%)	1,233,739 (35.38%)	33,728 (.97%)		12,664 (.36%)		16,555 (.47%)		8,564 (.25%)	279,133 (8.00%)	1,925,811	55.22%
Gubernatorial Primary- 6/90	3,402,509	1,867,425 (54.88%)	1,195,247 (35.13%)	33,078 (.97%)		12,086 (.36%)		16,245 (.48%)		7,439 (.22%)	270,989 (7.96%)	1,283,079	37.70%
Presidential General-11/88	3,767,094	2,090,442 (55.49%)	1,314,490 (34.89%)	36,480 (.97%)		13,042 (.35%)		15,162 (.40%)		7,092 (.19%)	290,386 (7.71%)	2,733,229	72.55%
Presidential Primary- 6/88	3,416,191	1,901,392 (55.66%)	1,186,728 (34.74%)	33,244 (.97%)		12,719 (.37%)		14,951 (.44%)		5,397 (.16%)	261,760 (7.66%)	1,585,837	46.42%
Gubernatorial General-11/86	3,543,382	1,965,052 (55.46%)	1,249,160 (35.25%)	33,780 (.95%)		14,806 (.42%)		13,880 (.39%)		6,137 (.17%)	260,567 (7.35%)	2,125,838	%66.65
Gubernatorial Primary- 6/86	3,385,207	1,898,052 (56.07%)	1,175,335 (34.72%)	32,331 (.96%)		14,686 (.43%)		13,280 (.39%)		6,243 (.18%)	245,280 (7.25%)	1,307,146	38.61%
Presidential General-11/84	3,662,766	2,091,169 (57.09%)	1,229,333 (33.56%)	36,414 (.99%)		17,657 (.48%)		13,652 (.37%)		6,357 (.17%)	268,184 (7.32%)	2,705,966	73.87%
Presidential Primary-6/84	3,236,714	1,879,697 (58.07%)	1,050,099 (32.44%)	31,955 (.99%)		17,558 (.54%)		12,582 (.39%)		6,401 (.20%)	238,422 (7.37%)	1,595,801	49.30%
Gubernatorial General-11/82	3,300,239	1,928,193 (58.43%)	1,052,761 (31.90%)	32,578 (.99%)		21,220 (.64%)		13,175 (.40%)		6,718 (.20%)	245,594 (7.44%)	2,301,004	69.72%
Gubernatorial Primary-6/82	3,070,961	1,784,313 (58.10%)	988,370 (32.18%)	29,824 (.97%)		20,553 (.67%)		12,152 (.40%)		6,664 (.22%)	229,085 (7.46%)	1,626,332	52.95%
Presidential General-11/80	3,262,932	1,898,256 (58.18%)	1,053,861 (32.30%)	31,147 (.95%)		24,699 (.76%)		12,087 (.37%)		7,228 (.22%)	235,654 (7.22%)	2,498,064	76.55%
Presidential Primary-6/80	2,986,846	1,757,445 (58.84%)	973,385 (32.59%)	22,465 (.75%)		22,870 (.77%)		10,202 (.34%)		6,335 (.21%)	194,124 (6.50%)	1,916,660	64.17%
Gubernatorial General-11/78	3,090,768	1,869,113 (60.47%)	994,858 (32.19%)	17,167 (.56%)				8,433 (.27%)		8,399 (.27%)	192,798 (6.24%)	2,122,733	%19.89
Gubernatorial Primary-6/78	2,888,324	1,733,404 (60.01%)	953,016 (33.00%)	14,706 (.51%)				7,274 (.25%)		7,178 (.25%)	172,746 (5.98%)	2,140,054	74.09%
Presidential General-11/76	3,138,209	1,892,970 (60.32%)	1,029,522 (32.81%)	12,991 (.41%)				8,330 (.27%)		8,158 (.26%)	186,238 (5.93%)	2,544,733	81.08%
Presidential Primary-6/76	2,787,431	1,666,225 (59.78%)	956,666 (34.42%)	8,553 (.31%)				6,441 (.23%)		7,230 (.26%)	142,316 (5.10%)	1,985,851	71.24%
Gubernatorial General-11/74	3,286,898	1,925,811 (58.59%)	1,127,428 (34.30%)	13,615 (.41%)				13,970 (.43%)		14,266 (.43%)	191,808 (5.84%)	2,057,734	62.60%
Gubernatorial Primary-6/74	3,197,078	1,854,824 (58.02%)	1,121,954 (35.09%)	13,645 (.43%)				14,087 (.44%)		15,036 (.47%)	177,532 (5.55%)	1,652,878	51.69%
Presidential General-11/72	3,613,450	2,075,753 (57.40%)	1,268,728 (35.10%)	17,897 (50%)				21,799 (.60%)		23,758 (.70%)	205,515 (5.70%)	2,906,597	80.43%
Presidential Primary- 6/72	3,223,825	1,863,213 (57.80%)	1,145,172 (35.50%)	18,685 (.60%)				22,605 (.70%)		19,705 (.60%)	154,445 (4.80%)	2,210,152	68.93%
Gubernatorial General-11/70	3,116,095	1,753,229 (56.26%)	1,193,254 (38.29%)	29,256 (.94%)				14,128 (.45%)		3,756 (.12%)	122,472 (3.93%)	2,352,697	75.52%
Gubernatorial Primary-6/70	2,922,493	1,630,950 (55.80%)	1,141,843 (39.08%)	32,057 (1.09%)				13,201 (.45%)		1,597 (.05%)	102,845 (3.52%)	1,792,201	61.32%
Presidential General-11/68	3,130,962	1,742,928 (55.67%)	1,216,994 (38.87%)	43,383 (1.38%)				21,071 (.67%)		46,705 (1.49%)	59,881 (1.91%)	2,700,170	86.24%
Presidential Primary- 6/68	2,909,41	1,616,884 (55.57%)	1,137,168 (39.09%)	44,531 (1.53%)				25,928 (.89%)		35,353 (1.21%)	49,546 (1.70%)	2,075,661	71.34%

# HISTORICAL ABSENTEE VOTER REQUESTS PRESIDENTAIL AND GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS (1950 – 2006)

Year	Primary Registration	# AV Requests	%	General Registration	# AV Requests	%
1950	2,066,393	10,745	0.52	2,198,878	24,093	1.10
1952	2,253,548	24,167	1.07	2,510,666	86,025	3.34
1954	2,831,107	11,759	0.49	2,471,814	20,972	0.85
1956	2,276,763	17,630	0.77	2,683,731	65,227	2.43
1958	2,578,281	16,601	0.64	2,793,997	41,625	1.49
1960	2,548,971	17,802	0.70	3,001.379	92,508	3.08
1962	2,811,130	24,755	0.83	2,979,575	55,406	1.86
1964	2,701,286	36,470	1.35	3,137,194	106,477	3.39
1966	2,969,155	49,619	1.02	3,111,516	68,314	2.20
1968	2,909,410	49,888	1.71	3,130,692	110,972	3.55
1970	2,922,493	29,810	1.02	3,116,095	68,209	2.19
1972	3,223,825	71,846	2.23	3,163,450	128,365	3.55
1974	3,197,078	50,817	1.59	3,286,898	67,436	2.05
1976	2,077,431	75,898	3.65	3,138,209	114,703	3.65
1978	2,888,324	100,197	3.46	3,090,768	92,991	3.00
1980	2,985,492	107,414	3.59	3,262,932	155,901	4.77
1982	3,070,961	94,657	3.08	3,300,239	149,725	4.53
1984	3,236,714	136,286	4.21	3,662,766	298,847	8.16
1986	3,385,207	152,440	4.50	3,543,382	230,085	6.49
1988	3,416,191	193,191	5.65	3,767,094	357,935	9.50
1990	3,402,509	235,640	6.92	3,487,180	363,894	10.43
1992	3,338,914	303,981	9.10	3,744,096	452,825	12.09
1994	3,550,877	260,740	7.34	3,665,868	466,400	12.72
1996	3,620,677	342,657	9.46	3,857,805	486,116	12.60
1998	3,772,593	375,257	9.95	3,854,826	506,114	13.13
2000	3,808,488	414,722	10.89	4,075,037	635,143	15.59
2002	4,142,514	369,653	8.92	3,962,831	464,856	11.73
2004	3,670,157	444,751	12.12	3,972,738	816,637	20.56
2006	3,826,979	552,302	14.43			

# HISTORICAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST INFORMATION PRESIDENTIAL AND GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS (1966 - 2006)

Year	Primary Ballots Cast	AV Ballots Cast	% AV Ballots Cast	Year	General Ballots Cast	AV Ballots Cast	% AV Ballots Cast
1966	1,904,321	25,868	1.36	1966	2,475,142	59,087	2.39
1968	2,075,661	37,951	1.83	1968	2,700,170	92,878	3.44
1970	1,792,201	25,047	1.40	1970	2,352,697	56,622	2.41
1972	2,210,152	57,428	2.60	1972	2,906,597	110,613	3.81
1974	1,652,878	42,703	2.58	1974	2,057,734	58,357	2.84
1976	1,985,851	68,026	3.43	1976	2,544,733	87,930	3.46
1978	2,140,054	88,227	4.12	1978	2,122,733	76,086	3.58
1980	1,916,660	89,019	4.64	1980	2,498,064	131,776	5.28
1982	1,626,332	70,069	4.31	1982	2,301,004	122,502	5.32
1984	1,595,801	98,682	6.18	1984	2,705,966	230,997	8.54
1986	1,307,146	110,223	8.43	1986	2,125,838	177,251	8.34
1988	1,585,837	141,042	8.89	1988	2,733,229	279,931	10.24
1990	1,283,079	177,295	13.82	1990	1,925,811	270,645	14.05
1992	1,612,673	226,310	14.03	1992	2,831,077	388,795	13.73
1994	1,128,308	197,824	17.53	1994	2,147,678	372,677	17.35
1996	1,346,358	257,359	19.12	1996	2,505,790	396,033	15.80
1998	1,450,126	285,532	19.69	1998	2,058,862	407,776	19.81
2000	1,836,153	316,882	17.26	2000	2,769,927	543,143	19.61
2002	1,070,651	218,976	20.45	2002	1,784,320	359,682	20.16
2004	1,379,747	330,353	23.94	2004	3,085,582	701,693	22.74
2006	1,050,076	314,824	27.44				

# **ABSENTEE BALLOT COUNTING - TIMES WHEN COUNTED**

The following chart provides the number of absentee ballots counted beginning election day and the number processed and updated during the official canvass period.

2000 0	SENERAL ELECTION	2002 G	ENERAL ELECTION	2004	GENERAL ELECTION
DATE	# ABSENTE BALLOTS COUNTED	DATE	# ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED	DATE	# ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED
11/07	425,861	11/05	246,063	11/05	564,156
11/10	47,399	11/08	57,144	11/09	95,724
11/14	55,233	11/12	48,271	11/12	20,283
11/17	11,690	11/15	3,947	11/16	9,255
11/21	1,594	11/19	3,054	11/19	6,024
11/28	1,366	11/22	1,125	11/23	4,904
		11/26	78	11/26	1,347
	543,143		359,682		701,693

# SPEED OF BALLOT COUNTING ELECTION NIGHT - HISTORICAL TRENDS

The following chart provides statistical information on the speed of ballot tabulation from midnight onward.

200	00 GENERAL EL	ECTION	2002 G	ENERAL ELEC	CTION	2004 0	SENERAL ELE	CTION
TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%	TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%	TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%
Midnight	1,563,540	54.08	Midnight	1,100,541	63.53	Midnight	1,579,853	50.20
1:00 am	2,177.144	81.62	12:31 am	1,318,016	79.26	12:40 am	1,971,556	67.51
2:00 am	2,588,176	98.91	12:51 am	1,403,045	85.09	1:00 am	2,180,626	77.12
2:20 am	2,582,133	99.90	1:11 am	1,485,250	90.47	1:20 am	2,393,902	86.38
3:35 am	2,583,715	100.00	1:31 am	1,571,151	95.88	1:40 am	2,541,224	92.68
			1:51 am	1,601,206	97.85	2:00 am	2,629,632	96.46
			2:11 am	1,627,585	99.65	2:20 am	2,672,488	98.37
			2:32 am	1,632,352	99.94	2:40 am	2,704,220	99.72
			4:01 am	1,632,957	100.00	3:06 am	2,708,586	99.91
						4:13 am	2,701,280	100.00

# PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

The following chart provides the number of provisional ballots received and the number determined eligible and ineligible. Provisional ballots are not opened or counted until the registration information is researched and the voter is determined to be eligible to vote. This research occurs during the days immediately following election day as part of the official vote canvass. Eligible ballots are added to the count during the canvass period.

ELECTION	NUMBER OF PROVISIONALS	NUMBER ELIGIBLE	%	NUMBER INELIGIBLE	%
2000 PRIMARY	55,809	38,496	69%	17,313	31%
2000 GENERAL	100,168	61,521	61%	38,647	39%
2002 PRIMARY	21,006	13,327	63%	7,679	37%
2002 GENERAL	46,906	32,441	70%	14,465	30%
2003 STATEWIDE					
RECALL	121,595	106,085	87%	15,510	13%
*2004 PRIMARY	44,232	40,686	92%	3,546	8%
2004 GENERAL	204,578	166,894	82%	37,684	18%
2005 STATEWIDE					
SPECIAL	72,726	64,337	88%	8,389	11%
2006 PRIMARY	39,308	36,501	93%	2,807	7%

<sup>\*</sup>The law changed in January 2003, requiring counting the contests/measures on the provisional ballots that the requested voter was eligible to vote upon. As a result, the number percentage of provisional ballots counted has increased significantly.

# **ELECTION COSTS**

Listed below are the total costs (including overhead) of conducting major elections in Los Angeles County.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS		GENERAL ELECTIONS		
YEAR	COST	YEAR	COST	
1996	\$15,171,644	1996	\$14,103,619	
1998	\$12,786,636	1998	\$14,250,919	
2000	\$15,484,647	2000	\$20,891,000	
2002	\$22,692,890	2002	\$25,529,188	
2004	\$23,327,337	2004	\$24,080,984	
2006	\$27,832,725			

# PREPARING FOR THE ELECTION

# PRECINCT OFFICERS AND POLLING PLACES

Polling Places	5,028
Precinct Officers (average of 5 per polling place)	25,000+

Polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

<u>WANTED</u>: 25,000+ DEDICATED, COMMITTED VOTERS TO WORK FROM 6:30 A.M. UNTIL 9 P.M., OR LATER, ON ELECTION DAY PAY \$80.00. CALL (800) 815-2666, Option #7

The Challenge - The November 7, 2006 Gubernatorial General Election involves 5,028 polling places which require 25,000+ volunteers to staff them. Although our Polls Section staff swells to 100 at busy election times, the task of recruiting pollworkers and substitutes, and finding poll sites is monumental. Fortunately, we can depend on many experienced pollworkers who have served for decades. However, less than half the pool of experienced pollworkers continue their service from one election to another. The chronic shortage of pollworkers, many of them retirees uncomfortable with new technology, creates an additional training challenge as the department rolls out the new InkaVote Plus voting system.

Our Polls Section staff work 10 to 12 hour days during the months leading up to a major countywide election. On Election Day, staff report to work at 5:30 a.m. to begin receiving calls regarding "problem" polls (poll worker cancellations, insufficient supplies, etc.).

**Problem Recruitment Areas -** Recruitment is especially difficult in the east side of Los Angeles, south Los Angeles, Pomona, Monterey Park, Culver City, Santa Monica, Long Beach, Beverly Hills, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Gardena and Hacienda Heights. However, new officers are needed in all parts of the County to replenish the pool of retired officers.

**Shortage of Bilingual Pollworkers -** To serve Los Angeles County's diverse ethnic population there is always a need for more bilingual precinct officers, especially those who speak Japanese, Korean and Vietnamese. Our office partners with organizations including CAUSE, the Korean Resource Center, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Little Tokyo Service Center and the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) help to identify and recruit bilingual pollworkers.

Training and Appreciation. Our training section offers 490 interactive training classes throughout the County in the four weeks preceding each major election. Classes for the November 7, 2006 General Election feature the following training videos: "InkaVote Plus", "Ballot Inspection at the Polls", and "Perfect Polling Place" which focuses on the basics of the Election Day hour by hour including setting up the polls, processing voters, using the InkaVote system and closing the polls. These training videos enhance the ability and awareness of Pollworkers. Thanks to the partnership with all County libraries, these videos will be available at each reference desk for interested pollworkers who cannot attend training. Copies are also provided in the election supplies picked-up by each precinct Inspector the week before the election. Inspectors are encouraged to contact their precinct board members to share the videos.

# SAMPLE BALLOT BOOKLET

Unlike most states, California voters have been receiving sample ballot booklets in the mail prior to every election since 1962. Sample ballots provide a mirror image of the ballot and also include candidate statements and other useful information in preparation for voting.

Voters are encouraged to mark their voting choices in their sample ballots prior to going to their poll to speed the voting process.

An application for an absentee ballot by mail is included on the back cover of each sample ballot booklet. The back cover also lists the voter's poll address and describes, using the universal symbol, whether or not the polling place is accessible for voters in wheelchairs.

# **NEW CITIZEN VOTING PROCEDURES**

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk encourages United States Citizens to register to vote and actively take part in choosing their government representatives by voting for the candidates/issues of their choice.

Persons who become citizens prior to the October 23, 2006 voter registration deadline and who will be at least 18 years old by the next election may complete a registration-by-mail form provided to them after their naturalization swearing-in ceremony and mail or deliver it to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Persons who become citizens <u>after</u> the October 23, 2006 voter registration deadline may register and vote at the Registrar's Office between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> day before the upcoming election. Such new citizen late registrants must present a Certificate of Naturalization and declare they have established residency in the County.

In compliance with federal law, Los Angeles County prints certain election materials in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, and Vietnamese. Voters may request multilingual materials by contacting the Registrar's Office before an election at (800) 481-VOTE (8683).

# **WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?**

# **QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

<u>OFFICE</u>	QUALIFICATIONS	<u>TERM</u>
Governor	A citizen of the United States, a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued. (May not have served for two terms or more as Governor since November 6, 1990.)	4 years beginning January 8, 2007.
Lieutenant Governor	A citizen of the United States, a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued. (May not have served for two terms or more as Lieutenant Governor since November 6, 1990.)	4 years beginning on January 8, 2007
Secretary of State	A registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued. (May not have served for more than two terms for the office at which he/she is a candidate since November 6, 1990.)	4 years beginning on January 8, 2007
Controller and Treasurer	A registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued. (May not have served for more than two terms for the office at which he/she is a candidate since November 6, 1990.)	4 years beginning on January 8, 2007
Attorney General	A registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued. Must have been admitted to practice before the State Supreme Court 5 years prior to election or appointment. (May not have served for more than two terms as State Attorney General since November 6, 1990.)	4 years beginning on January 8, 2007

# QUALICATIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE (Cont'd)

<u>OFFICE</u>	QUALIFICATIONS	<u>TERM</u>
Insurance Commissioner	A registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued. During tenure of office, not be an officer, agent or employee of an insurer or directly or indirectly interested in any insurer or licensee under the California Insurance Code, except (a) as a policyholder, or (b) by virtue of relationship by blood or marriage to any person interested in any insurer or licensee. (May not have served for two terms or more as State Insurance Commissioner since November 6, 1990.)	4 years beginning on January 8, 2007
Member of the Board of Equalization 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , & 4 <sup>th</sup> Districts	A resident of the district and a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued. (May not have served for two terms or more as Member of the Board of Equalization since November 6, 1990.)	4 years beginning on January 8, 2007
United States Senators	30 years of age or older, a United States citizen and an inhabitant of the state for at least 9 years at the time of the general election.	6 years beginning at noon on January 3, 2007
United States Representative	25 years of age or older, a citizen of the United States for at least 7 years and an inhabitant of the state at the time of the general election. (Does not have to reside in the District.) (Must meet party affiliation requirements prescribed by Section 8001 of the Elections Code to have name placed on the Primary Election ballot.)	2 years beginning at noon on January 3, 2007
State Senator	A citizen of the United States, a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued. (May not have served for two terms or more in the State Senate since November 6, 1990.)	4 years beginning on December 4, 2006
Member of the State Assembly	A citizen of the United States, a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued. (May not have served for more than three terms in the State Assembly since November 6, 1990.)	2 years beginning on December 4, 2006

# QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE (Cont'd)

<u>OFFICE</u>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	<u>TERM</u>
Judge of the Superior Court	Must have been a member of the State Bar or served as a judge of a court of record in the State 10 years immediately preceding selection to Superior Court.	6 years beginning on January 8, 2007
Associated Justice Supreme Court	A person is ineligible, unless 10 years immediately preceding selection to Associate Justice Supreme Court.	12 years beginning January 8, 2007.
Presiding Justice Court of Appeal	Presiding Justice Court of Appeal, or Associate Justice Court of Appeal, he or she has been a member of the State Bar	
Associate Justice Court of Appeal	or served as a judge of a court of record in this state.	

Incumbent justices seeking to fill the corresponding full or unexpired term of office.

Associate Justice Supreme Court Joyce L. Kennard Carol A. Corrigan	<u>Term Ends</u> 1/8/07* 1/8/18
Presiding Justice Court of Appeal, District 2 Roger W. Boren Norman L. Epstein Arthur Gilbert Dennis M. Perluss Canduce D. Cooper	Term Ends 1/8/07* 1/8/07* 1/8/07* 1/5/15 1/8/07*
Associate Justice Court of Appeal, District 2 Robert M. Mallano Frances Rothschild Victoria M. Chavez Patti S. Kitching Richard D. Aldrich Thomas L. Willhite Nora M. Manella Steven Suzukawa Richard M. Mosk Sandy R. Kriegler Fred Woods Laurie D. Zelon Madeleine Flier	Term Ends 1/8/07* 1/8/07* 1/8/07* 1/8/07* 1/8/07* 1/8/07* 1/5/15 1/3/11 1/8/07* 1/8/07* 1/8/07* 1/8/07* 1/8/07* 1/8/07* 1/8/07*

#### **VOTES REQUIRED TO ELECT CANDIDATES**

Partisan Offices

The candidate from each party receiving the highest number of votes at a primary election is the nominee for the general election. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in a general election is elected to fill the office.

(Elec. Code Sec. 15451)

Supreme and Appellate Courts

The candidate shall be elected upon receiving a majority of affirmative votes on the question.

Non-Partisan Offices (Superior Court)

A majority of votes cast (50 percent plus one vote) is required to elect a candidate in a primary election. When a candidate is elected in the primary election, the office shall not appear on the ballot for the general election. If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes are placed on the ballot for a runoff in the general election.

(Elec. Code Sec. 8140 & 8141)

Local Elections Consolidated with General Election (Municipalities, School, Community College and Special Districts) The candidate receiving the highest number of votes is elected to the office. If two or more candidates are to be elected, those candidates equal in number to the number to be elected, receiving the highest number of votes, are elected.

(Elec. Code Sec. 8144, 10551 & 10600)

Write-in Candidates For Partisan Office

To appear on the ballot for the general election, a qualified write-in candidate must receive the highest number of votes at the primary election for that office and receive not less than 1% of the votes cast for the office at the last preceding general election in which the office was filled.

(Elec. Code Sec. 8605)

# SUMMARY OF MEASURES, CANDIDATES AND OFFICES ON THE BALLOT

Forty-one jurisdictions are participating in the elections being conducted by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office including the federal government and state, 14 Cities, three Judicial Districts, four Community College Districts, eight School Districts, two Water Agency Districts, two Health Care Districts, seven Municipal Water Districts and one Water Replenishment District.

In addition to the Gubernatorial Contest, candidates for United States Senate, United States Representative, State Senate, Members of the Assembly and non-partisan Judicial, and local offices will be on the November 7 ballot. The voters will also vote on 13 State Propositions and 29 local measures.

The following chart summarizes the number of measures, candidates and offices involved in this election:

JURISDICTION	NUMBER OF MEASURES	CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION	NUMBER OF OFFICES
Federal	0	52	19
State	13	127	43
14 Cities	21	40	12
3 Judicial Districts	0	29	19
4 Community College Districts	2	8	2
8 School Districts	6	17	3
2 Water Agency Districts	0	11	4
2 Health Care Districts	0	14	2
7 Municipal Water Districts	0	28	11
1 Water Replenishment District	0	8	3
TOTAL	42	334	118

# **SUMMARY OF PARTISAN CANDIDATES ON BALLOT**

# NUMBER OF CANDIDATES

OFFICE	DEM	REP	Al	GRN	LIB	N/L	P/F	TOTAL
Governor	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6
Lieutenant Governor	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6
Secretary of State	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6
Controller	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6
Treasurer	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6
Attorney General	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	5
Insurance Commissioner	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6
Member, State Board of Equalization, Districts 2,3 & 4	3	3	0	0	2	0	3	11
United States Senator	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6
United States Representatives (Districts 22, 25-39, 42, 46)	17	13	2	2	9	0	3	46
State Senator (Districts 20-32 (Even Numbered Only)	7	4	0	0	4	0	0	15
Member of the Assembly (Districts 36-61)	26	23	0	2	8	0	1	60
Total Number Partisan Candidates	61	51	9	12	31	0	15	179

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATES</u>	VOTING <u>PRECINCTS</u>	REGISTRATION*
Governor	6	5,028	3,899,397
Lieutenant Governor	6	5,028	3,899,397
Secretary of State	6	5,028	3,899,397
Controller	6	5,028	3,899,397
Treasurer	6	5,028	3,899,397
Attorney General	5	5,028	3,899,397
Insurance Commissioner	6	5,028	3,899,397
Member of the State Board of Equalization <u>District #</u>			
2 3	4	513	398,793
4	3 4	151 4 264	113,741
7	4	4,364	3,386,863
United States Senator	6	5,028	3,899,397
United States Representative <u>District #</u>			
**22	2	42	34,210
**25	3	299	234,069
**26	4	271	213,623
27	2	348	271,616
28 29	4	277 369	221,740 284,595
30	5 3	504	386,159
31	1	212	165,311
32	2	277	217,078
33	2 1	352	268,520
34		222	171,880
35	3	295	228,477
36	4	399	315,107
37	2	333	256,951
38	2 3 4 2 2 2 1	294	223,735
39	2	305	236,497
**42 **46		82	63,112
**46	3	147	106,717

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006 \*\*Shared District.

<u>OFFICE</u>	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION*
State Senator			
District #			
20	2	321	254,516
22	3	264	209,750
24	2	366	284,226
26	2	447	340,951
28	2 2 3 2	539	419,001
30	2	376	292,168
**32	1	61	45,618
Member of the State Assembly			
District #			
**36	2	167	132,708
**37	2	50	36,580
**38	3	258	198,585
39	1	138	110,152
40	2 3 3 3	210	164,882
**41	3	234	184,110
42	3	322	249,689
43		236	182,735
44	4	277	213,466
45	2	156	122,661
46	1	109	87,341
47	2	267	203,940
48	2 3 2 3	161	123,220
49	3	179	141,533
50	2	149	117,458
51		208	158,799
52	1	156	124,719
53	4	303	240,237
54	2 2 2 2	297	224,337
55	2	227	169,448
**56	2	171	134,484
57	2	200	154,393
58	2 3 2	220	166,688
**59	3	152	121,252
**60	2	120	90,286
**61	2	61	45,694

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006 \*\*Shared District.

# SUMMARY OF NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES ON BALLOT

OFFICE	NUMBER OF CANDIDATES
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court	2
Presiding Justice Court of Appeal	5
Associate Justice Court of Appeal	13
Judge of the Superior Court	9
Governing Board Member	19
City Council	33
Mayor	3
Rent Control Board	4
Board of Trustees	6
Board of Directors	61
Total	155

<u>OFFICE</u>	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION*
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court	2	5,028	3,899,397
Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District Division #			
2	1	5,028	3,899,397
4	1	5,028	3,899,397
6	1	5,028	3,899,397
7 8	1	5,028	3,899,397
8	1	5,028	3,899,397
Associate Justice, Court of Appeal Second Appellate District Division #			
1	2	5,028	3,899,397
2 3	1	5,028	3,899,397
	2 3 2 2	5,028	3,899,397
4	3	5,028	3,899,397
<u>5</u>	2	5,028	3,899,397
7		5,028	3,899,397
8	1	5,028	3,899,397
Judge of the Superior Court Office #			
8	2	5,028	3,899,397
18	2 2	5,028	3,899,397
102		5,028	3,899,397
104	1	5,028	3,899,397
144	2	5,028	3,899,397
Governing Board Member  **Fullerton Joint Union High School District	4	15	10,655
**North Orange County Community College District Trustee Area # 3 (unexpired term ending 12/01/08)	2	15	10,828
Snowline Joint Unified School District	7	0	99
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District	6	89	69,080

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006 \*\*Shared District.

<u>OFFICE</u>	CANDIDATES	VOTING <u>PRECINCTS</u>	REGISTRATION*
City Council Alhambra District # 1 2	3 3 5	41 41	31,909 31,909
5 Downey	5	41	31,909
<u>District #</u> 2 4	2 1	14 16	10,704 12,261
Pomona <u>District #</u> 2  3  5  6 (unexpired term ending 12/04/08)	2 2 2 3	7 6 13 15	5,607 5,246 8,769 11,223
Santa Monica	10	72	57,455
Mayor Inglewood	3	55	43,048
Rent Control Board Santa Monica	4	72	57,455
Board of Trustees Santa Monica Community College District	6	89	68,999
Board of Directors Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency <u>Division #</u>			
3	2	37	28,210
Antelope Valley-East Kern Health Care District	5	175	139,344
Beach Cities Health Care District	9	96	74,909

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATES</u>	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION*
Castaic Lake Water Agency (At Large)	2	149	115,424
Castaic Lake Water Agency <u>Division #</u> 1 2 3	2 3 2	44 53 52	34,203 40,707 40,514
Central Basin Municipal Water District <u>Division #</u> 3	4	93	72,929
Foothill Municipal Water District <u>Division #</u> 4 5	2 2	14 12	10,276 9,114
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District <u>Division #</u> 3	2	11	7,836
San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District <u>Division #</u> 4	2	9	7,392
Three Valleys Municipal Water District <u>Division #</u> 1	2	27	20,683
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District <u>Division #</u> 3 (unexpired term ending 12/05/09)	2	80	60,752
5	2	68	52,262

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006

<u>OFFICE</u>	CANDIDATES	VOTING PRECINCTS	REGISTRATION*
Water Replenishment District of Southern California Division #			
1	2	321	249,999
3	4	424	325,000
4	2	243	191,452
West Basin Municipal Water District Division #			
1	3	129	92,151
2	3	84	64,672
4	4	125	96,349

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006

#### **ROTATION OF NAMES**

As required by state law, names of candidates for certain offices are rotated on the ballot as follows:

OFFICE ROTATION

Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, United States Senator, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Candidates' names are arranged in accordance with the alphabetical drawing beginning with the first Assembly District in the Thereafter. for each succeeding Assembly District, the candidate's name appearing first is placed last; the order of the other names remains unchanged.

United States Representative, Member of the State Board of Equalization

Candidates' names are arranged in accordance with the alphabetical drawing beginning with the lowest numbered Assembly District in the Congressional or Board of Equalization District. Thereafter, for each succeeding Assembly District, the candidate's name appearing first is placed last; the order of the other names remains unchanged.

Superior Court Judge

Candidates' names are arranged in accordance with the alphabetical drawing beginning with the lowest numbered Assembly District in the County. Thereafter, for each succeeding Assembly District, the candidate's name appearing first is placed last; the order of the other names remains unchanged.

Other Offices

No rotation.

# PLACEMENT AND ROTATION OF CANDIDATES' NAMES ON BALLOT

# Placement of Names •

The placement of names on the ballot is determined by a random alphabetical drawing which was held by the Secretary of State and Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk on August 17, 2006.

# "WHO'S ON FIRST?" (CANDIDATE ORDER)



The order in which candidates' names appear on the ballot is determined by a random drawing of the 26 letters of the alphabet. This random ("pulled out of a hat") alphabetical drawing is conducted by the Secretary of State and the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk prior to each election.

# YOUR BALLOT

CANDIDATE SHEA Paralegal	500
CANDIDATE JOHNSON Airline Pilot	501
CANDIDATE HARRIS Educator	502
CANDIDATE KLERKS Graphic Artist	503

Election law also requires the names of candidates for some offices to change positions, such as federal, statewide and countywide offices (i.e., Governor, United States Representative and Superior Court Judge).

The purpose of the rotation is so one candidate's name does not always appear first, or last, on all of the ballots for the races.



CANDIDATE KLERKS	500
Graphic Artist	501
CANDIDATE SHEA	
Paralegal CANDIDATE JOHNSON	502
Airline Pilot	
CANDIDATE HARRIS	503
Educator	

YOUR COUSIN'S BALLOT

CANDIDATE JOHNSON
Airline Pilot
CANDIDATE HARRIS
Educator
CANDIDATE KLERKS
Graphic Artist
CANDIDATE SHEA
Paralegal

503

# YOUR FRIEND'S BALLOT

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**STATE MEASURES** (Registration: 3,899,397)

- **1A** TRANSPORTATION **FUNDING** PROTECTION. **LEGISLATIVE MAJORITY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Protects transportation funding for traffic congestion relief projects, safety improvements, and local streets and roads. Prohibits the state sales tax on motor vehicle fuels from being used for any purpose other than transportation improvements. Authorizes loans of these funds only in the case of severe state fiscal hardship. Requires loans of revenues from states sales tax on motor vehicle fuels to be fully repaid within the three years. Restricts loans to no more than twice in any 10-year period. Fiscal Impact: No revenue effect or cost effects. Increases stability of funding to transportation in 2007 and thereafter.
- HIGHWAY SAFETY, TRAFFIC REDUCTION, AIR QUALITY, AND PORT SECURITY BOND ACT OF 2006. This act makes safety improvements and repairs to state highways, upgrades freeways to reduce congestion, repairs local streets and roads, upgrades highways along major transportation corridors, improves seismic safety of local bridges, expands public transit, helps complete the state's network of car pool lanes, reduces air pollution, and improves anti-terrorism security at shipping ports by providing for a bond issue not to exceed nineteen billion nine hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$19,925,000,000). Fiscal Impact: State costs of approximately \$38.9 billion over 30 years to repay bonds. Additional unknown state and local operations and maintenance costs.
- For the purpose of providing shelters for battered women and their children, clean and safe housing for low-income senior citizens; homeownership assistance for the disabled, military veterans, and working families; and repairs and accessibility improvements to apartment for families and disabled citizens, the state shall issue bonds totaling two billion eight hundred fifty million dollars (\$2,850,000,000) paid from existing state funds at an average annual cost of two hundred and four million dollars (\$204,000,000) per year over the 30 year life of the bonds. Required reporting and publication of annual independent audited reports showing use of funds, and limits administration and overhead costs.

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006

**MAJORITY** 

**STATE MEASURES** (Registration: 3,899,397)

- BOND ACT OF 2006. This ten billion four hundred sixteen million dollar (\$10,416,000,000) bond issue will provide needed funding to relieve public school overcrowding and to repair older schools. It will improve earthquake safety and fund vocational educational facilities in public schools. Bond funds must be spent according to strict accountability measures. Funds will also be used to repair and upgrade existing public college and university buildings and to build new classrooms to accommodate the growing student enrollment in the California Community Colleges, the University of California, and the California State University. Fiscal Impact: State costs of about \$20.3 billion to pay off both the principal (\$10.4 billion) and interest (\$9.9 billion) on the bonds. Payments of about \$680 million per year.
- OF 2006. This act rebuilds and repairs California's most vulnerable flood control structures to protect homes and prevent loss of life from flood-related disasters, including levee failures, flash floods, and mudslides; it protects California's drinking water supply system by rebuilding delta levees that are vulnerable to earthquakes and storms; by authorizing a \$4.09 billion dollar bond act. Fiscal Impact: State costs of approximately \$8 billion over 30 years to repay bonds. Reduction in local property tax revenues of potentially up to several million dollars annually. Additional unknown state and local operations and maintenance costs.
- SEX OFFENDERS. SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS. MAJORITY PUNISHMENT, RESIDENCE RESTRICTIONS AND MONITORING. INITIATIVE STATUE. Increases penalties for violent and habitual sex offenders and child molesters. Prohibits residence near schools and parks. Requires Global Positioning System monitoring of registered sex offenders. Fiscal Impact: Net state operating costs within ten years of up to a couple hundred million dollars annually: potential one-time state construction costs up to several hundred million dollars; unknown net fiscal impact on local governments.
- WATER QUALITY, SAFETY AND SUPPLY. FLOOD CONTROL. MAJORITY NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION. PARK IMPROVEMENTS. BONDS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Funds water, flood control, natural resources, park and conservation projects by authorizing \$5,388,000,000 in general obligation bonds. Emergency drinking water safety provisions. Fiscal Impact: State cost of \$10.5 billion over 30 years to repay bonds. Reduced local property tax revenues of several million dollars annually. Unknown state and local operations and maintenance costs, potentially tens of millions of dollars annually.

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006

**STATE MEASURES** (Registration: 3,899,397)

WAITING PERIOD AND PARENTAL **BEFORE** 85 NOTIFICATION **TERMINATION** OF MINOR'S PREGNANCY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Amends California Constitution prohibiting abortion for unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent/quardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver. Mandates reporting requirements. Authorizes monetary damages against physicians for violation. Fiscal Impact: Potential unknown net state costs of several million dollars annually for health and social services programs, court administration, and state health agency administration combined.

MAJORITY

AND STATUTE. Imposes additional \$2.60 per pack excise tax on cigarettes and indirectly increases taxes on other tobacco products. Provides funding for various health programs, children's health coverage, and tobacco-related programs. Fiscal Impact: Increase in excise tax revenues of about \$2.1 billion annually in 2007-08 spent for the specified purposes outlined above. Other potentially significant costs and savings for state and local governments due to program changes.

**MAJORITY** 

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY, RESEARCH, PRODUCTION, INCENTIVES. TAX ON CALIFORNIA OIL PROCEDURES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Establishes \$4 billion program to reduce petroleum consumption through incentives for alternative energy, education and training. Funded by tax on California oil producers. Fiscal Impact: State oil tax revenues of \$225 million to \$485 million annually for alternative energy programs totaling \$4 billion. State and local revenue reductions up to low tens of millions of dollars annually.

MAJORITY

88 EDUCATION FUNDING. REAL PROPERTY PARCEL TAX. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Imposes \$50 tax on each real property parcel to provide additional public school funding for kindergarten through grade 12. Exempts certain elderly, disabled homeowners from tax. Use of funds restricted to specific educational purposes. Fiscal Impact: State parcel tax revenue of roughly \$450 million annually, allocated to school districts for specified education programs.

**MAJORITY** 

POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS. PUBLIC FINANCING. CORPORATE TAX INCREASE. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENDITURE LIMITS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Provides that eligible candidates for state elective office may receive public campaign funding. Increases tax on corporations and financial institutions by 0.2 percent to fund program. Imposes new campaign contribution/expenditure limits. Fiscal Impact: Increased revenues (primarily from increased taxes on corporations and financial institutions) totaling more than \$200 million annually to pay for the public financing of political campaigns.

**MAJORITY** 

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#### **MEASURES APPEARING ON BALLOT**

VOTES REQUIRED

**STATE MEASURES** (Registration: 3,899,397)

90 GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION, REGULATION OF PRIVATE I PROPERTY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Bars state/local governments from condemning or damaging private property to promote other private projects, uses. Limits government's authority to adopt certain land use, housing, consumer, environmental, workplace laws/regulations. Fiscal Impact: Increased annual government costs to pay property owners for losses to their property associated with new laws and rules, and for property acquisitions. These costs are unknown, but potentially significant on a statewide basis.

**MAJORITY** 

### **LOCAL MEASURES**

# **ARCADIA CITY** (Registration: 27,373)

N Shall the initiative ordinance of the People of Arcadia amending the Arcadia General Plan to specify a goal of prohibiting signs not commensurate with commercial uses as determined by the Municipal Code (such as off premise advertising sign boards or rooftop signs, or animated signs), and to restrict signs in the areas zoned as mixed use, horse racing, or special use to sign types specifically permitted in commercial zones, be approved?

**MAJORITY** 

P Shall the initiative ordinance of the People of Arcadia amending Arcadia's Municipal Code to require "Large Retail Developments" to provide 100% of the total number of off- street parking spaces free of charge without time limits or validation, except for up to 10% of the total number of off street parking spaces for which fees may be charged or validation allowed for valet parking, be approved?

**MAJORITY** 

# **ARCADIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT** (Registration: 27,890)

Arcadia Neighborhood Schools Health, Safety, Repair Measure: To improve education, retain and attract quality teachers by repairing, upgrading outdated classrooms, restrooms, plumbing, roofing, lighting, electrical systems, libraries, improving safety, security, fire, removal of hazardous materials, improving handicapped student accessibility, increasing earthquake-safe classrooms, renovating. acquiring. constructing, repairing, equipping classrooms, science neighborhood schools, sites, facilities, shall Arcadia Unified School District issue \$218,000,000 of bonds at legal rates, with annual audits, independent oversight, and no money for administrators' salaries?

55% OF VOTES CAST

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006

#### MEASURES APPEARING ON BALLOT

# VOTES REQUIRED

# BALDWIN PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (Registration: 21,473)

**Baldwin Park Schools Safety and Repair Measure:** To improve health, safety, class instruction by repairing, upgrading outdated classrooms, bathrooms, plumbing, roofs, install fire safety equipment, replace relocatable classrooms and buildings, improve handicapped student accessibility shall Baldwin Park Unified School District issue \$75.5 million of bonds at legal rates, renovate, acquire, construct, repair and equip classrooms, science labs, neighborhood schools, sites and facilities, with guaranteed financial audits, citizen oversight, and no money for administrators' salaries?

55% OF VOTES CAST

# **BASSETT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT** (Registration: 8,824)

To improve student safety, security, and learning by repairing and upgrading every school through repairing roofs; upgrading plumbing, heating/ventilation systems and electrical wiring for technology; installing fire detection equipment; providing increased disabled access; equipping classrooms; retiring facility debt; facilitating joint-use projects; and constructing and equipping new school facilities, shall the Bassett Unified School District issue \$20,000,000 in bonds at legal rates with guaranteed annual financial audits, citizens' oversight and no money for administrators' salaries?

55% OF VOTES CAST

# **CLAREMONT CITY** (Registration: 20,679)

To expand City protected open space, expand the Claremont Wilderness Park area, preserve the San Gabriel Valley Wildlife Corridor, and protect the area from development in perpetuity, shall the City of Claremont issue \$12.5 million of bonds at a tax exempt interest rates to purchase the approximately 180 acre area know as Johnson's Pasture?

2/3 OF VOTES CAST

# **COMPTON CITY** (Registration: 33,456)

Shall an ordinance be adopted that would reduce the City of Compton's current utility users tax on telecommunication services from 10% to 8.5% and modernize the telecommunications services definitions so that all taxpayers are treated in the same manner?

MAJORITY

# **DIAMOND BAR CITY** (Registration: 27,365)

To Finance the construction and furnishing of a library benefiting the residents of the City of Diamond Bar, shall Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 of the City of Diamond Bar issue not to exceed \$13,100,000 of bonds at legal rates and levy special taxes to finance debt service on the bonds and operating costs of the library and the District, and establish an appropriations limit of \$550,000?

66.67% OF VOTES CAST

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006

# **EL SEGUNDO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT** (Registration: 9,983)

To improve academic achievement, enhance educational opportunities, and improve community-use school facilities not covered by previous bonds, including mitigating safety hazards and accessibility issues in the 80 year old auditorium and stadium, and constructing a community aquatics complex with additional parking, with all funds used locally, with independent audits and citizens' oversight and NO money for administrator salaries, shall the El Segundo Unified School District issue 19 million dollars in bonds?

55% OF VOTES CAST

# **INGLEWOOD CITY** (Registration: 43,048)

Shall an Ordinance to impose a Vital City Services tax of one-half percent (0.5%) on transactions and uses in the City, with the revenue to provide for the well-being and security of its residents and businesses, be adopted?

**MAJORITY** 

# **LAKEWOOD CITY** (Registration: 41,000)

- Shall Ordinance No. 2006-4, which would impose a ban on the sale, offer MAJORITY for sale, possession, use or discharge of fireworks, be approved?
- F Shall Ordinance No. 2006-5, which would prohibit the parking of trailers MAJORITY and semi-trailers on streets in the City, except while in the process of being loaded or unloaded or by City permit, be approved?
- C Shall Ordinance No. 2006-6, which would prohibit the parking of MAJORITY motorized recreational vehicles on streets in the City, except while in the process of being loaded or unloaded or by City permit, be approved?

# **LOS ANGELES CITY** (Registration: 1,403,398)

- H AFFORDABLE HOUSING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, CITY OF LOS ANGELES PROPOSITION H. To provide safe, clean affordable housing for the homeless and those in danger of becoming homeless, such as battered women and their children, veterans, seniors and the disabled; assist first time homebuyers; provide low income working families safe and affordable rental housing; shall the City of Los Angeles issue \$1,000,000,000 of bonds, with independent citizen oversight, mandatory annual financial audits, and prosecution for criminal misuse of funds?
- J CITY OF LOS ANGELES PROPOSITION J. TECHNICAL CHANGE MAJORITY FOR PROPOSITION F REGIONAL FIRE STATIONS. To lower costs and provide design flexibility for new regional fire stations, shall Proposition F (voter approved November 7, 2000) be changed to allow regional fire stations to be built on one or more sites totaling less than 2 acres, instead of requiring a single 2-acre site, if the Fire Department decides that the station can be built to fully meet operational needs?

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006

# VOTES REQUIRED

R COUNCILMEMBER TERM LIMITS OF THREE TERMS; CITY I LOBBYING, CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS LAWS, CHARTER AMENDMENT AND ORDINANCE PROPOSITION R. Shall the Charter be amended and ordinance adopted to: change Councilmember term limits to three terms; restrict lobbyist from making campaign contributions, gifts and becoming commissioners; revise lobbyist registration thresholds; require contractors certify compliance with lobbying laws; extend elected officials' post-employment restrictions; require ethics training; and revise requirements for independent expenditures and campaign communications?

**MAJORITY** 

# PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (Registration: 23,388)

To build and renovate classrooms, including pre-schools, upgrade middle and high school science labs, build new classrooms for fine and performing arts education, replace fire alarm and safety communications systems, improve computer technology, expand school libraries, repair and upgrade outdated gymnasiums and athletic fields, shall Paramount Unified School District issue \$100 million in bonds, at legal interest rates, with independent citizen oversight, all funds benefiting local schools and no funds going to administrator salaries?

55% OF VOTES CAST

# **PASADENA CITY** (Registration: 66,727)

A Shall the ordinance providing for the National Football League renovation of the Rose Bowl Stadium for professional football use and for lease of the Rose Bowl Stadium to the National Football League be adopted?

MAJORITY

B Shall the Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII – Taxpayer Protection Amendment, be amended to: clarify the duties of public officials who receive a "personal or campaign advantage" from recipients of certain public benefits; exempt certain trustees, directors, or officers of specified nonprofit organizations from its provisions; extend its provisions to persons bidding on certain city contracts, and make other technical or administrative changes?

**MAJORITY** 

## **SAN MARINO CITY** (Registration: 7,962)

O Shall Ordinance No. 0-06-1187 continuing the Special Public Safety Tax for police, paramedic and fire services be adopted?

2/3 OF VOTES CAST

**G** Shall Ordinance No. 0-06-1188 continuing the City's Utility User Tax be MAJORITY adopted?

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006

# **SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT** (Registration: 116,631)

College of the Canyons Measure To Add/Upgrade Local Classrooms. To relieve classroom overcrowding, upgrade technology, prepare local students for university transfer/high demand jobs and secure State funds, shall Santa Clarita Community College District repair educational facilities, including nursing, firefighting, law enforcement classrooms, science/high tech computer labs; upgrade aging plumbing, roofing, electrical, earthquake, safety systems; acquire equipment; construct new educational facilities; by issuing \$160 million in bonds, at legal rates with independent citizen oversight with mandatory audits?

55% OF VOTES CAST

# **SANTA MONICA CITY** (Registration: 57,455)

Shall the City Charter be amended to make it current with best governmental management practices by removing City departmental directors from civil service, changing the advisory roles of some City boards and commissions that deal with hiring of departmental directors, making other related changes concerning promotions and hiring, amending certain provisions concerning the office of City Clerk and by amending some other Charter provisions to remove terms that are no longer legally valid?

**MAJORITY** 

V Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax Act. For the purposes of funding the implementation of a portion of the City of Santa Monica Watershed Management Plan, shall the City of Santa Monica authorize the Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax, as specifically set forth in the proposed Ordinance that appears in the voter pamphlet, subject to an annual CPI escalator, and subject to audit by a citizen's oversight committee?

**MAJORITY** 

W Shall City Charter Article XXII be amended by replacing restrictions against a person giving, and a City official receiving, any campaign contribution, employment, or valuable gift, after the official votes "yes" on certain matters benefiting the person, with prohibitions against giving or receiving anything valuable in return for an official decision and against using public office to gain employment, and restrictions of gifts from persons doing business with the City and other gifts?

**MAJORITY** 

Y Shall the Municipal Code be amended to: state that City police shall make law enforcement related to adult, personal use of marijuana the lowest enforcement priority, unless the use occurs on public property or in conjunction with driving under the influence; require the City Council to effectuate the priority through reporting, grievance and oversight procedures; and require the City Clerk to send annual notice of the priority to federal and state representatives?

**MAJORITY** 

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006

#### MEASURES APPEARING ON BALLOT

# VOTES REQUIRED

# **SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT** (Registration: 69,080)

BB Santa Monica-Malibu Schools Safety and Repair Measure: To improve health, safety, class instruction by repairing, renovating outdated classrooms, bathrooms, plumbing, leaky roofs, computer technology, fire safety equipment, improving handicapped student accessibility, earthquake- retrofitting classrooms, removing asbestos and mold, upgrading, acquiring, constructing, repairing and equipping classrooms, science labs, local neighborhood schools, sites and facilities, shall Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District issue \$268 million of bonds at legal rates, with guaranteed financial audits, citizen oversight, and no money for administrators' salaries?

55% OF VOTES CAST

# **VICTOR VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT\*\*** (Registration: 99)

Victor Valley College Job Training/Repair Measure. To improve education and prepare Victor Valley college students for high demand jobs and university transfer, shall Victor Valley Community College District improve campus safety; repair, expand educational facilities including classrooms for nursing, emergency medical, police, firefighting careers; upgrade aging plumbing, ventilating, roofing, electrical, safety systems; acquire sites, equipment; construct new educational facilities, by issuing \$338 million in bonds, at legal rates with independent citizen oversight and no money for administrators' salaries?

55% OF VOTES CAST

# **WESTLAKE VILLAGE CITY** (Registration: 5,644)

Z INITIATIVE MEASURE. RUSSELL RANCH ROAD RETAIL CENTER.
Shall an initiative measure be adopted to amend the Westlake Village General Plan, the Westlake North Specific Plan and Development Agreement 89-002 to allow development of a retail center on Russell Ranch Road within Planning Area C of the Westlake North Specific Plan?

**MAJORITY** 

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of October 11, 2006. Final registration figures are scheduled to be available after October 23, 2006 \*\*Shared District.

#### **ELECTION DAY/NIGHT**

# SPEED OF BALLOT COUNTING ELECTION NIGHT - HISTORICAL TRENDS

<u>DO NOT EXPECT very many ballots to be counted before 11:00 p.m.</u> Results of early absentee ballots will be available by 8:30 p.m.; however, most precinct ballots do not begin to arrive at the Tally Center in Norwalk until 10:30 - 11:00 p.m. Upon arrival, there are many check-in steps prior to tabulation (see "How do the ballots get to Norwalk?").

Los Angeles County tabulates the vote using a central count system. There is no tabulation at the voting locations as occurs in jurisdictions with more modern systems.

Historically for Countywide primary elections, approximately 50% of the ballots are counted by midnight on election night. The following chart provides statistical information on the speed of ballot tabulation from midnight onward. We realize that media deadlines are often prior to midnight; however, we cannot count ballots until they physically arrive in Norwalk.

2000 GENERAL ELECTION		2002 G	ENERAL ELEC	CTION	2004 GENERAL ELECTION			
TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%	TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%	TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%
Midnight	1,563,540	54.08	Midnight	1,100,541	63.53	Midnight	1,579,853	50.20
1:00 am	2,177.144	81.62	12:31 am	1,318,016	79.26	12:40 am	1,971,556	67.51
2:00 am	2,588,176	98.91	12:51 am	1,403,045	85.09	1:00 am	2,180,626	77.12
2:20 am	2,582,133	99.90	1:11 am	1,485,250	90.47	1:20 am	2,393,902	86.38
3:35 am	2,583,715	100.00	1:31 am	1,571,151	95.88	1:40 am	2,541,224	92.68
			1:51 am	1,601,206	97.85	2:00 am	2,629,632	96.46
			2:11 am	1,627,585	99.65	2:20 am	2,672,488	98.37
			2:32 am	1,632,352	99.94	2:40 am	2,704,220	99.72
			4:01 am	1,632,957	100.00	3:06 am	2,708,586	99.91
						4:13 am	2,701,280	100.00

#### ABSENTEE BALLOT COUNTING - TIMES WHEN COUNTED

The following chart provides the number of absentee ballots counted beginning election day and the number processed and updated during the official canvass period.

2000 GENERAL ELECTION		2002 G	ENERAL ELECTION	2004 GENERAL ELECTION	
DATE	# ABSENTE BALLOTS COUNTED	DATE	# ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED	DATE	# ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED
11/07	425,861	11/05	246,063	11/05	564,156
11/10	47,399	11/08	57,144	11/09	95,724
11/14	55,233	11/12	48,271	11/12	20,283
11/17	11,690	11/15	3,947	11/16	9,255
11/21	1,594	11/19	3,054	11/19	6,024
11/27	1,366	11/22	1,125	11/23	4,904
		11/26	78	11/26	1,347
	543,143		359,682		701,693

#### **ELECTION DAY/NIGHT**

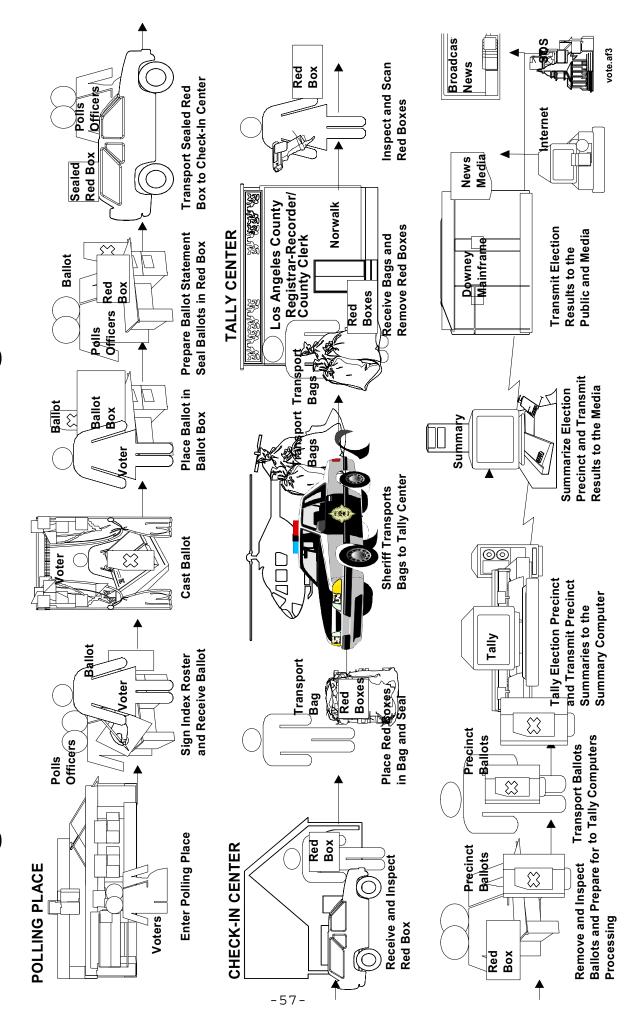
#### **HOW DO THE BALLOTS GET TO NORWALK?**

On election night, ballots from all 5,028 voting precincts are brought to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's headquarters in Norwalk for tabulation.

- After the polls close at 8 p.m., the precinct officials must complete the paperwork to balance the number of ballots cast with the number of voters signing in and account for the number of remaining unvoted ballots. Most precincts complete this function between 9:00-9:30 p.m.
- Then precinct officials from the 5,028 precincts bring their ballots and supplies to one of 63 designated check-in centers located throughout the County, usually arriving between 9:30 10:30 p.m.
- Sheriff deputies transport the voted ballots from the check-in-centers, via helicopter or by car, to Norwalk. Ballots come in from as far away as Lancaster, Palmdale and Catalina Island.
- Between 10:30 11:30 p.m. a crush of ballots arrive at about the same time (we expect over approximately 1 million that night).
- Prior to tabulation, all ballots must be checked-in, taken out of boxes, inspected and prepared for counting.
- Ballots are moved into the computer room in a continuous flow. There operators load the ballot cards onto card readers.
- There are 18 counting stations, each with two card readers, for a total of 36 card readers.
- Because there is no specific order of processing/counting, ballots from locations closer to Norwalk are co-mingled with ballots from more distant destinations. Therefore, ballots from locations close to Norwalk are not necessarily counted first.

Thousands of dedicated individuals are involved in ballot transport, preparation and tabulation. Los Angeles County is the largest electoral jurisdiction in the U.S. We count the most ballots by far on election night!

# Voting And Ballot Processing Flow Chart





# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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October 18, 2006

TO:

ALL CANDIDATES - November 7, 2006 General Election

FROM:

Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

#### INCOMPLETE BALLOT COUNTING ELECTION NIGHT

Candidates are frequently surprised on the day after a major election when they learn that there are several hundred thousand ballots countywide remaining to be counted. Statewide, typically 10% of ballots cast are not able to be included in the election night tally. This memo is provided as a courtesy to explain the logistics of election night ballot counting, and follow-up ballot tabulation, which occurs in the days/weeks following the election. The law allows 28 days after the election to complete the ballot tally and the official audit of the election, known as the Canvass. When the Canvass is completed, the official results are certified.

There are three categories of ballots which cannot be processed on Election Night:

- Absentee ballots (those turned in at the voting locations and those received by mail shortly before or on election day)
- Provisional ballots voted at the polls
- Write-in ballots

NOTE: All valid ballots in the above categories are always counted prior to official results certification.

#### ABSENTEE BALLOTS TURNED IN AT THE POLLING LOCATIONS

Many absentee voters wait until the last minute to make their voting choices and then drop off their absentee ballots at a polling place on election day. We receive these ballots very late on election night. 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 preparation for counting.

#### **PROVISIONAL BALLOTS**

Provisional ballots are voted at the polls when a voter's registration is in question, or when our records indicate the voter was already sent an absentee ballot. Provisional ballots are sealed in special envelopes at the polls and must be individually researched and verified at the Registrar's Office before ballots are counted or rejected in accordance with election laws.

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#### **WRITE-IN BALLOTS**

All ballots containing write-in votes must be set aside for manual review of each individual ballot. When a voter chooses to vote for a write-in candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, **every race and measure** on that ballot cannot be counted on election night. Each ballot containing a write-in vote must be individually reviewed to determine whether or not the write-in vote is for a qualified write-in candidate and whether or not the voter overvoted (i.e. voted for a candidate on the ballot <u>and also</u> voted for a write-in candidate for the same office). When an overvote occurs, neither vote can be counted for that one office, although the rest of the ballot selections will be counted. Due to the individual scrutiny involved, no portion of any ballot containing a write-in vote is counted on election night. **Vote tallies for write-in candidates are not available until the conclusion of the official canvass.** 

#### **SUMMARY**

Supplemental ballot counting of absentee, provisional and write-in ballots occurs in sequential order during the days/weeks following the election before certification of official results (i.e. all absentee ballots must be verified and cleared prior to verifying provisional ballots in order to insure there are no duplicates among these categories). Based on past trends, the number of ballots remaining to be counted after election night is anticipated to exceed 200,000 countywide for this election. These ballots are not segregated by district prior to counting. Therefore, the number of outstanding ballots for any specific electoral district will be unknown until the computer tallies these ballots. Our staff will be working double shifts to prepare all outstanding ballots for tabulation.

California law permits 28 days to complete the final, official canvass and certify the results of the election. This provision of the law recognizes the complexity of completing the ballot count and conducting a thorough audit of the election results to ensure accuracy. Part of the canvass process is a legally required manual recount of the votes cast for all candidates and measures on the ballots in 1% of the 5,028 voting precincts. This manual process verifies the accuracy of the computer count.

Supplemental ballot counting will take place at 2 p.m. every Friday and Tuesday throughout the canvass period. Therefore, the first supplemental count will be held on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. We anticipate the majority of the outstanding <u>absentee ballots</u> will be included by the Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> update. However, due to the extra research required to validate provisional ballots, these ballots are usually the last to be tallied prior to the completion of the official canvass (which must be completed by December 5, 2006).

Candidates and members of the general public are invited to observe supplemental ballot counting and the manual tally of ballots from the randomly selected 1% of the voting precincts. After election night, the schedule of supplemental ballot counting will also be posted on the entrance door of our office in Norwalk.

We realize it is difficult for candidates/campaigns involved in close races to wait days and sometimes weeks to know whether or not they won or lost the election. The processes described above are utilized to ensure that every legally-cast vote is counted and included in the official final election returns. This issue paper clarifies the reasons for the time required to finalize the ballot tally prior to the official certification of election results.

c: Political Party Chairpersons

#### HOW TO READ ELECTION RESULTS BULLETIN

Election Results Bulletins contain vote tallies for candidates and measures and also the number of precincts, registered voters, and total ballots cast within Los Angeles County. Therefore, only partial results are available for statewide political offices and for those districts which overlap neighboring counties. The first bulletin produced election night contains absentee ballot and early touchscreen voting results and will be available at approximately 8:30 p.m. After the initial precinct bulletin and as ballots are processed, semi-official results will be available approximately every 20 minutes until all precincts have reported. Election results will also be continuously updated and displayed on the Internet election night at:

# ttp://lavote.net AND http://www.ss.ca.gov/(statewide)

The following is intended to assist you in understanding the statistical information provided on the front page of the Election Results Bulletin. Listed below are two sample bulletins from the 2004 General Election.

ELECTION RESULTS BULLETIN (A)				ON RESULTS LETIN (A)	10:59 PM
TOTAL PRECINCTS PRECINCTS REPORTING	4,571 0 (G) 0.00	8:00 PM	TOTAL PRECINCTS PRECINCTS REPORTING (B)	4,571 1,780	38.94
PARTY REGISTRATION (B)			PARTY REGISTRATION (C)		
NONPARTISAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN OTHER PARTIES	1,522 4,054 2,566 412		NONPARTISAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN OTHER PARTIES	239,044 729,301 378,629 57,588	
TOTAL	8,554 (C)		TOTAL	1,404,562	
BALLOTS CAST (E)/TURNOUT	Γ (F)		BALLOTS CAST (D)/TURNOL	JT (E)	
ABSENTEE TOTAL NONPARTISAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN OTHER PARTIES	252,444 (D) 22,978 131,388 94,314 3,764	(9.10) (52.05) (37.36) (1.49)	ABSENTEE TOTAL NONPARTISAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN OTHER PARTIES	252,444 58,867 333,353 204,959 11,898	(9.66) (54.73) (33.65) (1.97)
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- (A) A sample of the **FIRST BULLETIN** which reflects absentee ballots pre-processed for tabulation by 8:00 p.m. and early touchscreen voting results.
- (B) Reflects registration by party for precincts that have been tabulated
- (C) Reflects registration only for declared absentee voter precincts which are precincts that due to their remote location and sparse population may only vote by absentee ballot.
- (D) Reflects that a total of 252,444 absentee ballots and early touchscreen results were tabulated.
- (E) Reflects the total ballots cast 252,444 by party and percentage.
- (F) No turnout is provided because the program is designed to suppress reporting this information until registration exceeds ballots cast.
- (G) Reflects that no precinct ballots have been tabulated.

The CONTEST SEQUENCE for reporting election results is as follows:

- Federal, State and County contests
- State Measures
- Local Measures and City Contests
- County Council/County Central Committee

- (9.66)(54.73)(33.65)(1.97)(43.36)
- A sample of the PRECINCT results bulletin where voter turnout is displayed.
- Bulletin reflects election results for absentee ballots and early touchscreen voting plus 1,780 or 38.94% of the total election precincts 4,571.
- Reflects total registration (1,404,562) by party for declared absentee voter precincts plus the 1,780 election precincts that have been processed.
- Reflects total ballots cast (609,077) of which 252,444 are absentee ballots and early touchscreen voting results. Provides breakdown of ballots cast by party and percentage.
- Reflects a voter turnout of 43.36%. However, this number is skewed because of the 252,444 absentee ballots and early touchscreen voting results reported on the first elections results bulletin with no accompanying registration except for declared absent voter precincts. The voter turnout skewing decreases as ballots are delivered and tabulated from the precincts until all have reported.

#### WRAPPING UP THE ELECTION/CANVASS

## WHAT IS THE VOTE CANVASS?

The election canvass process is an internal audit and is required by state law to ensure the accuracy of election results. California election law allows 28 days for the conduct of the official canvass of final election results. The canvass begins on Thursday, November 9th and will be concluded no later than Wednesday, December 5th. All aspects of the canvass are open to public inspection. During the canvass, absentee and provisional ballots not counted on election night are researched to validate eligibility. Once validated, these additional absentee and provisional ballots will be counted beginning on November 10th and every Tuesday and Friday thereafter until completed. The canvass concludes with the certification and issuance of official election results. Listed below are the major components of the official canvass.

#### **AUDIT**

<u>Roster Reconciliation</u> - Following the close of the polls election night, precinct officers are responsible for completing the Official Ballot Statement shown below which is located on the front cover of each precinct's roster of voters.

#### **OFFICIAL BALLOTS STATEMENT**

1.	TOTAL BALLOTS RECEIVED	1. <u>400</u>
2.	NUMBER OF VOIDED BALLOTS	2. <u>0</u>
3.	NUMBER OF UNUSED BALLOTS	3. <u>306</u>
4.	NUMBER OF VOTED BALLOTS	4. <u>94</u>
5.	NUMBER OF PROVISIONALLY VOTED BALLOTS	5. <u>0</u>
6.	TOTAL (add 2+ 3 + 4 + 5) - SHOULD AGREE WITH #1	6. <u>400</u>
7.	NUMBER OF Audio BALLOTS	7. <u>50</u>
8.	TOTAL (add 4 + 7)	8. <u>144</u>
9.	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES IN ROSTER - SHOULD AGREE WITH #8	9. <u>144</u>

As part of the official canvass, the number of signatures indicated by the inspector on the roster is compared to the number of ballots tabulated by the computer tally system.

<u>1% Manual Vote Tally</u> - All voted ballots from a randomly selected 1% of the 5,028 precincts are manually tallied and balanced against the computer counts to verify the accuracy of the election tally system. This process is required by law.

# BALLOTS ADDED DURING OFFICIAL CANVASS

The following ballots are withheld from the tally system on election night. Once eligibility is determined, these ballots are added to the election results. Withheld ballot types include:

 Absentee Ballots returned on election day to our office and dropped off at polling locations. These ballots do not arrive in sufficient time to be individually signatureverified, opened and prepared for tabulation on election night.

- <u>Damaged Ballots</u> that are unable to be processed through the election tally system and, therefore, must be manually duplicated prior to tabulation.
- <u>Write-In Ballots</u> must be individually reviewed to determine if the write-in vote is for a qualified/unqualified write-in candidate and whether or not the voter also voted for a candidate listed on the ballot for the same office (i.e. overvoted the ballot).
- <u>Provisional Ballots</u> issued at the 5,028 voting locations on election day. These ballots must be individually researched to determine eligibility. Provisional ballots are issued at polling locations when a persons' voter registration cannot immediately be authenticated.

In the November 2, 2004 General Election, approximately 375,302 provisional, absentee and damaged ballots remained to be processed after election night.

# **CANVASS SCHEDULE**

The following provides the canvass schedule of events for supplemental ballot counting.

# NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED TALLY UPDATES

- Friday, November 10th 2:00 p.m.
   1<sup>st</sup> Ballot Counting Update
- Tuesday, November 14th 2:00 p.m.
   2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot Counting Update
- Friday, November 17th 2:00 p.m.
   3<sup>rd</sup> Ballot Counting Update
- Tuesday, November 21st 2:00 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Ballot Counting Update
- Friday, November 24th 2:00 p.m.
   5<sup>th</sup> Ballot Counting Update
- Monday, November 27th 2:00 p.m.
   6<sup>th</sup> Ballot Counting Update
- Wednesday, November 29th 2:00 p.m. (If needed).
- Friday, December 1st 10:00 a.m. (If needed).

Board of Supervisors declare results official Tuesday, December 5, 2006.

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# **NOVEMEBER 2006**

A recount is conducted by the elections official for the purpose of verifying the number of votes counted for any office or measure in an election. California Elections Code Chapter 9, Sections 15620 through 15634 govern voter requested recounts.

#### **REQUESTING A RECOUNT**

# Who can request

Any voter of the state may file a request. (E.C. 15620)

# **Timing of Request**

The request must be filed within five (5) calendar days after the completion of the official canvass. The canvass is complete when the elections official signs the Certification of the Election Results. (E.C. 15620)

**Exceptions**: For statewide contests, the request must be filed within five (5) calendar days beginning on the 29th day after the election.

# Format of request

- The request must be in writing. (E.C. 15620)
- Must specify the contest to be recounted. (E.C. 15620)
- Must state on behalf of which candidate, slate of electors, or position on a measure (affirmative or negative) it is filed. (E.C. 15620)
- May specify the order in which precincts shall be counted. (E.C. 15622)
- May specify the method of counting to be used (computer, manual or both).
   (E.C. 15627)
- May specify any other relevant material to be examined. (E.C. 15630)
- For statewide contests, may specify in which county or counties the recount is sought. (E.C. 15621)

# Place of filing

- With the county elections official responsible for conducting the election, if the contest is not voted upon statewide. (E.C. 15620)
- If election is conducted in more than one county, the request may be filed with the county elections official of, and the recount conducted within, any or all of the affected counties. (E.C. 15620)
- With the Secretary of State if the contest is voted upon statewide. (E.C. 15621)
- With the City Clerk if it is a city election (or if the city has not consolidated with the county). (E.C. 15620)

## **Notice of recount**

- A notice stating the date and place of the recount will be posted by the elections
  official at least one day prior to the recount and the following persons will be notified
  in person or by telegram. (E.C. 15628)
- All candidates for the office being recounted.
- Authorized representatives for presidential candidates, if the race for presidential delegates is to be recounted.
- Proponents of any initiative or referendum or persons filing ballot arguments for or against any initiative, referendum or measure to be recounted.
- Secretary of State if the recount is for candidates for any state or federal office, delegates to a national convention, or any state measure.

## **Process of recount**

- The recount is open to the public. (E.C. 15629)
- Recount must start no later than seven calendar days following the receipt of the request and shall be continued daily, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excepted, for not less than six hours each day until completed. (E.C. 15626)
- A manual recount must be conducted under the supervision of the elections official by recount boards, consisting of four voters of the county, appointed by the elections official. (E.C. 15625)

#### Result of Recount

- The results of a recount are declared null and void unless every vote in which the contest appeared is recounted. (E.C. 15632)
- Upon completion of a recount, if a different candidate, slate of electors, or position on a measure receives a plurality of votes, the results of the official canvass will be changed and the election results re-certified. (E.C. 15632)
- A copy of the results of any recount conducted shall be posted conspicuously in the office of the elections official. (E.C. 15633)

# Cost and payment

- The elections official shall determine the amount of deposit necessary to cover costs of the recount for each day. (E.C. 15624)
- The voter filing the request for recount must deposit, before the recount commences and at the beginning of each day following, such sums as required by the election official to cover the cost of the recount for that day. (E.C. 15624)

# IF UPON COMPLETION OF THE RECOUNT THE RESULTS ARE REVERSED, THE DEPOSIT SHALL BE RETURNED. (E.C. 15624)

COST BREAKDOWN FOR MANUAL TALLY*				
No. of Boards	Cost per Day			
1	\$3,243			
2	\$5,176			
3	\$7,109			
4	\$9,042			
5	\$12,285			
6	\$14,218			
7	\$16,151			
8	\$18,084			
9	\$21,327			
10	\$23,260			
11	\$25,193			
12	\$27,126			

<sup>\*</sup>Cost will include labor, facilities, material and personnel. Cost will vary according to type of election and personnel involved.

## **Automatic Manual Recount**

By law, a random sample of ballots from every election must be recounted manually to verify the computer count. A minimum of all votes cast in one percent (1%) of the precincts is included in this process. *The Automatic Manual Recount is open to the public.* (E.C. 15360)

#### MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS



# WHAT IS A PROVISIONAL BALLOT AND WHY DO THEY TAKE SO LONG TO PROCESS AFTER EACH ELECTION?

Provisional ballots are provided at the voting locations to those voters whose names are not listed on the precinct's roster. Often the voter has moved without informing the Registrar's Office. Sometimes the voter's registration was canceled in error. Often the voter is at the wrong polling place. Another case of provisional voting is when the voter has an "AV" marked in the precinct's roster designating that an absentee ballot was already issued for that voter. However, the voter claims he/she never requested or received an absentee ballot, or states that he/she did not vote the absentee ballot but does not have the absentee ballot to surrender. In these cases, a voter may vote but the ballot is inserted and sealed into a provisional envelope in order to avoid co-mingling with other voted ballots.

The voter, and the precinct inspector at the polling place complete the required information listed on the outside of the provisional envelope. After the envelope is completed, the pollworker will enter the serial number and the line number from the Provisional Ballot List on the pink Provisional Voter Receipt and give it to the voter. The pink Provisional Voter Receipt was first used in the June 2006 Primary Election. This receipt will give the voter proper information that he/she needs to determine whether or not a provisional vote has been counted. Such "provisional ballots" are not opened or counted until the registration information is researched by the Registrar's Office and the voter is determined to be eligible to vote. This research occurs during the days immediately following election day as part of the official vote canvass. Eligible ballots are added to the count during the canvass period. The law allows 28 days to complete the official tally of the vote (Canvass). Approximately 39,000 provisional ballots were cast in Los Angeles County at the June 2006 Primary Election.



# WHY ARE THE PHONES SO BUSY AT THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE ON **ELECTION DAY?**

On Presidential Election Day, November 1996, the phone company reported that up to 10,000 calls per hour were flooding our phone system. While it is not possible to have sufficient staff to respond to such call volume, an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system was installed and proved to double our call response capability.

The vast majority of callers ask "Where do I go to vote?" Listed below are the responses the caller will hear when calling the designated toll-free number (800) 815-2666:

While callers are on hold awaiting connection with the IVR or a "live" operator, voice messages inform them alternate sources to obtain information on polling place look up including the back page of the voter's sample ballot booklet, our Internet website address, City Clerk's offices, County libraries and political party headquarters.

• For major elections we provide lists of polling place locations to the 88 city clerks in Los Angeles County, many of whom also have Internet access. Additionally, over 90 County libraries have Internet access and, along with the political parties and dozens of public and private organizations, partner with our office to assist the voting public. The cooperation of these offices and organizations has been outstanding.



Since November 1996, poll location look-up by address has been available on our web site at: www.lavote.net.



#### WHY HAS MY VOTING LOCATION CHANGED?



Every voter's polling place address is printed on the back cover of the sample ballot booklet he/she received in the mail prior to the election. Reasons for changes in polling place locations from previous elections include:

- In 2001, AB 280, Chapter 904 was enacted to revise the maximum number of voters in a precinct from 1,000 to 1,250 in counties with a population of 1,000,000 or more. This law had a sunset date of January 1, 2005 which meant that as of that date the law was repealed and the provisions allowing the increase to 1,250 would only be operative until that time. Effective on that same date, January 1, 2005, AB280 also reinstated the original 1,000 maximum number of voters in a precinct. This change in law reducing the maximum precinct size from 1,250 to 1,000 resulted in creating a requirement for an additional 430 precincts beginning with the June 2006 Primary Election.
- Precinct boundary changes are required due to increased registration or consolidation of precincts.
- Polling place locations are not permanent, and are subject to availability of the public building, church, private residence, etc. for each election.
- A polling place across the street is not necessarily in the voting precinct for all residents of an area because the precinct boundary line may be established in the middle of the street due to bisecting district lines (i.e. a water district bisecting a precinct).



#### ARE THERE ANY SAFEGUARDS IN THE VOTE TALLY SYSTEM TO **GUARD AGAINST FRAUD?**



As required by law, the Department's computer tally software has been certified by the Secretary of State's Office.

• The Department is required by law to conduct computer Logic and Accuracy tests before, during, and after vote tallying on election night. Additionally, a copy of the vote count program is on file with the Secretary of State's Office.

All voted ballots from a randomly selected 1% of the 5,028 precincts are manually tallied and balanced against the computer counts to verify the accuracy of the election tally system during the Official Canvass period which takes place after election day, but before results are officially certified. This is also required by law.

## WHAT PROVISIONS ARE MADE FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES?

- InkaVote Plus An audio ballot booth is available to assist voters with special needs at every polling place election day. Voters, who are disabled, including those who are blind or visually impaired, may vote privately and independently using an audio headset and a simple keypad. Once voting is complete, a paper ballot is printed. That ballot is then inserted into the InkaVote Plus PBR like any other ballot. Also, voters whose main language is not English may choose to vote an audio ballot in Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese), Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino or Vietnamese.
- Touchscreen Early Voting Voters have the choice of casting their ballots prior to Election Day at any one of 17 touchscreen early voting locations countywide (See page \_ for times and locations). All touchscreen voting units are equipped to allow voters, who are visually impaired or blind, to vote privately and independently by the use of audio headsets or large size text and a keypad. Touchscreen voting is also a popular option for multilingual voters who can view the ballot in their choice of Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese), Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, and Vietnamese in addition to English.
- Accessible Polling Places The international symbol of access is printed on each Sample Ballot booklet to indicate if a polling place is accessible to wheelchairs. Approximately 98% of our polls are accessible.
- **Curbside Voting** Any voter who cannot reach the voting area at the poll because of architectural barriers or physical limitations may request to vote "curbside", meaning outside of the poll location. A poll worker will bring a ballot and marking device to the voter, assist the voter if necessary, and place the voter's ballot in the ballot box.
- Voters with Wheelchairs Designated wheelchair accessible voting booths are available at every County poll location.

- Permanent Absent Voting California law permits any voter to apply for Permanent Absent Voter (PAV) status. PAV's are automatically sent an absentee ballot for each election. For further information regarding this program, please call (562) 466-1323.
- TDD Services for the Hearing Impaired A telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) is available to receive calls from any citizen who has a hearing impairment. The TDD service number is (562) 462-2259.
- Cassette Tapes with Ballot Measure Information Interested persons may obtain cassette tapes containing ballot measure information for the November 7, 2006 General Election from the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Election Information Section, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, (562) 466-1310, public libraries throughout the County and the Braille Institute, 741 N. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, (323) 660-3880.

The cassette tapes prepared by the Secretary of State contain the ballot title, a short summary, analysis, arguments and rebuttals for State Propositions 1A-1E and 83-90.

There is no charge for the tape recordings. Persons may request to take them home or listen to them at the locations mentioned or may obtain further information by calling the locations mentioned or the Secretary of State at (916) 657-2166 for their own copies of state ballot measure recordings.



#### WHAT PROVISIONS ARE MADE FOR MULTILINGUAL VOTERS?

In 1992 federal legislation (Public Law 102-344) passed extending the minority language provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Any County with more than 10,000 residents whose native language is not English and who indicated on their U.S. census form a lack of proficiency in English, is required to provide election materials in the identified languages. In Los Angeles County these language requirements extend to Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has installed a toll free number (800)



481-8683 for Los Angeles County residents to call to obtain voting materials in any of these six designated languages. Translated election materials are automatically mailed to voters who have requested this information in past elections. Multilingual information and oral assistance is also available at those polling places where a specific language threshold exists indicating a need for this assistance.

Also, on Election Day at every polling place the new InkaVote Plus voting system includes an audio ballot booth available to assist voters with special needs. Voters whose main language is not English may choose to vote an audio ballot in Chinese

(Mandarin or Cantonese), Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino or Vietnamese by using an audio headset and a simple keypad. Once voting is complete, a paper ballot is printed. That ballot is then inserted into the InkaVote Plus PBR like any other ballot.

Voters have the choice of casting their ballots prior to Election Day at any one of 17 touchscreen early voting locations countywide (See page 6 for times and locations). Touchscreen voting is a popular option for multilingual voters who can view the ballot in their choice of Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese), Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, and Vietnamese in addition to English.

In a continuous effort to reach voters whose first language is not English, our department's website has been expanded to include information on voting services for persons requiring assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese (the languages mandated for translation in compliance with the U.S. Voting Rights Act). Viewers have translated links located on the home page into these specific languages for accessibility. When clicked, viewers will find a Multilingual Assistance Hotline which is a toll free number for voters to request translated materials (i.e., voter registration forms and sample ballot booklets) in a specific language. Hard copies of the "Multilingual Voter Services" brochure are available upon request, or can be viewed on our website www.lavote.net.

#### **TOUCHSCREEN EARLY VOTING**



#### WHAT IS TOUCHSCREEN EARLY VOTING?

A Touchscreen Early Voting is an optional method of casting a ballot during a tenday period prior to each countywide election. During the early voting period, Los Angeles County voters may vote in person at any one of the designated darly voting locations using touchscreen voting equipment. Voters touch the screen to register their votes rather than marking paper ballots. Touchscreen early voting is authorized by the California Secretary of State and conducted in compliance with the regulations established by that Office on voting equipment tested and certified for use by Federal and State authorities.



#### **HOW ARE VOTES CAST AND COUNTED?**

After the voter touchs "Cast Ballot" on the touchscreen machine, the vote is saved on both the hard drive, a removable cartridge and the voter-verified paper audit trail. All equipment is returned to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's headquarters in Norwalk immediately after the early voting period ends. Subsequently, on Election Day and/or during the vote canvass period, the votes are tabulated from the cartridges at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk headquarters.



## I THOUGHT THE NEW MACHINES GAVE VOTERS A PAPER RECEIPT. WHY DON'T VOTERS GET TO TAKE THAT RECEIPT HOME?

After voting, but before hitting the "Cast Ballot" button, each voter may review his or her selections on both the screen and/or the voter-verified paper audit trail (VVPAT). The VVPAT is not a receipt, but rather a printed record of how each voter casts his/her vote. By law, it must be retained with the voting equipment as part of the audit of the election.



#### HOW DO I KNOW THE VVPAT IS SECURE IN THE PAPER CANISTER?



After the VVPAT paper roll is installed in the canister, the canister remains closed and locked.



## WHAT PREVENTS SOMEONE FROM VOTING ON MORE THAN ONE MACHINE OR GOING TO ANOTHER EARLY VOTING SITE TO VOTE?

The Voter access card issued to each voter can only be used once by that voter. After a voter finishes voting and touches "Cast Ballot," that voting card is de-activated and ejected from the Touchscreen machine. Also, when the voter access card is issued to a voter, that action automatically updates the voter registration database confirming that the voter has cast his/her ballot which prevents any attempt to create another card for that same voter.

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#### WHAT PREVENTS SOMEONE FROM VOTING AGAIN ON ELECTION DAY?

After each early voter has been issued a voter access card and voted, the voter database is automatically marked showing that voter has already cast a ballot in the election. Early voting ends several days prior to election day and the roster of early voters is provided to every Election Day voting precinct showing those persons who have already voted via touchscreen. In addition to this thorough detection process, it is important to note that any attempt to vote twice in an election is a felony.



#### IS A TOUCHSCREEN VOTE A SECRET BALLOT?

Yes. The voter access card only instructs the touchscreen machine which contests to display for the districts and electoral contests in the area where the voter lives. It contains neither confidential voter information nor a record of how anyone voted. Nothing in the Touchscreen machine links personal information to how the ballot was cast.



#### ARE VOTES LOST DURING A POWER FAILURE?

No. Each touchscreen machine has a battery backup. In the event of a power failure, early voting staff will allow voters to continue voting using battery power. All voting information is stored on both the hard drive, the cartridge and the voter-verified paper audit trail, none of which is erased during a power failure.



#### **HOW DO I KNOW MY VOTE IS SECURE?**



Management, operational and legal measures are in place to protect voting machine security, including:

• The AccuVote TSX units are stand-alone machines. They are not connected to the Internet and cannot be accessed from any other computer.

- County election officials maintain control over ballot creation, source codes, and management systems.
- County election staff thoroughly tests equipment prior to and after Election Day.
- Preparation of equipment includes sealing all access ports with tamper-evident seals that are monitored by early voting staff for any signs of tampering.
- All computer software and hardware have passed rigorous security requirements of the Federal and State governments prior to certification for use.

Each touchscreen voting site is physically surveyed by election staff to make note of access points and existing security systems. Throughout early voting, election staff have exclusive use of the rooms during and after voting hours until all touchscreen equipment has been removed from the sites at the end of the early voting period. All equipment at the sites are safeguarded by secured storage, access control devices, inventory controls and tamper-evident seals.

Another important safeguard is the law - tampering with voting equipment is a felony. California Elections Code Section 18564 states in part:

Any person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to four years who tampers with, interferes with, or attempts to interfere with, the correct operation of, or willfully damages in order to prevent the use of, any voting machine, voting device, voting system, vote tabulating device, or ballot tally software program source codes.



### HAS THE STAFF OF THE EARLY VOTING SITES BEEN TRAINED TO WORK THE MACHINES?



Yes. Each site has trained staff, a complete early voting instruction handbook, and immediate access by telephone to election authorities at the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office should further assistance be

needed.

For information on Touchscreen voting dates, times, and locations, visit <a href="https://www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>

#### **INKAVOTE PLUS**



#### WHAT IS INKAVOTE PLUS?



InkaVote Plus is an enhancement to the InkaVote paper ballot voting system used by Los Angeles County voters since 2003. It consists of three parts:

- 1. The voting device and the attached special ink marker. Each voter inserts the ballot into the device, securing the ballot over the red pins and then "inks" the ballot card.
- 2. The precinct ballot reader (PBR) sits on top of the ballot box. The PBR checks ballots for overvotes (making more selection for a contest than allowed) and for completely blank ballots (undervotes) and notifies the voter. This provides a second chance for the voter to correct his/her ballot.
- 3. An audio ballot booth is available to assist voters with special needs. Voters who are disabled, including those who are blind or visually impaired, may vote privately and independently using an audio headset and simple up/down arrow keypad. Also, voters whose main language is not English may choose to vote using the audio headset in Chinese (Cantonese or Mandarin), Japanese, Korean, Spanish/ Tagalog/Filipino or Vietnamese. Other voters may also prefer to vote using the audio equipment. Once the voter has made selection



#### **HOW DOES INKAVOTE PLUS PROTECT THE VOTE?**



InkaVote Plus alerts voters to overvotes (making more selection for a contest than allowed) or completely blank ballots. This allows for a second chance to make corrections. This protects the vote by insuring each voter's choices are reflected properly.



#### **HOW DOES THE PBR WORK?**



The InkaVote Plus precinct ballot reader (PBR) contains sensors in the ballot slot. When the sensors read an overvoted contest or a completely blank ballot, the ballot returns with a printed notification explaining the error. Ballots without such errors simply pass through the PBR and drop into the ballot box.



#### IS MY VOTE STILL PRIVATE?



Yes! The InkaVote ballot may be inserted into the PBR in any direction including upside down. The PBR returns the ballot to a voter only if he/she has overvoted a contest or cast a completely blank ballot. Is so alerted, the voter then returns to the

ballot booth to make the correction.



#### CAN VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES USE INKAVOTE PLUS?

Yes! InkaVote Plus includes an audio ballot booth to provide an independent and private voting experience for voters who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise disabled. Using a private audio headset, voters with visual or other disabilities indicate voting choices using a simple keypad. Once voting is complete, a paper ballot is printed. That ballot is then inserted into the InkaVote Plus PBR like any other ballot. (Note: voting with the audio ballot does take more time due to "reading" the ballot prior to making selections.)



#### HOW DOES INKAVOTE PLUS HELP VOTERS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH SKILLS?



The audio ballot provides service in six languages in addition to English. Voters may choose an audio ballot in any of the languages mandated by the Federal Voting Rights Act: Chinese (Cantonese or Mandarin), Korean, Japanese, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, or Vietnamese.

For more information on InkaVote Plus visit www.lavote.net

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

# COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT ABSENTEE BALLOTS, REGISTRATION AND VOTING





	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS/AUTHORITY	
		ABSENTEE BALLOTS	
1.	WHO MAY VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT (Vote By Mail)?  ARE THERE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A VOTER CAN BE REQUIRED TO VOTE BY MAIL?	Any registered voter may vote by "absentee" ballot. Prior to 1978, only persons who had a certified medical excuse or who could demonstrate that they would be out of town on election day were allowed to vote absentee. Since 1978, however, any registered voter may apply for and vote an absentee ballot, making "voting by mail" accessible to everyone. (E.C. SEC. 3003)  Yes, if an election precinct has fewer than 250 registered voters on the 88th day prior to an election, that precinct can be declared by the elections official to be a "mail ballot precinct" and all voters in that precinct will automatically be sent absentee ballots. (E.C. SEC. 3005)	
HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND VOTE BY MAIL			
2.	WHERE CAN I OBTAIN AN APPLICATION TO VOTE BY MAIL?	You must apply in writing to your local elections official. The address and telephone number of your county elections official is 12400 Imperial Highway, Absent Voter Section Room 3002, Norwalk 90650, and (562) 466-1323.  You can find the telephone number and address of your county elections official by looking in the front of your telephone directory in the white pages, government listing section, under county offices. It will be listed under either "Elections," "Registrar of Voters," "County Clerk," or "Voting."  An application to vote by mail is also included in the sample ballot and voter information pamphlet sent to you by the county elections official prior to each election. (E.C. SEC. 3022)	
3.	WHEN MUST I APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND VOTE BY MAIL?	Election officials process applications and mail out absentee ballots in the period 29-7 days prior to an election. You may submit an application prior to this time, but the elections official will hold it until the 29th day. Applications are available at the election official's office and can be completed and submitted in person. (E.C. SEC. 3001)  The elections official cannot accept any applications received less than 7 days prior to an election. However, if during the final week before an election you become ill or disabled or for some unforeseen reason find that you will be away from your polling place on election day, you may request (in writing and signed under penalty of perjury) that an absentee ballot be picked up and delivered to you. You may authorize another person to bring you the ballot and to return it to the elections official after you have voted. (E.C. 3021)	

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	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS/AUTHORITY
4.	WHAT INFORMATION MUST BE INCLUDED IN MY APPLICATION?	Your application must include your printed name, your residence address, as it appears on the affidavit of registration, the address where you want the absentee ballot sent, and the name and date of the election for which you are applying for (e.g. November 7, 2006 General). In addition, you must sign and date your application. (E.C. SEC. 3006)  NOTE: The application shall also contain a check box by which a voter not affiliated with a political party may request an absentee ballot for a specific party provided that the party has adopted the rule allowing those voters to vote that party's ballot.
5.	I HAVE A MEDICAL DISABILITY. DO I HAVE TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR EACH ELECTION?	No, any voter may apply for permanent absentee voter status. Such voters are automatically sent an absentee ballot for every election. For further information on how to become a permanent absentee voter, refer to your sample ballot or call the Absent Voter Section at (562) 466-1323. (E.C. SEC. 3201)  Once a voter becomes a permanent absentee voter, he or she will retain this status as long as he or she casts a ballot in all <b>statewide primary or general</b> elections. If a permanent absentee voter fails to cast a ballot in two consecutive general elections, he or she will be removed from the permanent absentee voter list and will need to reapply in order to have this status restored. (E.C. SEC. 3206)
6.	I WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR AN ELECTION AND I'M CONCERNED THAT THE MAIL IS SLOW AND I MAY NOT RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT IN TIME TO COMPLETE IT AND RETURN IT BY ELECTION DAY. IS THERE ANY WAY I CAN APPLY EARLIER THAN THE NORMAL 29 DAYS?	Yes. If you are in the military or temporarily living overseas you may qualify as a "special absentee voter." Special absentee ballot applications may be processed by the elections official as many as <b>60 days</b> prior to an election. Application must contain the same information cited in #4. (E.C. SEC. 3103)  An application by a qualified special absentee voter shall be deemed an affidavit of voter registration and an application for permanent absent voter status. (E.C. SEC. 3104)
HOW TO VOTE BY MAIL USING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT Once you have obtained your ballot by following the steps outlined above, you can vote your ballot and return it by mail or personally.		
7.	I APPLIED FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO VOTE BY MAIL. I HAVE NOT RECEIVED MY BALLOT BY RETURN MAIL AND MUST LEAVE FOR A TRIP IMMEDIATELY. IS THERE A WAY I CAN STILL VOTE WITHOUT WAITING FOR MY ABSENTEE BALLOT?	Yes, any voter may vote between November 1 and November 7, at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office in Norwalk. A voter may also vote by Touchscreen at any of the seventeen convenient locations throughout the County from October 25 through November 3 for the November 7, 2006 General Election.  Since you will be unable to surrender your absentee ballot, you will be issued a "provisional" ballot, which will not be counted until it can be determined that you did not also vote by mail.

	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS/AUTHORITY	
8.	HOW DO I VOTE MY BALLOT?	Follow the instructions, which accompany your ballot provided by the elections official. Failure to complete your ballot correctly could jeopardize your vote. You will receive all the supplies necessary for the use and return of the ballot. (E.C. SEC. 3010)	
	MAY I APPLY AND VOTE AT THE ELECTIONS OFFICIALS' OFFICE?	Yes, during regular business hours and on the two weekends prior to election day. Call the Absent Voter Section at (562) 466-1323 for office hours or if you have any questions concerning your absentee ballot.	
9.	DO I HAVE TO SIGN THE ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE?	Yes. The signature is compared to the signature on your voter registration card before the ballot is counted to determine that you are the authorized voter. This is an important protection for you. To preserve the secrecy of your ballot, once the signature comparison is made, the ballot is separated from the envelope to prevent anyone from knowing how you voted. In this manner, the ballot becomes as anonymous and secret as any of the other ballots before they are counted. If, when you apply for an absentee ballot, you omit any of the required information from your application, the elections official will send you a ballot, but will also include a notice that the missing information must be provided in order for the ballot to be counted. (E.C. SECS. 3009, 3019)	
10.	WHEN MUST I RETURN THE VOTED BALLOT?	In order to be counted, your ballot must be <u>received</u> by the elections official no later than the close of the polls on election day. The polls close in California at 8:00 p.m. You can mail it or bring it to the elections office or to any polling place worker within the county. Ballots received after close of polls cannot be counted regardless of postmarks. (E.C. SECS. 3017, 3020)	
		If you return your voted ballot by mail, don't forget to put the required postage on the envelope. The post office cannot deliver it without the required postage.	
11.	IF I LOSE THE ABSENTEE BALLOT SENT TO ME, CAN I GET ANOTHER ONE?	Yes. However, you must sign a statement under penalty of perjury that you have lost or did not receive the first absentee ballot. The elections official maintains a record of each request, and provides a list of these requests to the polling place to ensure that each voter only casts one ballot. If you vote twice by absentee ballot, even if by mistake, neither ballots will be counted. (E.C. SECS. 3013, 3014)	
12.	CAN I GIVE MY VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOT TO SOMEONE ELSE TO RETURN FOR ME?	If you are ill, or have a physical disability, you may designate a relative (spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, or sister) or any person residing in the same household as you to return your voted ballot for you following the instructions printed on the back of the return envelope. Your relative may return it in person to the elections official or to a polling place in your county, or may place it in the mail for return to the elections official. Contact your county elections official for more information. (E.C. SEC. 3017)	

	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS/AUTHORITY	
13.	IF I REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, CAN I CHANGE MY MIND AND STILL VOTE AT MY	Yes, but you must bring your unvoted absentee ballot and give it to the polling place worker before voting a regular ballot. (E.C. SEC 3015)	
	REGULAR POLLING PLACE?	If you are unable to surrender your absentee ballot, however, you may still cast a "provisional" ballot at your polling place which will not be counted until it can be determined that you have not also voted by absentee ballot. (E.C. SECS. 3016, 14310)	
	REGISTRATION		
14.	WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER TO VOTE?	U.S. Citizen – Resident of California – 18 years of age at next election Not in prison or on parole for conviction of felony. (CA. CONST. ART. II, SEC 2, E.C. SECS. 321, 2101)	
15.	HOW LONG MUST A PERSON RESIDE IN CALIFORNIA TO BE	A person who has a residence in California, and intends to remain a resident is eligible to vote in California elections. (E.C. SEC. 349)	
	ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER AND VOTE?  NEW RESIDENTS & NEW CITIZENS	To vote in an election an Affidavit of Registration must be executed and received by the election official at least 15 days before the election. A properly executed affidavit postmarked on or before the 15th day before an election and received by mail after the 15th day will be accepted. (E.C. SEC. 2102)	
		A "new resident" who established residency in California after the 29th day before an election may vote for President and Vice President by registering to vote in the election official's office between the 28th day and 7th day before the presidential election. (E.C. SECS. 332, 3400)	
		Persons who become citizens after the close of registration may register and vote at the Registrar of Voters office between the 14 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> day before an election. New citizens must present a Certificate of Naturalization and declare they have established residency in the county. (E.C. SECS. 331, 3500, 3501)	
16.	THE U.S. CONSTITUTION STATES THAT AS A CITIZEN I HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. (AMEND'S 15, 19, 24, 26) WHY MUST I REGISTER?	The U.S. Constitution also delegates many powers to the States. California law requires an Affidavit of Registration unless a Superior Court has issued a judgment directing registration. (CA. CONST. ART. II, SEC. 3, E.C. SEC. 2100)	
17.	MAY I REGISTER EVEN IF MY 18TH BIRTHDAY IS THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION?	No. Must be <u>18</u> on or before the day of the election. (E.C. Sec. 2000, County Counsel Opinion)	
18.	DO I NEED TO PAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE?	No fees may be charged for registration. (E.C. SEC. 2121)	
	CAN A WORKER AT THE POLLING PLACE ASK ME TO TAKE ANY TESTS?	No.	

	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS/AUTHORITY
19.	MY HUSBAND IS OUT OF TOWN, MAY I REGISTER FOR HIM?	No. The signature of the registrant certifies the truthfulness and correctness of the affidavit, under penalty of perjury. (E.C. SECS. 2102, 2150)
20.	MAY I REGISTER TO VOTE IN L.A. COUNTY WHILE I AM TEMPORARILY IN ANOTHER COUNTY?	Yes. The other county would send the registration to L.A., just as we would if the situation were reversed. (EC. SECS. 2113, 2114)
21.	WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER TO VOTE BUT I AM AN ACTOR AND DO NOT WANT MY ADDRESS MADE PUBLIC.	Under current state law, voter registrations are a matter of public record and must be disclosed on request. Specific voter registration information is however confidential. This includes the home address, telephone number, e-mail address, precinct number, California drivers license/identification number, social security number and any other unique identifier used for purposes of identification. <b>Exception:</b> This information is available to any candidate, specific committees and to any person using this information for election, scholarly, journalistic, political or governmental purposes. (GOV'T. CODE 6250 et seq. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, 6254.4 and E.C. SEC. 2194)
22.	MY MOTHER IS DISABLED. MAY I SIGN THE AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION FOR HER?	If unable to write she may make a mark or cross as a signature. You, then, may sign and date the affidavit below her signature or mark. (E.C. SEC. 2150)
23.	MAY I REGISTER TO VOTE AT MY BUSINESS ADDRESS OR MAY I USE MY P.O. BOX NUMBER?	A person may only register to vote at his or her place of residence. A business address or P.O. Box number may only be used as a mailing address. (E.C. SECS. 349, 2020-2035)
24.	WHEN MUST A VOTER REGISTER?	The registration of a voter is permanent unless a person requests cancellation, is legally found mentally incompetent, imprisoned or on parole for conviction of a felony, dies, moves out of the precinct and/or county, wants to change party affiliation, is unknown at the registered address or has a Residency Confirmation (RCOP) postcard returned or other notification by the Postal Service as undeliverable. A voter must reregister if the voter registration has been canceled for any of the above reasons, and the voter is presently eligible. (E.C. SECS. 2200, 2201, 2222, 2224)
25.	WHEN IS IT ADVISABLE, BUT NOT MANDATORY TO REREGISTER?	If a voter has change of surname (through marriage, etc.). (E.C. SEC. 2115) If a voter moves within the same election precinct. (E.C. SEC. 2204)
26.	MAY I SIGN A PETITION IF I AM NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE?	If you complete and sign an Affidavit of Registration on the same date or a date prior to signing the petition, and if the elections official receives the affidavit on or before the date the petition is filed, the signature will be validated. (E.C. SEC. 2102)

	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS/AUTHORITY	
27.	DO I NEED TO RE-REGISTER IF I MOVED, CHANGE MY NAME OR POLITICAL PARTY?	California law requires a voter to reregister if they move, change their name or wish to change their political party affiliation. (E.C. SECS. 2115, 2116, 2152, 2204)	
	MOVED AFTER THE FEBRUARY 17 REGISTRATION DEADLINE. CAN I VOTE IN THIS ELECTION?	Under new Federal and State election law provisions, voters who moved 15 days or more before an election and fail to notify the elections office of the address change may vote by provisional ballot at the polling place for the <b>NEW</b> residence address or at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerks Office in Norwalk. (E.C. SEC. 14311)  Voters, who moved between October 23 and November 7, may vote at the polling place for either the <b>NEW or PRIOR</b> residence address or at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerks Office in Norwalk. Voters who have moved will be asked to vote by provisional ballot. Voter registration address information will be changed for future elections. (It is recommended voters be advised to vote at polling place for new address to provide necessary change of address information to update voter file.) (E.C. SECS. 2035, 14311)	
	VOTING		
28.	WHAT DO I DO IF MY POLLING PLACE IS NOT OPEN?	Check the address on the back of your sample ballot to make sure you have gone to the right place. Polling places often change. If you are at the right place, call the Registrar's Office at (562) 466-1373 to let them know the polling place is not open. (COUNTY REQUEST)	
29.	IF I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN I GET TO MY POLLING PLACE, CAN SOMEONE THERE HELP ME?	Yes, the precinct board will help you. (E.C. SECS. 14272, 14282)	
30.	CAN I TAKE MY SAMPLE BALLOT OR OWN WRITTEN LIST INTO THE VOTING BOOTH?	Yes. Deciding your votes before you go to the polling place will help in voting your ballot. (COUNTY RECOMMENDATION)	
31.	CAN I VOTE FOR SOMEONE WHOSE NAME IS NOT ON THE BALLOT?	Yes, if the person is a qualified write-in candidate. Only votes for "qualified" write-in candidates will be counted. You may ask your precinct board member for a list of these candidates. You may vote for these candidates by writing their names and the office on the gray envelope pocket provided for write-in votes. If you don't know how to do this, ask your poll worker for help. (E.C. SECS. 15340-15342)	
32.	I'VE LOST MY SAMPLE BALLOT AND DON'T KNOW WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO GO VOTE.	You can access the Internet at lavote.net for ballot and/or polling place information. You may also call 1(800) 815-2666, (562) 466-1310, (562) 466-1323 for more information.	

### 2007 SCHEDULED ELECTIONS

(AS OF October 11, 2006)

ELECTION DATE	JURISDICTIONS	CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
FEBRUARY 27	BURBANK CITY PRIMARY NOMINATING AND BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	FEBRUARY 13
	GENERAL LAW & CHARTER CITIES	FEBRUARY 20
MARCH 6	ARTESIA CITY	
MARCH 6	AZUSA CITY	
MARCH 6	BELL CITY	
MARCH 6	BELLFLOWER CITY	
MARCH 6	BEVERLY HILLS CITY	
MARCH 6	CALABASAS CITY	
MARCH 6	CARSON CITY	
MARCH 6	CERRITOS CITY	
MARCH 6	CLAREMONT CITY	
MARCH 6	COMMERCE CITY	
MARCH 6	COVINA CITY	
MARCH 6	CUDAHY CITY	
MARCH 6	GARDENA CITY	
MARCH 6	GLENDORA CITY	
MARCH 6	HIDDEN HILLS CITY	
MARCH 6	HUNTINGTON PARK CITY	
MARCH 6	LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE CITY	
MARCH 6	LA HABRA HEIGHTS CITY	
MARCH 6	LAKEWOOD CITY	
MARCH 6	LA MIRADA CITY	
MARCH 6	LA VERNE CITY	
MARCH 6	LOS ANGELES CITY PRIMARY NOMINATING, LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL & LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS TRUSTEE AREAS 1, 3, 5 and 7	
MARCH 6	MANHATTAN BEACH CITY	
MARCH 6	MONROVIA CITY	
MARCH 6	MONTEREY PARK CITY	
MARCH 6	NORWALK CITY	
MARCH 6	PALOS VERDES ESTATES CITY	
MARCH 6	PARAMOUNT CITY	
MARCH 6	PASADENA CITY PRIMARY NOMINATING AND PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	
MARCH 6	PICO RIVERA CITY	
MARCH 6	REDONDO BEACH CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL AND REDONDO BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	
MARCH 6	ROLLING HILLS CITY	
MARCH 6	ROSEMEAD CITY	
MARCH 6	SAN DIMAS CITY	
MARCH 6	SAN FERNANDO CITY	
MARCH 6	SAN GABRIEL CITY	
MARCH 6	SAN MARINO CITY	
MARCH 6	SIGNAL HILL CITY	
MARCH 6	SOUTH GATE CITY	
MARCH 6	SOUTH PASADENA CITY	
MARCH 6	TEMPLE CITY	
MARCH 6	WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY	
APRIL 3	GLENDALE CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL, GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL AND GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	MARCH 19
APRIL 3	INGLEWOOD CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL AND INGLEWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	MARCH 19

2007 SCHEDULED ELECTION DATE	ELECTIONS (Continued)  JURISDICTIONS	CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
APRIL 17 APRIL 17 APRIL 17 MAY 8 MAY 22 JUNE 5 JUNE 5 JUNE 5 NOVEMBER 6 NOVEMBER 6 NOVEMBER 6	BURBANK CITY GENERAL (RUNOFF) ARCADIA UNIFIED BOARD OF EDUCATION Election Tally Type: Touchscreen Voting COMPTON CITY PRIMARY NOMINATING PASADENA CITY GENERAL (RUNOFF) REDONDO BEACH CITY GENERAL (RUNOFF) COMPTON CITY GENERAL (RUNOFF) INDUSTRY CITY GENERAL (RUNOFF) INDUSTRY CITY GENERAL (RUNOFF) INDUSTRY CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL INGLEWOOD CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL WESTLAKE VILLAGE CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS Election Tally Type: InkaVote System SCHOOL DISTRICTS ABC Unified Antelope Valley Community College (Shared w/Kern County) Antelope Valley Joint Union High (Shared w/Kern County) Antelope Valley Joint Union High (Shared w/Kern County) Antelope Valley Unified Baldwin Park Unified Bassett Unified Bellflower Unified Beverly Hills Unified Beverly Hills Unified Bonita Unified Castaic Union Centinela Valley Union High Trustee Areas 3 & 4^ Cerritos Community College Charter Oak Unified Citrus Community College Trustee Areas 2, 4 & 5 Claremont Unified Compton Community College Trustee Areas 1, 3 & 4 Compton Unified Covina-Valley Unified Downey Unified Downey Unified Downey Unified Downey Unified Downey Unified Trustee Areas 2, 3, 4 & 6^ Duarte Unified East Whittier City Eastside Union El Camino Community College^ Trustee Areas 1, 2 & 3 El Monte City El Monte Union High El Rancho Unified Garvey Glendora Unified Gorman Joint (Shared w/Kern County) Hacienda La Puente Unified Hawthorne Hermosa Beach City	MARCH 26 APRIL 2 APRIL 2 APRIL 23 MAY 7 MAY 21 MAY 21 MAY 21 OCTOBER 22 OCTOBER 22 OCTOBER 22

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**JURISDICTIONS** 

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

OCTOBER 22

NOVEMBER 6 Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union

Keppel Union La Canada Unified

Lancaster

Las Virgenes Unified (Shared w/Ventura County)

Lawndale Lennox Little Lake City

Los Nietos
Lynwood Unified

Manhattan Beach Unified

Monrovia Unified Montebello Unified Mountain View

Mt. Baldy Joint School (Shared w/ San Bernardino County) Mt. San Antonio Community College (Shared w/ Orange

County)
Newhall

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified

**Palmdale** 

Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified

**Paramount Unified** 

Pasadena Area Community College

Trustee Areas 2, 4 & 6

Pomona Unified

Rio Hondo Community College

Trustee Areas 2 & 4

Rosemead

Rowland Unified (Shared w/ Orange County)

San Gabriel Unified San Marino Unified

Santa Clarita Community College

Office Nos. 2, 4 & 5\*\*

Saugus Union

South Pasadena Unified

**South Whittier** 

**Sulphur Springs Union** 

**Temple City Unified** 

**Torrance Unified** 

Valle Lindo

Victor Valley Community College (Shared w/San Bernardino

County)

Walnut Valley Unified

West Covina Unified

Westside Union

**Whittier City** 

Whittier Union High

William S. Hart Union High

Wilsona

Wiseburn

**CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT** 

Walnut Valley

Divisions 1, 4 & 5

COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Point Dume

ELECTION JURISDICTIONS CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

NOVEMBER 6 COUNTY WATER DISTRICTS

Crescenta Valley Green Valley La Habra Heights La Puente Valley

Newhall

**Orchard Dale Water** 

Pico Water Quartz Hill Water Rowland Water

Divisions 1 & 2

San Gabriel

Sativa-Los Angeles

Valley West Valley

**IRRIGATION DISTRICTS** 

Kinneloa

Divisions 1, 4 & 5

La Canada

Divisions 2, 3 & 5

Littlerock Creek

Palm Ranch@

Divisions 1, 3 & 5

**IRRIGATION DISTRICTS (Continued)** 

Palmdale Water@

Divisions 1, 3 & 4

South Montebello@

Division 3

LIBRARY DISTRICTS

Altadena

Palos Verdes

RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS

Miraleste

Ridgecrest Ranchos

**GENERAL AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS** 

Agoura Hills City

**Baldwin Park City** 

**Bell Gardens City** 

Diamond Bar City

**Duarte City** 

**El Monte City** 

**Hawthorne City** 

Hawaiian Gardens City

Hermosa Beach City

Irwindale City

La Puente City

Lynwood City

Maywood City

Montebello City

Palmdale City

Rancho Palos Verdes City

Rolling Hills Estates City

Santa Fe Springs City

South El Monte City

West Covina City

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