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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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STATUS REPORT ON STATEWIDE SPECIAL AND CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS

Attached is the third status report regarding major events in process for the October 7, 2003 Statewide Special and November 4, 2003 Consolidated Elections. The Department will also be conducting a special election for the West Covina Unified School District on September 23, 2003. The City of Lynwood will also be holding an election on this date which is being conducted exclusively by the city through election supplier Martin and Chapman.

Statewide Special Election – October 7, 2003

This election involves 1,938 precincts with 1,786 poll locations requiring the recruitment of approximately 14,000 pollworkers. To date, all polling locations have been secured and only 30 inspectors and approximately 3,600 clerks have yet to be recruited. The initial sample ballot mailing to over 3.9 million registered voters began September 3 and was completed on September 9, 2003. As always, the supplemental mailing that goes out to voters who register between E-45 and E-15 will be completed within ten days of the election. On September 8, 2003, the first day to apply for and mail absentee ballots, a total of 99,699 absentee ballots were delivered to the post office for processing with a balance of 30,018 mailed September 10, 2003. These voters represent individuals who are permanent absentee voters (i.e. automatically receive an absentee ballot for each election) or are declared absentee voters (approximately 7,600 in small rural areas where no polling location is established). The Department has also received approximately 85,000 applications during the first three days of the legal timeframe (September 8 through September 30, 2003) for requesting absentee ballots. Preparations have begun to launch all 12 touchscreen early voting sites throughout the County commencing September 24 and continuing through October 3, 2003. Due to the high interest in this election, as evidenced by the extensive media coverage, the Department is implementing new and expanding existing programs to enhance voter education and election services. These programs focus on providing information to ensure that voters are informed of alternative voting options (i.e. by absentee vote by mail, touchscreen early voting or election day at designated polling sites). Additionally, a "Notice to Voters" sign will be mailed for posting at all the November 2002 polling locations not being used for the October 7, 2003 Statewide Special Election, with a map depicting the new polling location as was explained during my presentation at your Board's meeting of September 9, 2003.

Consolidated Elections – November 4, 2003

A total of 466 candidates will appear on the November 4, 2003 ballot for various schools, cities and general district elections. Additionally, there will be a total of seven local measures appearing on the ballot. To date, all polling locations have been secured and only 10 inspectors and 380 clerks have yet to be recruited. This election marks the first major election in which the Department will be utilizing its interim InkaVote ballot card system.

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

Attachments

MILESTONE STATUS REPORT OF KEY EVENTS

Statewide Special Election October 7, 2003

EVENT	WEEK ENDING									
	8/15	8/22	8/29	9/5	9/12	9/19	9/26	10/3	10/10	
1. FINALIZE BALLOT PAGE DESIGN.		▲ 8/22								
2. RECRUIT AND APPOINT PRECINCT OFFICERS.									△ 10/6	
3. UPDATE REGISTRATION RECORDS.							△ 9/22			
4. TESTING OF ELECTION NIGHT DATA PROCESSING HARDWARE AND PROGRAMS.										△ 10/7
5. RECEIVE SAMPLE BALLOTS AND BALLOT PAGES FROM PRINTERS.							△ 9/19			
6. MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS.									△ 9/29	
7. PRECINCT SUPPLIES AND VOTE RECORDERS ASSEMBLED.									△ 9/26	
8. BOOTH AND SUPPLIES PICKED-UP BY PRECINCT INSPECTORS.									△ 9/27	

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**OCTOBER 7, 2003 SPECIAL STATEWIDE ELECTION
STATUS OF EVENTS PERFORMED**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>SCHEDULED COMPLETION</u>	<u>ACTUAL COMPLETION</u>
2. <u>Recruit and Appoint Precinct Officers</u>	10/06/03	
This election will involve 1,938 precincts requiring the recruitment of approximately 14,000 pollworkers. Recruitment of precinct officers is proceeding on schedule.		
3. <u>Update Registration Records</u>	09/22/03	
The September 8, 2003 update of the registration records total 3,947,332 registered voters. This event is proceeding on schedule.		
4. <u>Testing of Election Night Data Processing Hard/Ware and Programs</u>	10/07/03	
Testing of election night tally programs is in process. This event is proceeding on schedule.		
5. <u>Receive Sample Ballot and Ballot Pages From Printer</u>	9/19/03	
The delivery of sample ballots and ballot assembly pages is proceeding on schedule.		
6. <u>Mail Sample Ballots</u>	9/29/03	
As of September 8, 2003 the initial sample ballot mailing to over 3.9 million registered voters has been completed. This event is proceeding on schedule.		

MILESTONE STATUS REPORT OF KEY EVENTS

Consolidated Election November 4, 2003

EVENT	WEEK ENDING								
	9/12	9/19	9/26	10/3	10/10	10/17	10/24	10/31	11/7
1. FINALIZE BALLOT PAGE DESIGN.		△ 9/13							
2. RECRUIT AND APPOINT PRECINCT OFFICERS.									△ 11/3
3. UPDATE REGISTRATION RECORDS.							△ 10/20		
4. TESTING OF ELECTION NIGHT DATA PROCESSING HARDWARE AND PROGRAMS.									△ 11/4
5. RECEIVE SAMPLE BALLOTS AND BALLOT PAGES FROM PRINTERS.				△ 10/3					
6. MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS.						△ 10/14			
7. PRECINCT SUPPLIES AND VOTE RECORDERS ASSEMBLED.								△ 10/25	
8. BOOTH AND SUPPLIES PICKED-UP BY PRECINCT INSPECTORS.								△ 10/25	

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