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STATUS REPORT ON STATEWIDE SPECIAL AND CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS

Attached is the fifth and final status report regarding major events in process for the October 7, 2003 Statewide Special Election. Please note that the next status report will reflect only the major milestones in progress for the November 4, 2003 Consolidated Elections.

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. As is inevitable in each election following the mailing of sample ballots a small number of poll locations cancel. For this election there were 37 poll location changes (approximately 2%) which impacted approximately 42,000 voters. Postcards have been mailed to notify these voters of their new polling place location. The Department has received 552,751 requests for absentee ballots of which 256,000 have been returned. This number of absentee ballot requests nears the previous all time high of 635,143 applications received in the 2000 Presidential General Election. The new touchscreen voting system is becoming increasingly popular. Early voting using touchscreen equipment was made available to County voters for this third introduction of touchscreen voting at 12 sites from September 24 through October 3, 2003. Early voting is a unique opportunity for any voter in Los Angeles County to cast his or her ballot on modern electronic voting equipment at the time and site that best meets the needs of the individual voter. To date, a total of 18,933 voters have cast ballots at the touchscreen early voting sites. In comparison, a total of 16,169 voters cast ballots at 21 touchscreen early voting sites in preparation for the 2002 General Election. On Saturday, September 27 inspectors assigned to 1,573 or (88%) of the polling locations picked up their supplies from the 60 check-in centers being utilized for this election. This successful program initially piloted in the 2001 Consolidated Election avoids staff having to make supply deliveries directly to the 1,786 poll inspector's homes.

Consolidated Elections – November 4, 2003

This election involves 898 polling locations requiring the recruitment of approximately 3,600 pollworkers. All polling locations and inspectors have been secured and only 174 clerks have yet to be recruited. Eighty-two (82) jurisdictions are participating in elections being conducted by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. Jurisdictions appearing on the November 4th ballot include 8 community college districts, 55 schools districts, 10 cities, 7 county water districts, 1 irrigation district and 1 California water district. All election activities are proceeding on schedule.

We would be very pleased if you and/or member of your staff could drop by Tuesday, October 7, 2003 night to observe our election operations (ballots typically begin arriving at our Norwalk headquarters after 9:30 p.m.). We expect a number of visitors here after 10 p.m. election night including media, government representatives and international visitors.

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

Attachments