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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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STATUS REPORT #2: MARCH 2, 2004 PRIMARY ELECTION

Sample Ballots

Nearly 2.8 million of the County's 3.7 million sample ballots have now been mailed to voters. Sample ballot mailings for Primary Elections are processed differently than those for a General Election. Sample Ballots for Primaries are not only created and printed in ballot groups but also by political party within ballot groups. Due to the production economies of large press runs the largest ballot groups of major political parties are printed and mailed first. As a result, voters in the same neighborhood and even in the same household (if residents are registered with different parties) do not usually receive their sample ballots at the same time.

When your staff receives inquiries as to why a next-door neighbor received her sample ballot days ago, and your constituent has not received one, there is a strong likelihood that the two voters are in different political parties. For example, In an area that is strongly Democratic, voters registered as Republicans or with any other party are very likely to receive their sample ballots several days later.

Pollworkers

As of today, 21,480 pollworkers (85% of the total needed) have been recruited to work in polling places on election day. In addition to our traditional pollworker base, staff is successfully recruiting County employees, high school and college students, and working to expand recruitment among State employees and private corporations.

Absentee Ballot Mailings

To date, we have issued 175,000 absentee ballots. While most of these are Permanent Absentee voters, it includes some early mailed requests from voters. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is February 24.

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

Attachments

MILESTONE STATUS REPORT OF KEY EVENTS

Presidential Primary Election March 2, 2004

EVENT	WEEK ENDING ▼							
	1/16	1/23	1/30	2/6	2/13	2/20	2/27	3/5
1. FINALIZE BALLOT PAGE DESIGN.	▲ 1/11							
2. RECRUIT AND APPOINT PRECINCT OFFICERS.								△ 3/1
3. UPDATE REGISTRATION RECORDS.						△ 2/17		
4. TESTING OF ELECTION NIGHT DATA PROCESSING HARDWARE AND PROGRAMS.								△ 3/2
5. RECEIVE SAMPLE BALLOTS AND BALLOT PAGES FROM PRINTERS.		▲ 1/21						
6. MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS.							△ 2/23	
7. PRECINCT SUPPLIES AND VOTE RECORDERS ASSEMBLED.						△ 2/18		
8. BOOTH AND SUPPLIES PICKED-UP BY PRECINCT INSPECTORS.							△ 2/22	

- △ SCHEDULE COMPLETION DATE
- △ RESCHEDULE COMPLETION DATE
- ▲ COMPLETION DATE

**MARCH 2, 2004 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
STATUS OF EVENTS PERFORMED**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>SCHEDULED COMPLETION</u>	<u>ACTUAL COMPLETION</u>
2. <u>Recruit and Appoint Precinct Officers</u>	3/01/04	
This election will involve 4,571 precincts requiring the recruitment of approximately 22,000 pollworkers. Recruitment of precinct officers is proceeding on schedule.		
3. <u>Update Registration Records</u>	2/27/04	
The January 27, 2004 update of the registration records total 3,657,525 registered voters. This event is proceeding on schedule.		
4. <u>Testing of Election Night Data Processing Hard/Ware and Programs</u>	3/02/04	
Testing of election night tally programs is in process. This event is proceeding on schedule.		
6. <u>Mail Sample Ballots</u>	2/23/04	
The initial sample ballot mailing to over 3.6 million registered voters began on January 22, 2004. This event is proceeding on schedule.		