



Election Fact Sheet

City of Bell General and Special Recall Elections

March 8, 2011

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS**

12400 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY
SEVENTH FLOOR
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650

www.lavote.net

ABOUT THE ELECTION

On March 8, 2011, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) will be conducting the City of Bell General Municipal and Special Recall Elections.

The General Municipal Election, which will be conducted by the RR/CC, is being held for the purpose of electing three members to the City Council to serve four year terms.

The Special Recall Election will submit to voters within the City of Bell the question of whether Council members Teresa Jacobo, Oscar Hernandez, George Mirabal and Council member Luis Artiga should be recalled as members of the City Council, and for the election of candidates to fill the vacancy created by Luis Artiga's resignation and possible vacancy if Teresa Jacobo is recalled from office.

The candidate receiving a majority of all votes cast in the Municipal Election shall be declared elected.

COSTS

Estimated Cost of Election: \$285,000
(Sharing with LACC & LAUSD)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Active Registered Voters: 10,485*

VOTING PRECINCTS

Vote at Poll Precincts: 4
Vote by Mail Precincts: 2
Average Voters per Precinct: 2600

BALLOT GROUPS

2 Ballot Groups
A number assigned to a group of ballots
that contain all the same contests.

POLLWORKERS

16 (Average 4 per precinct)

COVERED LANGUAGES

Spanish

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

The deadline to request a Vote By Mail ballot was Tuesday, March 1, 2011. Under special circumstances, a voter may request an emergency ballot beginning Wednesday, March 2 through Election Day, Tuesday, March 8 at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's (RR/CC) Office, 12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650. Voters may check the status of their Vote By Mail ballot online at www.lavote.net by clicking the Voting and Elections button located at the top of the main page, then clicking the *Vote By Mail Status* link in the *Quick Links* box of the *Voting and Elections* page.

Deadline for voted ballots to be received by the RR/CC – Tuesday, March 8, 2011 by 8:00 p.m.

NOTE: Voted Vote By Mail ballots must be received by the RR/CC no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 (postmarks are not acceptable). Unmailed voted ballots may be dropped off at any polling place within the city by 8:00 p.m. Election Day, or in person to the RR/CC Headquarters, located at 12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650, no later than 8 p.m. on March 8. Ballots received after 8:00 p.m. March 8, 2011 will not be counted.

Replacement Ballots

If voters damage or lose their ballot, a replacement ballot may be requested by contacting the Vote By Mail Section at (562) 466-1323, weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or in person at the RR/CC Headquarters, 12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650, prior to Election Day. Additional information or any question regarding Vote By Mail services and voting, can be obtained by calling the Vote By Mail Section at (562) 466-1323, during business hours, or by accessing the RR/CC website www.lavote.net.

BALLOTS AND VOTING SYSTEMS

Voters will be using the InkaVote Plus voting system at all voting precincts on Election Day.

InkaVote Plus provides an audio ballot booth to offer voters with disabilities an independent and private voting experience at every polling place.

- The InkaVote Plus Precinct Ballot Reader allows for second chance voting via error detection for all voters prior to casting the ballot, i.e. allowing voters the opportunity to correct a mistake, such as voting for too many candidates in a race or casting a blank ballot.

SAMPLE BALLOT BOOKLETS

All eligible registered voters in the district are automatically mailed an Official Sample Booklet. Voters may also access Sample Ballot content interactively on the RR/CC website www.lavote.net by clicking the *Voting and Elections* button on the main page and choosing *View Sample Ballot* in the *Quick Links* box.

VOTER INFORMATION

Voter Registration Status may be viewed on the RR/CC website www.lavote.net by selecting the *Voting and Elections* button on the main page and choosing *View Sample Ballot* in the *Quick Links* box.

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ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS 3/08/11

On Election Night, semi-official election results will be available at the RR/CC website www.lavote.net. Click the *Election Results* tab on the website's main page.

Results will be updated on an ongoing basis as precinct ballots arrive during the evening until all precinct ballots are counted. Semi-official Vote By Mail election results will be available at approximately 8:15 p.m. Updated cumulative results will be available and posted on the RR/CC website.

Election night results are always semi-official. Additional ballots are counted in the days following the election including:

- Vote By Mail ballots received through the mail at the RR/CC Office or dropped off at the polls on Election Day. Signatures on Vote By Mail ballots must be individually verified before processing and tabulation;
- All provisional ballots cast at voting precincts on Election Day must be individually tabulated and researched to determine eligibility; and
- Damaged ballots that the RR/CC is unable to process through its certified Microcomputer Tally System (MTS) must be duplicated for processing and accurate tabulation.

UPDATED SEMI-OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS AFTER ELECTION NIGHT

Semi-official precinct results will be available at the RR/CC Election Information Section, by phone and on the RR/CC website after 12 NOON*. Telephone hours on the day after the election are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Telephone Numbers	Public (562) 466-1310 Media (562) 462-2648 or (562) 462-2726
RR/CC Website	www.lavote.net www.lavote.net/Voter/Statement_Vote_Cast.cfm for direct access to the Statement of Votes Cast Election Results page

FINAL OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

During the period of Thursday, March 10, 2011 thru Friday, March 18, 2011 the RR/CC will conduct the Official Canvass of Election Returns.

On **Friday, March 18, 2011** the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is tentatively scheduled to certify the election results. On **Tuesday, March 22, 2011**, the Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled to declare the election results official. If the recall(s) prevail(s), the **Bell City Council** shall install the newly elected officers.

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For Multilingual assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, or Vietnamese call (800) 481-8683.

ABOUT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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