



**Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Fact Sheet
September 1, 2009
51st State Assembly District Special Primary Election**

OVERVIEW

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) will be conducting the 51st State Assembly District Special Primary Election on September 1, 2009. The purpose of the election is to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term of office ending at midnight on November 30, 2010, resulting from the resignation of office by Assemblymember Curren Price Jr.

FACTS ABOUT THE ELECTION

Ballot Groups:	1
Vote at Poll Precincts:	146
Vote by Mail Precincts:	12
Average Voters per Precinct:	1237
Active Registered Voters:	180,543*
Pollworkers:	600
Check-in Centers:	4 RR/CC troubleshooter pairs will be transporting the ballots to Norwalk
Vote by Mail Ballot Return Deadline:	Tuesday, September 1st, by 8:00 p.m.
Sample Ballot Translations:	4 – Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese
Estimated Cost of Election:	\$1,228,000

*Figure as of 8/13/09

SAMPLE BALLOT BOOKLETS

All eligible registered voters in the district were automatically mailed Sample Ballot booklets. Voters may also access Sample Ballot contents interactively on the RR/CC website www.lavote.net and clicking *View Sample Ballot* in the *Online Services* box of the main page.

VOTE BY MAIL

The deadline to request a Vote by Mail ballot was Tuesday, August 25, 2009. Under special circumstances, a voter may request an emergency Vote by Mail ballot beginning Wednesday, August 26th through Election Day, Tuesday, September 1st at RR/CC Headquarters, 12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650.

VOTE BY MAIL (Cont'd)

Voters may check the status of their Vote by Mail ballot online at www.lavote.net by clicking the *Mail Ballot Status* button in the *Quick Links* box on the main page. Additional information regarding this service or any question regarding Vote by Mail voting can be obtained by calling the Vote by Mail Section at (562) 466-1323 weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., or by accessing the RR/CC website at www.lavote.net.

Deadline for voted ballots to be received by the RR/CC - Tuesday, September 1st, by 8:00 p.m.

NOTE: To be counted, voters must return their voted ballots by mail with sufficient time for delivery to the RR/CC by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1st (postmarks are not acceptable), or in person to the RR/CC Headquarters, 12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650, no later than 8 p.m. on September 1st.

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 a.m. and 5 p.m., or in person at the RR/CC Headquarters, 12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650, prior to Election Day.

For additional information regarding Vote by Mail voting, voters may call the Vote by Mail Section at (562) 466-1323, weekdays, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., or by accessing the RR/CC website at www.lavote.net

VOTER REGISTRATION

Deadline to register to vote - Monday, August 17th

Registration status may be checked online at www.lavote.net by clicking the *Voter Registration Status* button in the *Quick Links* box on the main page or by calling the RR/CC at (562) 466-1310 or (562) 466-1323.

VOTES REQUIRED TO FILL VACANCY

If any candidate receives a majority of all votes cast at the Special Primary Election he or she shall be declared elected and the Special General Election on November 3, 2009 shall not be held.

If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast at the Special Primary Election, the name of the candidate of each qualified political party who receives the most votes cast for all candidates of that party shall be placed on the Special General Election ballot as the candidate of that party. (E.C. § 10706)

BALLOTS AND VOTING SYSTEM

Voters will be using the InkaVote Plus voting system at all voting precincts on election day

InkaVote Plus enhances the existing InkaVote optical scan system. The enhanced system allows disabled voters, including those who are blind and visually impaired, to cast a ballot privately and independently using an audio headset. Additionally, InkaVote Plus voting equipment will be available at all 146 voting precincts on Election Day to provide:

- ♦ 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; and
- ♦ an audio voting option for voters with visual impairments and/or voters who prefer translation assistance in designated languages.

AVAILABILITY OF SEMI-OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS ON ELECTION NIGHT 9/1

On Election Night, semi-official election results will be available at:

RR/CC website www.lavote.net

Click the *Election Results* tab in the *Quick Links* box on the main page.

Results will be updated on a continuing basis until all precinct ballots are counted. Semi-official Vote by Mail election results may be available at approximately 8:15 p.m.; As precinct ballots arrive during the evening, 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:

- 1) Vote by Mail ballots received through the mail at the RR/CC office or dropped off at the polls on Election Day. Vote by mail ballots must be individually signature-verified and then opened prior to tabulation;
- 2) Provisional ballots cast at the voting precincts on Election Day by persons whose eligibility to vote cannot immediately be verified. Provisional ballots must be individually researched to determine eligibility;
- 3) Damaged ballots that the RR/CC is unable to process through the election tally equipment and must be duplicated prior to tabulation; and
- 4) Ballots containing write-in votes which must be individually reviewed to determine if the write-in vote is for a qualified/unqualified write-in candidate.

