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**WEEKLY STATUS REPORT – 2nd Weekly Report for September 14, 2021
California Gubernatorial Recall Election**

This is the second in a series of election status reports to inform your Board and the public of our preparation and operations for the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election. The information and data included align with the County's goals of "Operational Effectiveness" and "Community Support and Responsiveness." Additionally, the election status reports support the Department's ongoing commitment to fair, accessible, and transparent election services.

Vote by Mail

The Department is encouraging VBM as the safest and easiest method for voting. The Department began mailing Vote by Mail (VBM) ballots to all active registered voters on August 12. VBM ballots have been mailed to all voters who registered to vote by the August 30 close of registration deadline.

A variety of VBM resources are available on our [website](#). Voters may also request VBM ballots and materials in one of nineteen different languages, sign up for "Where's My Ballot" to track their ballot, and request a replacement VBM ballot.

Vote by Mail Ballot Return Options

Voters have three options for returning a VBM ballot:

- (A) VBM Drop Box: The Department established 400 VBM Drop Box locations for this election. Most locations are accessible 24-hours; however, a few have more limited hours. Voters may return their VBM ballot at any VBM Drop Box up to 8:00

PM on Election Day. Ballots are retrieved from VBM Drop Boxes every 24-hours by authorized County staff. The VBM Drop Box Locator Tool assists voters with finding a location and is available on our [website](#).

(B) United States Postal Service (USPS): Voters may return their VBM ballot by mail, using the provided postage-paid return envelope. All VBM return envelopes must be postmarked on or before Election Day to qualify for the election. Under a recent revision to the Elections Code, the Department can accept postmarked VBM return envelopes up to 7 days following Election Day.

(C) Vote Center: Voters may drop their ballot off at any Vote Center. Vote Centers are open daily through September 14. Vote Centers are open from 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM and 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM on Election Day (September 14). The Vote Center Locator Tool assists with finding a location and is available on our [website](#).

Early Voting and Election Day at Vote Centers

Early in-person voting continues at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Headquarters in Norwalk. Voters can vote in person Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. On Election Day, voters can vote in person from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

The first 108 Vote Centers opened for in-person voting on September 4. On September 11, an additional 145 Vote Centers will open. Vote Centers are open from 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM and 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM on Election Day (September 14). The Vote Center Locator Tool assists with finding a location and is available on our [website](#).

Vote Centers are equipped with the County's Ballot Marking Device (BMD), which allows voters to mark their ballot, cast their ballot, use accessible voting features, and access a voter experience in 12 languages in addition to English. Vote Centers also provide critical voting services such as Conditional Voter Registration and Curbside Voting.

Eligible voters who did not register in time for the close of registration may conditionally register and vote at any Vote Center up to and including on Election Day. This service ensures that all eligible voters can cast a ballot in this election.

Voters have the option to utilize the County's [Interactive Sample Ballot \(ISB\)](#) to pre-mark and expedite their voting experience. A search feature has been added to help voters quickly find their candidate and better navigate the extended ballot.

The Department will continue to utilize the Quick Check-In Code, first introduced in the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election. This form of a QR code allows voters to expedite the check-in process.

The Vote Center Locator Tool assists voters with finding a location and viewing estimated wait times. The Vote Center Locator Tool is available on our [website](#).

Mobile and Flex Vote Centers

Mobile and Flex Vote Centers offer the same voting experience and services available at a traditional Vote Center. The Mobile and Flex Vote Centers program operate from September 4 through September 13. All current public health and safety protocols are followed to ensure a safe voting experience. Mobile and Flex Vote Centers will be open for a single day with custom hours to serve the unique needs of the target populations. The Mobile Vote Center schedule is available on our [website](#).

For this election, Mobile Vote Centers are targeting essential workers and hard to reach communities. Our Flex Vote Center will serve Seniors, Geographically Isolated Voters, Voters with Disabilities, and People Experiencing Homelessness. The Flex Vote Center schedule is available on our [website](#).

Social Distancing and Public Health Guidelines at Vote Centers

In compliance with State and Local Public Health Orders, the Department continues to implement the “Safe Election Plan” at all vote centers. This plan aligns with recommendations from the State and follows LA County Public Health requirements and recommendations. The following guidelines will be implemented at all vote centers:

- Both Election Workers and voters must wear a mask inside a Vote Center.
- A Stop Station will be present at the entrance of each Vote Center. Personal protective equipment such as masks and hand sanitizer will be available for the public.
- Social and physical distancing will be maintained in all lines and the voting area.
- All electronic pollbooks and BMDs will be sanitized after each voter use.
- Any voter that refuses to wear a mask will be allowed to vote using the curbside voting process.

Attachments and Contact

Attached to this report, you will find the Election Activity Statistics and Media Summary for the California Gubernatorial Recall Election. These attachments will be updated with each upcoming election status report.

We appreciate the partnership with your offices in our efforts to serve voters and allow them to exercise their fundamental right to vote.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly or your staff may contact Adrian Avelar, Executive Assistant at (562) 345-8372 or aavelar@rrcc.lacounty.gov.

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Attachments

Election Activity Statistics
September 14, 2021 Gubernatorial Recall Election

	8/30/21	9/7/21	9/13/21
Vote By Mail			
Ballots Issued	5,784,878	5,792,051	
Ballots Received Back	750,458	1,168,828	
Military and Overseas			
Ballots Issued	36,149	36,166	
Ballots Received	2,336	3,907	
Sample Ballots			
Mailed	5,587,543	5,708,393	
Voter Registration Totals by Supervisorial District			
District 1	973,965	974,287	
District 2	1,066,947	1,067,301	
District 3	1,202,101	1,201,419	
District 4	1,206,808	1,206,703	
District 5	1,243,788	1,242,523	
Countywide Total	5,693,609	5,692,260	
Voter Registration Totals by Age			
18-29	1,096,903	1,177,949	
30-39	1,134,179	1,116,955	
40-49	881,024	869,689	
50-59	881,485	885,815	
60-69	832,112	817,748	
70-79	542,493	521,544	
Over 80	325,380	301,529	
No Data	33	1,031	
Countywide Total	5,693,609	5,692,260	
Election Workers			
Lead & Assistant Lead Election Workers	754	1,228	
Multilingual Election Workers	2,472	2,503	
County Employees	2,945	2,936	
Legal Permanent Residents	180	176	
Countywide Total	5,373	5,467	
Voter Centers			
Vote Centers Recruited	253	253	

Election Turnout Comparison

2020 General Election and 2021 Recall Election

2020
General Election
As of October 26, 2020 (8 days before Election Day)

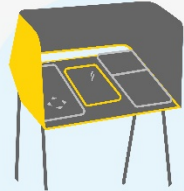
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Vote by Mail
Ballots Returned

2021
Recall Election
As of September 6, 2021 (8 days before Election Day)

1,335,218



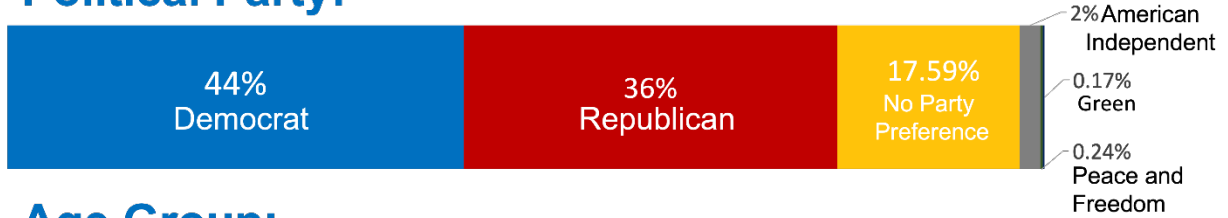
Vote Center
Ballots Cast

71,669

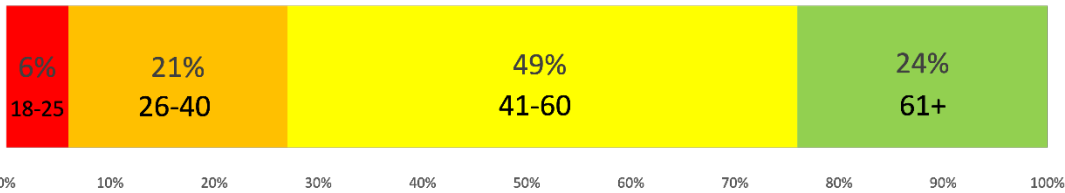
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Vote Center Turnout Demographic Breakdown

Political Party:



Age Group:

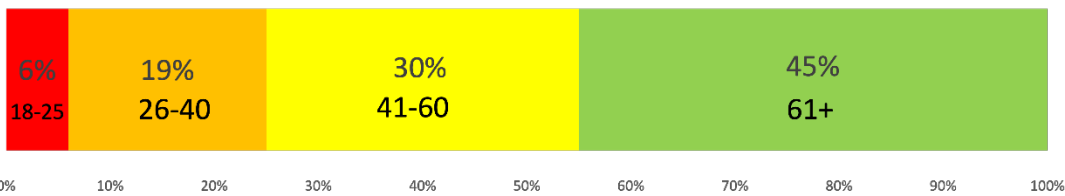


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MEDIA SUMMARY

9/2/21

[TV: Recall election early voting underway](#) – CBS

9/1/21

[Who's voted so far in the California recall? Lots of Democrats, few young people](#) – L.A. Times

8/31/21

[What California Voters Need to Know About the September 14 Recall Election](#) – L.A. Magazine

[Recall fact and fiction: What you need to know about the election fraud rumors you're seeing](#) – Cal Matters

8/30/21

[CA Recall: Ballot Drop Off, Polling Places In Santa Monica](#) – MSN

[Last day to register to vote in Newsom recall Monday](#) – Los Angeles Blade

[California recall election: Monday marks vote-by-mail registration deadline](#) – KTLA

8/28/21

[Governor recall: Here's where to vote in Long Beach, South Bay](#) – Daily Breeze

[Election reforms are needed in California](#) – L.A. Daily News

[Where to vote in the Newsom California recall election | California politics](#) – U.S. Politics

8/27/21

[Californians can all vote by mail in the recall. Here's how](#) – L.A. Times

[Drop off or in person? Where to vote in the California recall election](#) – L.A. Times

[Ballot Privacy Goes Out the Window in California](#) – Townhall

[Can you vote in person for the California recall election? Your voting questions answered](#) – ABC7

[California Politics: Who are the recall election's early voters?](#) – L.A. Times