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WEEKLY STATUS REPORT – NOVEMBER 8th ELECTION

This is the second in a series of weekly pre-election status reports to inform your Board and the public of our preparation for the November 8th Presidential General Election. The information and data included connect to the County’s goals of “Operational Effectiveness” and “Community Support and Responsiveness.” Additionally, these reports support the Department’s ongoing commitment to fair, accessible and transparent election services for the citizens of Los Angeles County.

The report includes updates on important activities related to the conduct of the election and provides statistics related to these activities. The report focuses on five areas of the election process: status of Vote by Mail (VBM) mailing; sample ballot mailing; pollworker recruitment/training and polling place recruitment; voter registration; and voter education/community outreach. In addition, the following *Highlights* section references special projects or significant issues to call to your attention.

Highlights

Weekend Early Voting

There was a successful turnout in the opening weekend of Early Voting. A total of 7,756 early votes were cast this past weekend for the November 8th General Election. The expanded five locations saw 3,205 ballots issued on Saturday and 3,366 issued on Sunday. Of the five additional locations the highest turnout was in North Hollywood with over 800 votes Saturday and 1,012 on Sunday.

Location	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Norwalk	721	464	1,185
West Covina	609	549	1,158
Culver City	797	940	1,737
Lancaster	319	269	588
Torrance	661	596	1,257
North Hollywood	819	1,012	1,831
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Early Voting continues during the week at the Norwalk Headquarters from 8am-5pm. Weekend Early Voting continues Saturday and Sunday (Nov. 5-6) in the five expanded locations, and in Norwalk. For more details on the program or to find the nearest Weekend Early Voting location please visit our [website](#).

Length of Ballot

The November 8th ballot includes 17 Statewide ballot measures, 2 County measures, several candidate contests, and additional local measures depending on where a voter lives, resulting in an unusually lengthy ballot. The Department conducted user testing to measure the average time it will take a voter to complete a ballot for the upcoming election. The results indicate that it will take approximately 8 minutes to complete a 28-contest ballot and 10 minutes for a 35-contest ballot.

We anticipate, because of the length of the ballot some voters will take longer to complete their ballot. Therefore, we are encouraging voters to make their selections on their sample ballot and bring it with them on Election Day to reference while voting. We are also reminding poll workers to accommodate voters requesting extra time to cast their vote.

Voter File Maintenance

Leading up to this election there has been increased media/public attention focused on the issue of deceased persons listed on the active voter rolls and casting ballots. The Department has been contacted by media outlets with various inquiries on the issue. One outlet in particular brought forward specific allegations of deceased persons voting as recently as June 2016. As has been done in the past, the Department requested to review the specific records to determine their validity. The Department was provided eleven records of deceased voters that allegedly voted in the June Primary. After reviewing the records, the Department positively confirmed that not one ballot was cast on behalf of any of these individuals in the election. While the specific allegation of deceased persons voting was refuted, the issue of deceased persons remaining on the roll continues to exist.

As the Board has been updated previously, this is an ongoing issue that the Department takes very seriously and voter file maintenance remains a top priority. We have an ongoing program that includes the removal of deceased persons from the file. The Department receives notifications of deceased persons from the Secretary of State's VoteCal system (statewide voter registration system), other governmental agencies, political groups and family of deceased voters. While some suggest we should simply purge our voter file of possible deceased voters, this could lead to removing active voters. To avoid potentially disenfranchising any voter, all information received must be verified before cancelling the voter. The Department currently has multiple processes to do this, including comparing the voter file against an index of deceased persons that is received on a monthly basis from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Since May 2015, over 52,000 deceased persons have been removed from the voter file.

Polling Place Changes

The Department has currently changed 38 polling places for the November 8th election since Sample Ballots were printed and mailed. The changes are primarily because of cancellations by the polling place owner. All affected voters are mailed a poll place change postcard that includes the new polling location. A robocall is also sent out to voters informing them that their voting location has changed and that they will receive a postcard with new polling place information. The robocall also refers voters to our website where they can locate and confirm their new polling place. Additionally, signs are posted at each canceled polling location on Election Day morning that provides voters with the new voting location and address.

Outreach - Close of Voter Registration

The final day to register to vote for the November 8th General Election was Monday, October 24th. Voter registration participation was remarkably high, and the Department received 86,544 online voter registration affidavits. Through the Department's outreach efforts and partnerships with community organizations, 7,937 people completed paper registration forms.

Outreach - High School/College Registration

The Department partnered with Movement Strategy Center to increase voter registration opportunities and distribute election information to high school students. Collectively, 2,358 students from 49 schools throughout the County registered to vote. Our outreach team also worked with the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the Probation Department to register 268 youth housed at various camps in the County.

Additionally, UCLA and USC supported the Department's voter registrations efforts by participating in a friendly voter registration competition between the schools. Both universities eagerly embraced the challenge, and their combined efforts yielded 10,520 completed voter registration applications.

Media

The Department has generated a number of earned media opportunities to help promote the election and disseminate important information of interest to voters for this election. The following is a summary of recent earned media opportunities and press releases that have been issued regarding the upcoming election.

Interviews

October 18, 2016

- [Rigged Election? Not Possible, Says LA County Registrar](#) – Patch
- [Don't worry about a rigged election in LA County, official say](#) – San Gabriel Valley Tribune, LA Daily News
- [Trump's words on vote fraud cause GOP migraines: Susan Shelley](#) – LA Daily News

October 19, 2016

- [Los Angeles' top elections officer talks about voter fraud and polling place intimidation in Reddit chat](#) – LA Times
- [Human Voter Guide: Don't Panic if you haven't received your vote by mail ballot](#) – KPCC
- [L.A. County Registrar addresses 'election rigging concerns'](#) – The Antelope Valley Times
- [How is 2016 early voting in LA County stacking up to recent presidential elections?](#) – LA Daily Press
- [Don't worry about a rigged election in LA County, official says](#) – LA Daily Press

October 20, 2016

- [Voter Registration Deadline Is Oct. 24 For November Election](#) – KHTS Radio
- [Polling Places Security](#) – NBC 4
- [County Reminds, On Social Media Apps For Upcoming Election](#) – KHTS AM 1220
- [Registrar Using Mobile Apps to Improve Voter Experience](#) – SCV News
- [Monday is Voter Registration Deadline](#) – SCV News
- [Voter registration deadline is Oct. 24](#) – Culver City News
- [Rigged Voting Not An Option](#) – KCET

October 21, 2016

- [California voters returning ballots in big numbers, election officials say](#) – Sacramento Bee
- [No need to fear rigged election, voting official says](#) – Los Angeles Wave

October 22, 2016

- [Trump's complaints about voter fraud will only ensure him losing the most well-vetted election in U.S. history](#) – Salon


























October 23, 2016

- [U.S. presidential election uses hodge-podge of voting technology](#) – CBC News
- [Long Beach election 2016: School district asking for \\$1.5 billion bond](#) – Long Beach Press Telegram
- [City Council to Consider Election Plans](#) – Pasadena Now
- [Monday is the last day to register to vote in LA, Orange counties](#) – Los Angeles Daily News, The Sun

October 24, 2016

- [Are you registered to vote? Monday is the last day to register in LA, OC](#) – Fox 11
- [Today is the Last Day for Voter Registration](#) – Pasadena Now
- [Trump or Hillary? Registration deadline Monday](#) – mynews1a.com
- [Have you Registered to Vote, Glendora? You Have Until Midnight, Monday](#) – Patch
- [Monday Last Day To Register To Vote In California](#) – CBS LA

Press Releases – November 8, 2016 General Election

- 10/25: [USC and UCLA Voter Registration Drive Comes to an End](#) 
- 10/20: [RRCC Utilizing Innovative Technology For November General Election](#) 
- 10/20: [L.A. County Voters Need to Register to Vote by October 24th for the November 8th General Election](#) 
- 10/17: [The RR/CC Media Kit for the November 8th Presidential Election Is Now Available](#)  
- 10/14: [Early Voting Begins for the November 8, 2016 General Election - Five New Locations Available](#)  
- 10/11: [The RR/CC Began Mailing Over 1.8 Million Vote by Mail Ballots for the November 8th General Election](#)  
- 10/03: [Vote by Mail Drop-Off Locations Available Throughout LA County](#)  
- 9/30: [Pollworkers wanted for the upcoming November 8, 2016 Presidential Election](#)  
- 9/29: [The RR/CC Began Mailing 5,012,191 Sample Ballot Booklets in LA County](#)  
- 9/26: [L.A. County Registrar of Voters Kicks Off Large Scale Media Campaign to Get Out the Vote](#)  
- 9/26: [Reminder: The RR/CC to Host National Voter Registration Day Event](#)  
- 9/20: [The RR/CC to Host a National Voter Registration Day Event](#)  
- 9/15: [USC and UCLA Kick Off Voter Registration Drive](#)  
- 8/22: [Pollworkers Needed for the November 8, 2016 General Election](#)   3

Election Activity Statistics			
<i>November 8 General Election</i>			
	10/18/2016	10/25/2016	11/1/2016
Vote By Mail			
Ballots Issued	2,110,289	2,230,381	
Ballots Received Back	49,787	222,344	
Military and Overseas			
Ballots Issued	35,974	39,193	
Ballots Received	2,651	5,338	
Sample Ballots			
Mailed (continuous through date)	4,137,723	5,140,600	
Registered Voters Totals by Supervisorial District			
District 1	844,248	850,771	
District 2	991,941	998,751	
District 3	1,114,737	1,123,543	
District 4	1,097,265	1,105,279	
District 5	1,103,780	1,112,774	
Countywide Total	5,151,971	5,191,118	
	10/18/2016	10/25/2016	11/1/2016
Registered Voters by Age			
18-29	1,125,727	1,144,251	
30-39	938,521	946,896	
40-49	814,362	819,601	
50-59	869,219	873,213	
60-69	719,577	721,652	
70-79	410,132	410,970	
Over 80	273,357	273,365	
No Data	1,076	1,170	

Total	5,151,971	5,191,118	
Incoming Voter Registration Total (since January 1, 2016)			
New Online Registrations	161,316	164,876	
Online Re-registrations	537,858	590,324	
Paper Registrations	527,907	570,037	
Volunteers (Pollworkers and Inspectors)			
Total Recruited (includes all regular and specialty recruitments, as well as inspectors and coordinators)	25,836	27,097	
Details (part of total from above)			
Precinct Coordinators	350	350	
Multilingual Pollworkers	10,194	11,053	
County Employees Recruited	4,289	4,523	
Student Pollworkers	4,434	4,498	
Legal Permanent Residents	55	77	
	10/18/2016	10/25/2016	11/1/2016
Number of Polling Places by Supervisorial District			
District 1	782	782	
District 2	878	878	
District 3	920	920	
District 4	994	994	
District 5	949	989	
Total	4,523	4,563	
Number of Trainings for Inspectors and Clerks	130	225	
Outreach Activity Statistics			
Total people registered at outreach events (since January 1, 2016)	3,952	5,054	
Pollworkers recruited	303	364	
Deputy Registrar Training Sessions Hosted	45	45	
Total number of Voter Registration Drives		229	
Students Registered		1,605	

New Citizens Registered	8,546	9,220	
Close of Voter Registration -10/24/16			
Total Paper Voter Registration Received at RRCC		7,937	
Online Voter Registration Affidavits Received on Close of Registration 10/24/16		86,544	