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**FROM:**

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**WEEKLY STATUS REPORT: NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION**

The following report is the third in a series of weekly election status reports published in order to inform your Board and the public of our preparation for the November 6 General Election. The information and data included here link to the County's goal of "service excellence". Additionally, these reports support the Department's ongoing commitment to open and transparent elections for the citizens of Los Angeles County.

The report contains various updates pertaining to recent election-related activities, sample ballot mailing, vote by mail ballots, and poll worker recruitment efforts. The report is organized into five sections. These are:

1. Status of Vote by Mail and Ballot Mailing
2. Sample Ballot Mailings
3. Poll Worker Recruitment/Training and Polling Place Recruitment
4. Voter Registration
5. Special Projects: Voter and Community Outreach

## **1. Status of Vote by Mail and Ballot Mailing**

The mailing of Vote By Mail (VBM) ballots began Tuesday, October 9, the first day provided under the Elections Code. Including Permanent Vote By Mail (PVBM) voters, we have issued a record **1,406,644** requested VBM ballots and received back **239,569**.

Our last report informed your Board of voters who may have received an additional Vote by Mail mailing. This week, the Department sent out an oversized postcard notice and made phone calls to every voter identified to make sure that they are aware that this mailing does not affect their ability to vote in the election. We will continue to monitor our phone lines and be sure to assist voters.

**It is important to note that voters have until 7 days before the election to request a Vote by Mail ballot. For this election, that date is October 30, 2012.** Request forms are available on the back cover of the Official Sample Ballot booklet or online at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net). Voted ballots must be received by our office or returned at any polling place in the County by the 8:00 p.m. close of polls on Election Day.

### **Military and Overseas Voting**

Our office begins processing Special Vote By Mail applications for uniformed service members and citizens living outside the United States sixty days prior to an election. We mailed **28,534** military and overseas ballots and have received **5,412** ballots to date.

## **2. Sample Ballot Mailings**

As of today, we have mailed nearly **4.3 million** Sample Ballot booklets to voters across Los Angeles County. Our first supplemental mailing is scheduled this week and will reach over **247,000** voters. Supplemental mailings to those who registered after Sample Ballot mailing began will continue through October 29. Sample Ballots are also available online through our poll look up feature on [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net). Voters can view and download their Sample Ballot online in any of the nine languages offered, as required by federal law.

For the 16,000 voters who have subscribed to receive their Sample Ballots electronically, links to view and download their Sample Ballot from our website were e-mailed on October 1. This paperless option helps reduce printing and mailing costs.

## **3. Poll Worker Training/Recruitment and Polling Place Recruitment**

Inspector Supply Pickup (ISPU) is scheduled this weekend in 74 locations throughout the county. Inspectors in the north county area will pick up their Election Day supplies on Saturday and those from the south county area on Sunday. Will-call service is available to those who are unable to pick up their supplies on their assigned day. Will-call is open through November 1 at the Election Operations Center in Santa Fe Springs.

### **Training:**

Poll worker training commenced this week and training sessions will be held throughout the County until November 4, 2012. During this period the RR/CC Poll Worker Training Unit will conduct a total of **445 training sessions** for Inspectors and Clerks. Supplemental online training is also available to all poll workers for completion prior to Election Day.

**Polling Places:**

Polling place recruitment is complete. All of the **4,621** required polling places have been confirmed for the November election. Since the Official Sample Ballots were sent to voters, there have been 27 changes in polling locations, and postcard notices have been sent to make voters aware of the change in their polling place.

<b>Polling Places By Supervisorial District November 6, 2012 General Election</b>						
	<b>District 1</b>	<b>District 2</b>	<b>District 3</b>	<b>District 4</b>	<b>District 5</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Required</b>	784	856	937	1,032	1,015	4,621
<b>Confirmed</b>	784	856	937	1,032	1,015	4,621
<b>Postcard Pcts.</b>	6	9	5	6	1	27

**Poll Workers:**

For the November 6, 2012 General Election, we require more than 22,000 Clerks, Inspectors and Coordinators to staff our 4,621 polling places. Our recruitment efforts began several weeks ago and are nearly complete.

<b>Poll Worker Recruitment Report November 6, 2012 General Election</b>					
	<b>Oct 5</b>	<b>Oct 16</b>	<b>Oct 23</b>	<b>Oct 30</b>	<b>Nov 6</b>
<b>Inspectors</b>					
Required	4,621	4,621	4,621	4,621	4,621
Recruited	4,602	4,616	4,615		
Outstanding	19	5	6		
<b>Clerks</b>					
Required*	16,922	17,870	16,922		
Confirmed	15,877	17,146	21,197		
Outstanding*	1,045	724	12		
<b>Coordinators</b>					
Required	350	400	350		
Confirmed	350	400	350		
Outstanding	0	0	0		
<b>Special Recruitment</b>					
County Employees	2,728	3,208	3,609		
Multilingual PW	6,067	8,663	9,442		
Students	2,004	3,481	4,033		

**\*NOTE:** Required number of Clerks may fluctuate due to multilingual requirements. Number of outstanding Clerks based on number of pollworkers required for Boards of 2 and 3 only.

#### **4. Voter Registration**

The last day to register to vote for participation in the General Election is Monday, October 22. To date, there are **4,669,569** registered voters in Los Angeles County. The following tables show the distribution of active voters across the five Supervisorial districts and by age.

<b>Voter Registration Totals by District November 6, 2012 General Election</b>	
	<b>October 23, 2012</b>
District 1	770,491
District 2	868,425
District 3	996,285
District 4	1,020,093
District 5	1,014,275
<b>Countywide</b>	<b>4,669,569</b>

<b>Voter Registration by Age November 6, 2012 General Election</b>	
<b>Age</b>	<b>October 23, 2012</b>
18-29	951,572
30-39	794,081
40-49	802,634
50-59	835,914
60-69	608,658
70-79	318,861
Over 80	357,849
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,669,569</b>

#### **5. Special Projects: Voter and Community Outreach**

On Monday October 22nd the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk conducted a countywide effort for the Close of Registration deadline. Citizens across the County had the choice of registering to vote online or visiting a temporary voter registration location, staffed by RR/CC staff. The Department established 22 voter registration sites, open all evening from approximately 5 pm to 11 pm. The outreach effort generated outstanding results; more than 4,000 voter registration forms were collected at the 22 sites. More impressive, was the number of voter registrations submitted online. Just for the close of registration 88,214 voter registrations were submitted online. The figure shattered the highest daily record of approximately 12,000 since online voter registration was made available in early September. This terrific response has also presented a challenge for the Department. Currently, the RR/CC is focusing a significant share of its

personnel and resources to ensure that all the voter registrations received are processed timely and accurately prior to the November 6th General Election.

Outreach efforts this week will focus on informing voters about their options for confirming their voter registration status and locating important voter information (e.g. Official Sample Ballot, Polling Place location). We will continue to work closely with our media partners to promote this message and [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) as a key election resource for voters.

A core part of our mission is transparency in the election process. Consistent with this important goal, the Department conducts an extensive Election Observer program that encourages citizens to observe the election process. On Tuesday, October 23, 2012 we held a training class for persons interested in observing the electoral process. The training provided an overview of our program and a review of Departmental policies for observing the election. Attached with this report you will find our [Election Observer Panel Plan](#) for your information. .