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**WEEKLY STATUS REPORT: JUNE 5, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION**

The following report is the fourth in a series of weekly election status reports published in order to inform your Board and the public of our preparation for and administration of the June 5 Primary 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 Ballots
3. Poll Worker Recruitment/Training and Polling Place Recruitment
4. Voter Registration
5. Special Projects: Official Canvass, City of Vernon, and Election Night

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

We began our Vote by Mail (VBM) operation by mailing VBMs to Permanent VBM voters on April 16, the first day provided under California Elections Code for receiving requests for VBM ballots. Including PVBM voters, we received requests for and issued ballots to **1,142,628** to voters during the election cycle. Our office received **427,794** returned ballots. A total of **274,304** vote by mail ballots were represented in the first report of election results issued at 8:15 PM on Election Night.

### **Military and Overseas Voting**

Our office began processing Special VBM applications for uniformed service members and citizens living outside the United States sixty days prior to an election. We mailed **22,238** military and overseas ballots and received **2,838** voted ballots. Of those received, 1,362 were from military voters while 1,476 were from civilian overseas voters.

## **2. Sample Ballots**

The mailing of the Official Sample Ballot booklets began on April 27, and over just a few weeks the number of Sample Ballots our office mailed to voters was nearly **4.3 million**. Those who registered after supplemental mailings, but prior to the registration deadline of May 21, received a card informing them of their polling location and instructions on how to view their Sample Ballot online. Sample Ballots were also available online, in any of the nine languages offered, through our poll look up feature on [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

Voters who opted-in to receive their sample ballots electronically were able to view their sample ballots online. In the past week, another 314 subscribers have chosen the paperless option bringing the number of subscribers to 15,176. In this election, 6,900 of these voters viewed their e-Sample Ballot. Our office will continue to promote the paperless option to voters in the months leading up to the November General Election.

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

### **Training:**

Poll worker training commenced five weeks ago, and training sessions were held throughout the County until June 3, 2012. During this period the RR/CC Poll Worker Training Unit conducted a total of **445 training sessions** for Inspectors and Clerks.

### **Polling Places:**

After the Official Sample Ballots were mailed to voters, there were 39 changes in polling locations, and postcard notices were sent to make voters aware of the change in their polling place. Additionally, our office conducted robo-calls to these voters on May 30.

<b>Polling Places By Supervisorial District - June 5, 2012 Primary 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>	768	855	914	1,035	1,001	4,573
<b>Confirmed</b>	768	855	914	1,035	1,001	4,573
<b>Postcard Pcts.</b>	2	13	7	9	8	39

**Poll Workers:**

For the June 5, 2012 Primary Election, we required more than 21,000 Clerks, Inspectors and Coordinators to staff our 4,573 polling places. Our recruitment efforts began several weeks ago and were complete by Election Day.

<b>Pollworker Recruitment Report</b>					
<b>June 5, 2012 Presidential Primary Election</b>					
	<b>May 7</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>June 4</b>
<b>Inspectors</b>					
Required	4,573	4,573	4,573	4,573	4,573
Recruited	4,533	4,547	4,561	4,560	4,571
Outstanding	40	26	12	13	2*
<b>Clerks</b>					
Required	16,706	16,706	16,706	16,706	16,721
Confirmed	12,699	13,762	14,721	15,782	16,354
Outstanding	4,007	2,944	1,985	924	367**
<b>Coordinators</b>					
Required	400	400	400	400	400
Confirmed	400	400	400	400	400
Outstanding	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Special Recruitment</b>					
County Employees	2,497	2,653	3,147	3,275	3,423
Bilingual PW	6,289	6,577	6,826	7,171	7,270
Students	2,273	2,335	2,355	2,419	2,435

\* By June 5, two reservists were identified to fill the role of Inspector.

\*\* Reservists also filled in many of the vacant Clerk positions.

**4. Voter Registration**

The last day to register to vote for participation in the Primary Election was Monday, May 21. There were **4,462,845** registered voters in Los Angeles County who were

eligible to vote in the June Primary. The following table shows the distribution of active voters across the five Supervisorial districts.

<b>Voter Registration Totals by District June 5, 2012 Primary Election</b>	
	<b>May 28, 2012</b>
District 1	743,438
District 2	826,159
District 3	944,965
District 4	974,417
District 5	973,866
<b>Countywide</b>	<b>4,462,845</b>

## **5. Special Projects: Official Canvass, City of Vernon, and Election Night**

### **Official Canvass**

With Election Day behind us, our office is now conducting the Official Canvass of election materials. There are many operations that take place during Canvass, all of which are open to viewing by the public. Those interested may participate in the Election Observer Program, through which observers have the opportunity to view all election processes from the testing of election systems equipment to post election canvassing.

A complete copy of our election observer panel plan is available at [http://lavote.net/VOTER/PDFS/ELECTION\\_RELATED/06052012\\_ELECTION\\_OBSERVER\\_PROGRAM.pdf](http://lavote.net/VOTER/PDFS/ELECTION_RELATED/06052012_ELECTION_OBSERVER_PROGRAM.pdf)

Canvass hours of operation are:

- Monday through Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday/Sunday/Holiday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Canvass hours of observation are:

- Monday through Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday/Sunday/Holiday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All canvass areas are fully operational. The major operations are:

- Roster Reconciliation
- Roster Scanning and Filing

- 1% Manual Tally
- VBM Ballot Duplication
- Provisional Ballot Duplication
- Ballot Filing and Storage

Random precinct selection events for the 1% manual tally took place Wednesday morning. Tally updates are scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday until all ballots are tallied. We are scheduled to certify the election on Monday, July 2nd.

### **City of Vernon**

Our office is aware of voter challenges that were presented during the April 10, 2012 Municipal Election in the City of Vernon, which was conducted independent of our office. On May 14, 2012, the City Clerk provided our office with information gathered during their Official Election Canvass proceedings. In addition, on May 10, 2012 we received a challenge referencing twenty-one voters in the City of Vernon who were issued Vote by Mail ballots for the June 5, 2012 Presidential Primary Election. The challenges were based on questions associated with the residency of the referenced voters.

I am reviewing all of the information in support of the challenges made on behalf of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce. In consultation with County Counsel and in accordance with the high standard of proof required in the Elections Code to disallow a voter's ballot, I am considering the information provided with respect to the residency of ten identified voters who returned voted ballots. A total of 37 unchallenged Vote by Mail ballots from voters were included in our semi-official Election Night results. These voters had an opportunity to have their voices heard through a fair, accessible, and transparent democratic process.

I will be providing a written determination either overruling or allowing each of the challenges on Friday, June 8, 2012. After the determination is issued the challenged ballots will remain secured and unopened until Friday, June 22, 2012, to allow any of the impacted parties the opportunity to seek relief in Superior Court. I am confident that this process is consistent with our values of open and fair elections and with the California Elections Code.

### **Election Night**

On Election Night we experienced some issues with our web reporting system. Normally, our tally operation automatically posts periodic results updates on the website. Although tally operations were running smoothly, there were two periodic updates that were not posted to the web. Our technical services team quickly worked on correcting the communication of results from the tally machines to the web; however, we just as quickly began to work on an interim solution. We were able to post live results via Twitter and by posting .pdf files of the results on the News Room portion of

our website. The technical services team was able to correct the issue within one and a half hours.

Our office also experienced weather related delays in reporting the results of the election. All precincts reported to Headquarters by around 2 a.m., with exception of Catalina Island. Ballots from Catalina that were transported by Sheriff's Patrol boat experienced swells of four to six feet, which caused the delays in reporting. The Sheriff's Patrol boat was redirected and landed at Marina Del Rey around 3:30 a.m. The ballots were then transported to Headquarters by 4 a.m., where we prepared them for tally and ran the last update at 4:45 a.m.