



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

October 24, 2005

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

**NOVEMBER 8, 2005 SPECIAL STATEWIDE AND CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS
STATUS REPORT #5**

Absentee Ballot Mailings

To date, we have mailed more than 503,000 absentee ballots. 81,000 voters (16% of those issued) have returned voted ballots to our office. This high number of absentee ballots is a result of a surge in Permanent Absentee Voter requests due to recent State legislation expanding this option to all voters. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is November 1.

Touchscreen Early Voting

Touchscreen Early Voting begins Wednesday, October 26, at ten sites throughout Los Angeles County in addition to our headquarters in Norwalk. Any County voter may cast a ballot at any of the locations. Touchscreen Early Voting continues through Friday, November 4.

Polling Places

It is particularly important to emphasize to voters telephoning your office that polling places may have changed since the November 2004 Presidential Election. Due to time constraints when the Special Statewide Election was called to be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled November 8 Uniform District Election, the consolidation of 5,000 polling places to 2,172 was required. As a result, up to 50% of Los Angeles County voters are assigned to vote at a different location than that of the November 2004 Presidential Election. Site hosts of polling place locations that were used in the last three elections (but that are not active on November 8) will post informational aids at the entrance of their facilities for the benefit of those voters who may report there expecting to vote. The informational aids will include 1) a poster informing voters that the location is not a polling place for this election and 2) a map listing the location of the new consolidated polling place and the surrounding precincts and polling locations.

Precincts were consolidated in a higher ratio for the October 2003 Statewide Recall Election than for this upcoming election. Voters experienced steady voting all day but without long lines at the polls for the Recall, and we do not anticipate consolidations creating any burden for voters on November 8. Voters who plan to vote at their neighborhood polling place on Election Day are advised to avoid early morning and after-work hours, if possible, and to instead visit the polling place during the middle of the day when lines are typically the shortest. A press release regarding this issue was released today and is attached.

Polling place locations for all voters in Los Angeles County can be found on our website, LAVOTE.NET. Clicking on "Where Do I Vote?" brings up an interactive screen from which voters may find the correct polling location and read or print a copy of their sample ballot.

Pollworkers

Staff continues to backfill for the usual number of cancellations of recruited pollworkers. Attendance during the first week of pollworker training was a record-breaking 1,702, indicating that pollworkers are interested in the upcoming election and are eager to be prepared to serve voters on November 8.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this report or any other election preparation activity.

Attachments

c: David Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer

**NOVEMBER 8, 2005 SPECIAL STATEWIDE & CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS
STATUS OF EVENTS PERFORMED**

	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>SCHEDULED COMPLETION</u>	<u>ACTUAL COMPLETION</u>
2.	<u>Recruit and Appoint Precinct Officers</u>	11/07/05	
	This election will involve 2,172 precincts requiring the recruitment of approximately 12,000 pollworkers. Recruitment of precinct officers is proceeding on schedule.		
3.	<u>Update Registration Records</u>	10/24/05	
	The October 20, 2005 update of the registration records total 3,833,273 registered voters. This event is proceeding on schedule.		
4.	<u>Testing of Election Night Data Processing Hard/Ware and Programs</u>	11/07/05	
	Testing of election night tally programs is in process. This event is proceeding on schedule.		
6.	<u>Mail Sample Ballots</u>	10/18/05	10/14/05
	The initial and supplemental sample ballot mailing to over 3.8 million registered voters began on September 29, 2005. This event is complete.		
7.	<u>Precinct Supplies and Vote Recorders Assembled</u>	10/24/05	
	Vote Recorder Packaging began on October 13, 2005. Supply box processing will commence on October 24, 2005.		
8.	<u>Booth and Supplies Picked-Up By Precinct Inspectors</u>	10/30/05	
	Booths and supplies are scheduled for pick-up on October 29 - 30, 2005.		

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MILESTONE STATUS REPORT OF KEY EVENTS

November 8, 2005 – Special Statewide & Consolidated Elections

WEEK ENDING



EVENT	9/9	9/16	9/23	9/30	10/7	10/14	10/21	10/28	11/4	11/10
1. FINALIZE BALLOT PAGE DESIGN.	▲ 8/15									
2. RECRUIT AND APPOINT PRECINCT OFFICERS.										△ 11/07
3. UPDATE REGISTRATION RECORDS.								△ 10/24		
4. TESTING OF ELECTION NIGHT DATA PROCESSING HARDWARE AND PROGRAMS.										△ 11/07
5. RECEIVE SAMPLE BALLOTS AND BALLOT PAGES FROM PRINTERS.					▲ 10/07					
6. MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS.						▲ 10/14				
7. PRECINCT SUPPLIES AND VOTE RECORDERS ASSEMBLED.								△ 10/24		
8. BOOTH AND SUPPLIES PICKED-UP BY PRECINCT INSPECTORS.									△ 10/30	

- △ SCHEDULE COMPLETION DATE
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- ▲ COMPLETION DATE

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October 25, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FINDING YOUR POLLING PLACE – WHAT VOTERS SHOULD KNOW

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Conny McCormack is reminding voters to check the back cover of their sample ballot booklets to determine the location of their polling places for the upcoming Special Statewide Election on November 8, 2005.

Due to time constraints when the Special Statewide Election was called to be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled November 8 Uniform District Election, the consolidation of 5,000 polling places to 2,172 was required. Consolidations resulted in assigning approximately 50% of Los Angeles County voters to a different location than designated for the November 2004 Presidential Election.

“People tend to be creatures of habit. Many voters simply go to vote where they went when they last voted without checking for the polling place location designated for each election,” McCormack said. To avoid confusion, McCormack advises voters to check the back cover of the sample ballot booklet that has been mailed to every registered voter to determine the correct polling location. Voters who have misplaced their sample ballot can access both the contents and the voting location interactively on the RR/CC website at www.lavote.net or by calling the RR/CC’s office at (800) 815-2666 and using the Interactive Voice Response telephone system to obtain polling location information.

Precinct consolidation is the process of merging two or more precincts into a single polling place. Due to the extremely abbreviated timeline to prepare for this special election, many former polling locations were already booked for other events. “Recruitment time for selecting polling locations was compressed from the usual 6-9 months into only a few weeks. We selected the best available poll, which means the largest locations, those with the most parking spaces and those that are accessible to voters with disabilities”, McCormack said.

“Our office consolidated voting precincts in a higher ratio for the October 2003 Statewide Recall Election than for this upcoming election,” McCormack added. “Voters experienced steady voting all day but without long lines at the polls for the Recall, and we do not anticipate consolidations creating any burden for voters on November 8.” Voters who plan to vote at their neighborhood polling place on Election Day are advised to avoid early morning and after-work hours, if possible, and to instead visit the polling place during the middle of the day when lines are typically the shortest.

Hosts of polling locations that were used in the last three elections (but that are not active on November 8) have been provided with signs to post at the entrance of their facilities for the benefit of those voters who may appear there expecting to vote. The signage includes both a poster informing voters that the location is not a polling place for this election and a map listing the location of the new consolidated polling place and the surrounding precincts and polling locations.

Persons requiring multilingual assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, or Vietnamese regarding information in this press release, may call (800) 481-8683.

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