

VOTING IS YOUR RIGHT!

Election Guide For Voters With Specific Needs



Los Angeles County REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650

VOTING RIGHTS

FOR VOTERS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS

WHAT IS THE LAW ?

Four federal laws are of special importance to disabled and elderly voters who have specific needs.

★ **Voting Rights Act of 1965** – Any voter requiring assistance may receive it from a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

★ **Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 1984** – Promotes the fundamental right to vote by requiring “access for elderly and disabled individuals to registration facilities and polling places in federal elections”.

★ **Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)** – Requires public entities to provide program access, reasonable modification of policy, and auxiliary aids and services where necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in and enjoy the benefits of service, program or activity conducted by a public entity.

★ **Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)** – New federal legislation enabling greater opportunity for access and participation in the election process, including provisions regarding accessible voting technologies in polling places by 2006.

WHAT IS OUR GOAL?

100% participation of eligible voters in all elections, 100% polling place accessibility, and options for all voters who seek independent and private voting.

In compliance with Federal and State laws, we provide services to voters with disabilities including:

- ◆ Accessible polling places
- ◆ Wheelchair-accessible voting booths
- ◆ Magnifying devices at polling places
- ◆ Marking device with enlarged ball for ease of grasp
- ◆ TDD services for the deaf and hard of hearing
- ◆ Cassette tapes with State and County measures
- ◆ Vote-by-mail voting options
- ◆ Pollworker assistance at any step of the voting process
- ◆ Voter outreach presentations and demonstrations
- ◆ Cassette tapes, CD's with County sample ballot

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY

The Los Angeles County Voting Accessibility Advisory Consultant assists the Department in providing information about voter registration and election matters to senior citizens and those with disabilities. Our consultant is Gordon W. Anthony, Senior Deputy Compliance Officer Disability Civil Rights Compliance Section for Los Angeles County, who advises the Department on ways to make the election process more accessible to all citizens in the County. He can be contacted at **(213) 202-5829**. You may also contact Julia Keh, the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Coordinator at **(562) 462-2754**.

PRE-ELECTION DAY SERVICES

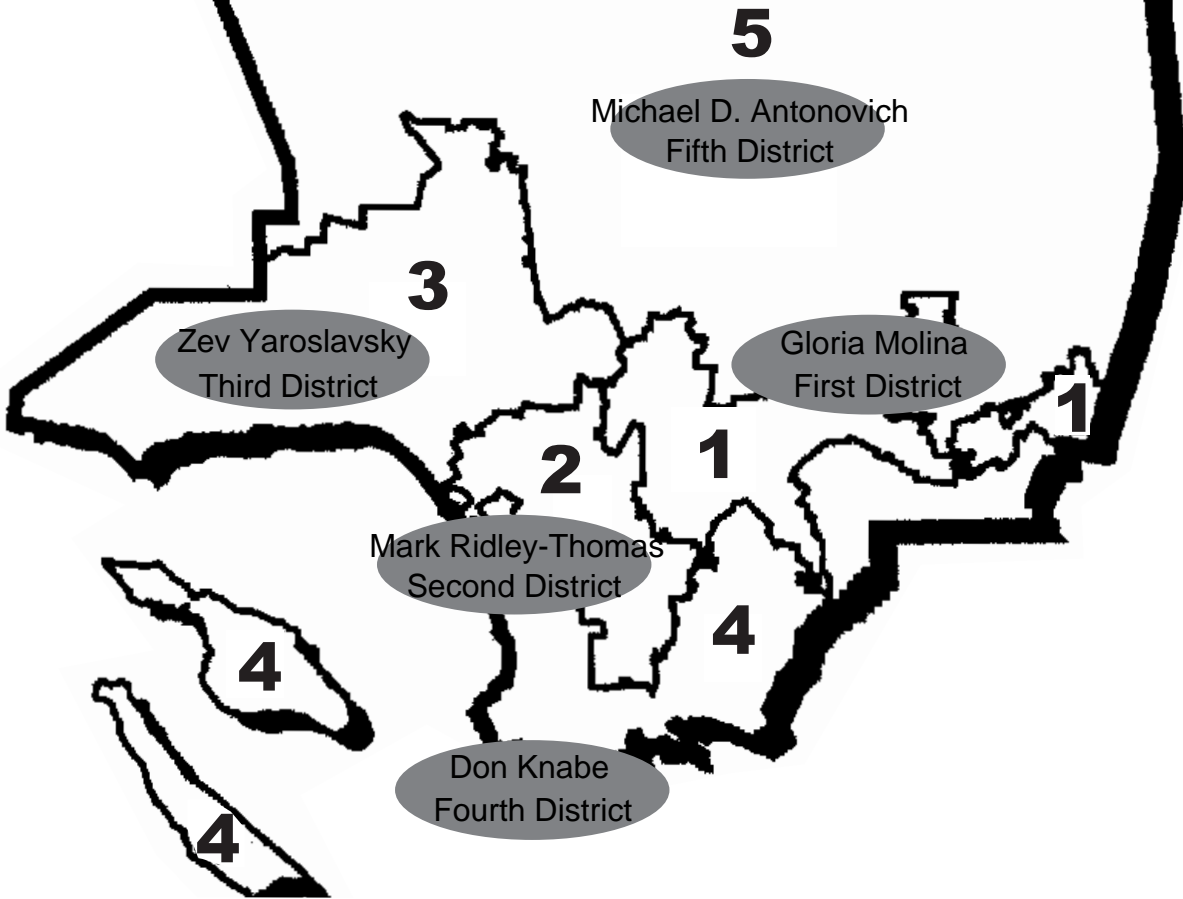
GENERAL INFORMATION

Information regarding voter registration and elections is available from the RR/CC. The office is located at 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650. Citizens can contact the office for information by calling **(562) 466-1310** or toll free **(800) 815-2666**. Information about our services can also be found on the RR/CC web site www.lavote.net. The office is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except for holidays. Our mailing address is RR/CC, P.O. Box 90450, Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450.

TDD Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

A text typewriter TDD is available to take calls from any citizen that is hard of hearing. The TDD number for hard of hearing voters is **(562) 462-2259**.

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