



# Election Fact Sheet

## Special Primary Election 17th & 28th State Senate Districts

February 15, 2011

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK  
MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS**

12400 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY  
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### ABOUT THE ELECTION

#### 17th & 28th State Senate District

The February 15th Primary Election in the 17th State Senate District is to elect a candidate to fill the 17th State Senate District vacancy for the unexpired term ending December 2, 2012. Incumbent George C. Runner, Jr. resigned from office to assume his seat on the State Board of Equalization. Portions of the 17th State Senate District cross boundaries into Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura and Kern Counties.

The February 15 Primary Election in the 28th State Senate District is to elect a candidate to fill the vacancy in the 28th State Senate District for the unexpired term ending November 30, 2014.

Incumbent Jenny Oropeza was declared as winner for the 28th State Senate seat in the November 2, 2010 General Election; however, the seat was declared vacant due to her death on October 20, 2010.

If no candidate receives a majority of the vote in each of these elections, the top two vote getters in the election will runoff in a Special General Election on April 19, 2011.

### COSTS

28th Senate District Primary  
Estimated Cost of Election \$1.7 Million

17th Senate District Primary  
Estimated Cost of Election \$1.1 Million

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**TOTAL ESTIMATED COST \$2.8 Million**

### VOTER REGISTRATION

28th Senate District 467,493\*  
17th Senate District 334,379\*

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**TOTAL REGISTERED 801,872\***

### VOTING PRECINCTS

28th Senate District 308  
17th Senate District 264

Total Voting Precincts 572

### VOTE BY MAIL PRECINCTS

28th Senate District 0  
17th Senate District 25

Total Vote by Mail Precincts 25

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**TOTAL ELECTION PRECINCTS 597**

### BALLOT GROUPS

#### 2 Ballot Groups

A number assigned to a group of ballots that contain all the same contests.

### Check-in Centers (CICS)

#### 17 CICS

CICS are designated drop-off points for Inspectors to deliver his or her InkaVote Plus Reader and Audio Ballot Booth, Green Stripe Envelope, and other election supplies.

### POLLWORKERS

2,288 (Average 4/Pct)

### COVERED LANGUAGES

#### 28th SD

Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese

#### 17th SD

Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Vietnamese

## NEW "TOP-TWO" PRIMARY SYSTEM

Los Angeles County will be among the first counties in California to conduct an election under the new "Top-Two" Primary election system. The "Top-Two" system has replaced the traditional party nominated primaries. It affects all congressional, statewide and state legislative offices. These offices will now be referred to as "Voter Nominated" offices. Candidates for "Voter Nominated" offices will no longer be nominated by party. Voters may choose to vote for any

candidate on the ballot regardless of the candidate's party preference. Ballots in "Top-Two" Primaries will only list the party preference of candidates, if they choose to provide it. In the "Top-Two" system, two candidates from the same party may now be nominated to run in the General Election if they receive the highest number of votes. The "Top-Two" does not affect the Office of President or County Party Central Committees.

## VOTE BY MAIL

### Vote by Mail Ballots

The deadline to request a Vote by Mail ballot was Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Under special circumstances, a voter may request an emergency ballot beginning Wednesday, February 9 through Election Day, Tuesday, February 15 at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's (RR/CC) Office, 12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650. Voters may check the status of their Vote by Mail ballot online at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) by clicking the *Voting and Elections* button located at the top of the main page, then clicking the *Vote By Mail Status* link in the *Quick Links* box of the *Voting and Elections* page.

### **Deadline for voted ballots to be received by the RR/CC – Tuesday, February 15, 2011 by 8:00 p.m.**

NOTE: Voted Vote by Mail ballots must be received by the RR/CC no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15 (postmarks are not acceptable). Unmailed voted ballots may be dropped off at any polling place within the district by 8:00 p.m. Election Day, or in person to the RR/CC Headquarters, located at 12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650, no later than 8 p.m. on February 15. Ballots received after 8:00 p.m. February 15, 2011 will not be counted.

### Replacement Ballots

If voters damage or lose their ballot, a replacement ballot may be requested by contacting the Vote by Mail Section at (562) 466-1323, weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or in person at the RR/CC Headquarters, 12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650, prior to Election Day.

Additional information or any question regarding Vote by Mail services and voting, can be obtained by calling the Vote by Mail Section at (562) 466-1323, during business hours, or by accessing the RR/CC website [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

## SAMPLE BALLOT BOOKLETS

All eligible registered voters in the district are automatically mailed Official Sample Ballot booklets. Voters may also access Sample Ballot content on the RR/CC website at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) by clicking the *Voting and Elections* button on the main page and then clicking the *View Your Sample Ballot* link in the *Quick Links* box of the *Voting and Elections* page.

## BALLOTS AND VOTING SYSTEMS

Voters will be using the InkaVote Plus voting system at all voting precincts on Election Day.

InkaVote Plus provides an audio ballot booth to offer voters with disabilities an independent and private voting experience at every polling place.

- The InkaVote Plus Precinct Ballot Reader allows for second chance voting via error-detection for all voters prior to casting the ballot, i.e. allowing voters the opportunity to correct a mistake, such as voting for too many candidates in a race or casting a blank ballot.

## ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS - FEBRUARY 15, 2011

On Election Night, semi-official election results will be available on the RR/CC website at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net). Click the *Election Results* button at the top of the main page.

Results will be updated on an ongoing basis as precinct ballots arrive during the evening until all precinct ballots are counted. Semi-Official Vote by Mail election results will be available at approximately 8:15 p.m. Updated cumulative results will be available and posted on the RR/CC website.

Election night results are always semi-official. Additional ballots are counted in the days following the election including:

- Vote by Mail ballots received through the mail at the RR/CC Office or dropped off at the polls on Election Day. Signatures on Vote by Mail ballots must be individually verified before processing and tabulation;
- All provisional ballots cast at voting precincts on Election Day must be individually tabulated and researched to determine eligibility;
- Damaged ballots that the RR/CC is unable to process through its certified Microcomputer Tally System (MTS) must be duplicated for reprocessing and accurate tabulation.

## UPDATED SEMI-OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS AFTER ELECTION NIGHT

Semi-official precinct results will be available at the RR/CC Election Information Section, by phone and on the RR/CC website after 12 NOON\*. Telephone hours on the day after the election are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Telephone Numbers	Public (562) 466-1310 Media (562) 462-2648 or (562) 462-2726
RR/CC Website	<a href="http://www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a> <a href="http://www.lavote.net/Voter/Statement_Vote_Cast.cfm">www.lavote.net/Voter/Statement_Vote_Cast.cfm</a> for direct access to the Statement of Votes Cast Election Results page

## FINAL OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

During the period of Wednesday, February 16, 2011 thru Friday, February 25, 2011, the RR/CC will conduct the Official Canvass of Election Returns.

The last day for the County Elections Official to certify the election results to the Secretary of State is Monday, February 28, 2011.

## ABOUT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

The mission of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is to serve Los Angeles County by providing essential records management and election services in a fair accessible and transparent manner.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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\* Depending on time required to process & tabulate additional ballot.