



Election Fact Sheet

Congressional District 36 Special General Election

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

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

12400 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY
SEVENTH FLOOR #7001
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650

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ABOUT THE ELECTION

The Special General Election is being held for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the 36th Congressional District, resulting from the resignation of office by former Congresswoman Jane Harman on February 28, 2011. The person elected will serve the unexpired 2 year term ending at midnight on January 3, 2013.

ELECTION STATISTICS

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 36
SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION

ESTIMATED COST: \$2 Million

VOTER REGISTRATION:

Active Registered Voters: **342,492***

Vote By Mail Registration: **80,267***

*Figures as of 06/27/11

VOTE BY MAIL VOTING:

Ballots Mailed: **88,455***

Ballots Returned to Date: **25,858***

BALLOTS RETURNED BY PARTISANSHIP*

PARTY	ISSUED	RETURNED	% RETURNED
Democrat	37,595	11,210	30%
Republican	30,182	10,246	34%
Non-Partisan	17,564	3,705	21%
Other	3,114	697	22%
Total	88,455	25,858	29%

*Figures as of 06/27/11

VOTING PRECINCTS:

Vote at Poll Precincts: **254**

Vote by Mail Precincts: **7***

Average Voters per Precinct: **1,348**

* *Vote By Mail Precincts contain no more than 250 registered voters.*

BALLOT GROUPS: 5

Number assigned to a group of ballots containing the same contests.

POLLWORKERS: 1,016 (Average 4/Pct)

CHECK-IN CENTERS (CICS): 7

Designated site where Inspectors deliver voted precinct ballots and election day supplies.

COVERED LANGUAGES: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese

REGISTRATION & VOTER TURNOUT
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 36
PRIMARY & GENERAL ELECTIONS
2000-2011*

	REGISTRATION	BALLOTS CAST	% BALLOTS CAST
2011 Special Primary	345,232	64,183	16%
2004 Primary	293,910	110,101	37%
2004 General	315,610	265,356	84%
2006 Primary	312,511	87,352	28%
2006 General	315,107	176,585	56%
2008 Primary	320,475	134,362	42%
2008 General	322,079	278,487	86%
2010 Primary	341,279	90,855	27%
2010 General	344,868	204,658	59%

*Figures derived from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's 2004-2011 Statement of Votes Cast

NEW “TOP-TWO” PRIMARY SYSTEM

Los Angeles County was amongst the first Counties in California to conduct an election under the new “Top-Two” Primary system. The “Top-Two” Primary election system has replaced partisan primaries for all congressional, statewide and state legislative elections. Under the “Top-Two” Primary system approved by voters in June 2010 and effective January 1, 2011, all candidates regardless of party will appear on a single ballot. Voters may choose to vote for any candidate on the ballot.

VOTE BY MAIL

The deadline to request a Vote By Mail ballot is Tuesday, July 5, 2011. Voters may check the status of their Vote By Mail ballot request online at www.lavote.net. Additional information or questions regarding voting by mail can be obtained by calling (562) 466-1323 or going online to www.lavote.net.

The deadline for voted ballots to be received by the RR/CC is Tuesday, July 12, by 8:00 p.m.

NOTE: Voted ballots must be received by the RR/CC no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12 (postmarks are not acceptable). Unmailed voted ballots may be dropped off at any polling place within the district by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, or in person at the RR/CC Headquarters, located at 12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650.

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.

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 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.

VOTER INFORMATION

Voter Registration Status may be viewed on the RR/CC website www.lavote.net by selecting the *Voting and Elections* button on the main page and choosing *View Sample Ballot* in the *Quick Links* box.

Vote By Mail Status may also be accessed online by selecting the *Vote By Mail Status* link in the *Quick Links* box of the Voting and Elections page.

BALLOT 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 – JULY 12, 2011

On Election Night, semi-official election results will be available on the RR/CC website at 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.
- All write-in ballots cast at voting precincts on Election Day must be individually reviewed to determine whether or not the write-in vote is for a qualified write-in candidate and whether or not the voter overvoted (i.e. voted for a candidate on the ballot and also voted for a write-in candidate for the same office).

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) 462-2726 or (562) 462-2648

RR/CC Website www.lavote.net
www.lavote.net/Voter/Statement_Vote_Cast.cfm for direct
access to the Statement of Votes Cast Election Results page

* Depending on time required to process & tabulate additional ballots.

FINAL OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

During the period of Wednesday, July 13, 2011 through Friday, July 22, 2011, the RR/CC will conduct the Official Canvass of Election Returns.

On Friday, July 22, 2011 the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is tentatively scheduled to certify the election results to the Secretary of State.

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.

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