



# Election Fact Sheet

## **Congressional District 36 Special Primary and Consolidated Elections**

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

### **ABOUT THE ELECTION**

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

12400 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY  
SEVENTH FLOOR #7001  
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650

[www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net)

The Special Primary 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.

If a candidate receives a majority of votes cast (50% +1) in the Special Primary Election, they will be declared the winner and no General Election will be held on July 12, 2011.

In portions of the district within the City of Los Angeles, voters will also be voting in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Seat No. 5 General Run-Off Election. The election was consolidated onto the Special Primary Ballot.

## ELECTION STATISTICS

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 36  
SPECIAL PRIMARY &  
CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS

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### COSTS

Estimated Cost of Election: \$1.7 Million  
(Sharing with LACC)

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### VOTER REGISTRATION

Active Registered Voters: 345,511\*  
Perm Vote By Mail Registration: 77,703\*

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### VOTING PRECINCTS

Vote at Poll Precincts: 254  
Vote by Mail Precincts: 7\*  
Average Voters per Precinct: 1,054

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

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### BALLOT GROUPS

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

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### POLLWORKERS

1,016 (Average 4/Pct)

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### CHECK-IN CENTERS (CICS)

7 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.

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### COVERED LANGUAGES

Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese

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\*Figures as of 03/26/11

## 2000-2010 REGISTRATION & VOTER TURNOUT CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 36\*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 36  
PRIMARY & GENERAL ELECTIONS

	REGISTRATION	BALLOTS CAST	% BALLOTS CAST
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 2004-2010 Statement of Votes Cast

## NEW “TOP-TWO” PRIMARY SYSTEM

The “Top-Two” Primary Election System has replaced the traditional party nominated primaries. It affects all congressional, statewide and state legislative offices. These offices are now 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 the candidate chooses 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.

## VOTE BY MAIL

The deadline to request a Vote By Mail ballot is May 10, 2011. Voters may check the status of their Vote By Mail ballot request online at [www.lavote.net](http://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](http://www.lavote.net).

**The deadline for voted ballots to be received by the RR/CC is Tuesday, May 17, by 8:00 p.m.**

NOTE: Voted ballots must be received by the RR/CC no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17 (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](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.

## **VOTER INFORMATION**

Voter Registration Status may be viewed on the RR/CC website [www.lavote.net](http://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 – MAY 17, 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.
- 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	<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

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

## **FINAL OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS**

During the period of Wednesday, May 18, 2011 through Friday, May 20, 2011, the RR/CC will conduct the Official Canvass of Election Returns.

On Friday, May 20, 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.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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