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STATUS REPORT #3: JUNE 6, 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION

Sample Ballots

Last week's status report erroneously stated that sample ballot mailing would be completed by May 22. However, we subsequently learned that ongoing mailing vendor process issues have caused a series of unexpected and unacceptable delays. Our management staff is meeting with the mailing house contractor to determine why booklets were mishandled or misplaced at the vendor's location, resulting in the late mailing of a significant number of sample ballots to voters in various areas of the County. We have now been informed that processing of the remaining 200,000 sample ballots will be completed tomorrow. A complete assessment of this problem will be undertaken following the June election to avoid recurrence at the November election.

Absentee Ballot Mailings

Approximately 509,000 absentee ballots have been mailed to voters countywide (including 383,000 permanent absentee voters). This number of absentee ballots greatly exceeds any previous Primary Election in the County (the comparable numbers for 2002 and 2004 Primaries were 337,000 and 383,000, respectively). These numbers reflect the increasing popularity of voting by mail. To date almost 100,000 voted ballots have been returned. The deadline for voters to apply for an absentee ballot is May 30.

Pollworkers

As of today, approximately 24,000 pollworkers have been confirmed to serve at 5,065 polling places on election day. The focus now is primary on retention of pollworkers as pre-election cancellations are always a significant issue. Today's Los Angeles Times publicized the continuing need for pollworkers, and other local media have also been responsive to our requests for publicity on this topic.

Pollworker training, in its third week, reports total attendance of more than 8,000. Training class attendance normally is heaviest in the final 7 to 10 days prior to election day. Scheduled pollworker training classes continue through June 4.

Election Materials -- Service Center

Service Center (warehouse) staff has completed preparations for this weekend's Inspector Supply Pick Up program. This program compensates the 5,065 precinct Inspectors for picking up their election day voting equipment and supplies on a pre-scheduled date (either Saturday or Sunday, May 27 & 28) at one of 63 designated locations throughout the County. Since the 2004 elections, Inspector Supply Pick Up has greatly reduced the need for complex and costly delivery logistics, and provides extra assurance in advance of election day that the assigned Inspectors are still preparing to serve voters on June 6.

Confusing Primary Election Format

Attached is a colorful graphic with the goal of explaining California's "Modified Closed Primary" election format. Although this format is virtually incomprehensible to all voters (and many pollworkers despite thorough training), seeing it depicted visually is more understandable. The key is that all nonpartisan registered voters (about 17% of the County's voters) have the choice to "crossover" to vote in some political parties primaries but not in others. Alternately, voters registered with a political party are restricted to that party's primary. Your feedback on the attached graphic is welcome (and making/distributing copies to your offices and phone personnel is encouraged).

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

Attachments

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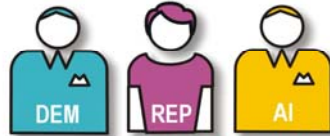
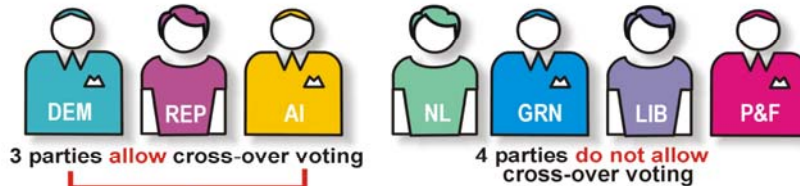
2006 Modified "Closed" Primary

Who can I vote for?



7 parties decide whether to allow **Non-Partisan** voters to vote for their Party candidates (cross-over voting) in the Primary Election

I'm registered with a party. I must vote within the party with which I'm registered.



3 parties **do not allow** voting for Central Committees



I'm a Non-Partisan voter.
I may choose to:
1. Vote only the Non-Partisan portion of the ballot OR
2. Vote for candidates from only ONE of the three political parties.



JUNE 6, 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION - STATUS OF EVENTS PERFORMED

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>SCHEDULED COMPLETION</u>	<u>ACTUAL COMPLETION</u>
2. <u>Recruit and Appoint Precinct Officers</u>	06/05/06	
This election will involve 5,065 precincts requiring the recruitment of approximately 25,000 pollworkers. Recruitment of precinct officers is proceeding.		
3. <u>Update Registration Records</u>	05/22/06	5/22/06
The May 26, 2006 update of the registration records total 3,851,015 registered voters. This event is proceeding on schedule.		
4. <u>Testing of Election Night Data Processing Hard/Ware and Programs</u>	06/05/06	
Testing of election night tally programs is in process. This event is proceeding on schedule.		
6. <u>Mail Sample Ballots</u>	05/30/06	
The initial and supplemental sample ballot mailing to over 3.8 million registered voters began on April 27, 2006 and will continue through May 30, 2006. This event is proceeding on schedule.		
7. <u>Precinct Supplies and Vote Recorders Assembled</u>	05/24/06	
Vote Recorder Packaging began on May 15, 2006. Supply Box processing began on May 24, 2006 and will be completed on May 27, 2006.		
8. <u>Booth and Supplies Picked-Up By Precinct Inspectors</u>	05/28/06	
Booths and supplies are scheduled for pick-up on May 27 – 28, 2006.		

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MILESTONE STATUS REPORT OF KEY EVENTS

June 6, 2006 – Primary Election

WEEK ENDING



EVENT	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28	5/5	5/12	5/19	5/26	6/2	6/9
1. FINALIZE BALLOT PAGE DESIGN.		▲ 4/13								
2. RECRUIT AND APPOINT PRECINCT OFFICERS.										△ 6/05
3. UPDATE REGISTRATION RECORDS.								▲ 5/22		
4. TESTING OF ELECTION NIGHT DATA PROCESSING HARDWARE AND PROGRAMS.										△ 6/05
5. RECEIVE SAMPLE BALLOTS AND BALLOT PAGES FROM PRINTERS.							▲ 5/16			
6. MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS.									△ 5/30	
7. PRECINCT SUPPLIES AND VOTE RECORDERS ASSEMBLED.									△ 5/27	
8. BOOTH AND SUPPLIES PICKED-UP BY PRECINCT INSPECTORS.									△ 5/28	

- △ SCHEDULE COMPLETION DATE
- △ RESCHEDULE COMPLETION DATE
- ▲ COMPLETION DATE