



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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**FROM:** Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

### **WEEKLY STATUS REPORT: JUNE 8, 2010 STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION**

The following report is the third in a series of weekly election status reports published in order to inform your Board and the public of our preparation for the June 8 Statewide Direct Primary Election. The information and data included here link to the County's goal of "service excellence". Additionally, these reports support the Department's ongoing commitment to open and transparent elections for the citizens of Los Angeles County.

The report contains various updates pertaining to recent election-related activities, sample ballot mailing, vote by mail ballots, web site developments, notifications and poll worker recruitment efforts. The report is organized into four sections. These are:

- 1. Status of Vote by Mail and Ballot Mailing**
- 2. Sample Ballot Mailings**
- 3. Poll Worker Recruitment and Training/Polling Place Recruitment**
- 4. Notifications**

## **1. Status of Vote by Mail and Ballot Mailing**

To date, we have received 751,169 applications for Vote by Mail ballots and we have mailed 92 percent or 723,271 ballots to voters. Voters have mailed back a total of 68,419 ballots to date.

**It is important to note that voters have until 7 days before the election to request a Vote by Mail ballot. For this election, that date is June 1, 2010. Request forms are available on the back cover of the Official Sample Ballot booklet or online at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net). Voted ballots must be received by our office or returned at any polling place in the County by the 8:00 p.m. close of polls on Election Day. Postmarked envelopes are not accepted.**

## **2. Sample Ballot Mailings**

Mailing of the Official Sample Ballot booklet began on April 29<sup>th</sup> and will continue through May 29<sup>th</sup>. We have mailed **4,032,514** Sample Ballot booklets to voters across Los Angeles County and abroad. Sample ballots are also available online through our poll look up feature on [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

## **3. Poll Worker Recruitment and Training/Polling Place Recruitment**

### **Training:**

Poll worker training for both Inspectors and Clerks commenced three weeks ago. Training sessions will be held throughout the County until June 6, 2010. During this period the RR/CC Poll Worker Training Unit conducts approximately **700 training classes**. We have conducted 50 percent of all the planned training classes to date.

### **Polling Places:**

Polling place recruitment for the June 8 election is complete. A total of 4,822 polling places are scheduled for use in the June 8 State Primary Election. 98 percent of polling locations for this election meet accessibility standards for voters with specific needs. Voters in the 67 precincts where accessible locations are not secured have been advised of the option to vote at the nearest accessible location available in the event assistive services are needed.

**Poll Worker Recruitment:**

We require over 20,000 clerks, Inspectors and Coordinators to staff our 4,822 polling places. Our recruitment efforts began on March 10, 2010 and we are nearly finished with the process.

Our poll worker recruitment efforts have been successful. We have 330 individuals left to recruit. Additionally, we have over 300 reservists if vacancies arise on or before Election Day.

We plan to implement a survey questionnaire in the future that asks poll workers and Inspectors to identify how they learned about Election Day opportunities so we can better understand how our recruitment programs are performing.

<b>Poll Worker Recruitment Report</b>					
<b>June 8, 2010 Statewide Direct Primary Election</b>					
	<b>14-May</b>	<b>21-May</b>	<b>28-May</b>	<b>5-June</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Inspectors</b>					
Required	4,822	4,822	4,822		
Recruited	4,783	4,822	4,822		
Outstanding	39	0	0		
<b>Clerks</b>					
Required	14,466	14,466	14,446		
Confirmed	12,131	13,507	14,116		
Outstanding	2,335	959	330		
<b>Special Recruitment</b>					
County Employees	3,317	3,809	3,849		
Bilingual PW	3,773	3,907	4,041		
Students	--	2,275	2,278		

**Inspector Supply Pick-up:**

Inspector supply pick-up is scheduled this weekend (Saturday and Sunday) at 74 locations throughout the County. This serves as our initial means of distributing election supplies and voting equipment to the poll inspectors who will oversee operations at the 4,822 polling locations that will be in use on Election Day.

## **4. Notifications**

### **Voter Education and Information:**

In an effort to educate voters about this year's "Modified Closed Primary Election" we produced a brochure explaining the primary process and where to ask for assistance regarding "crossover" voting, voter registration verification and other election-related questions. (See the brochure in Appendix 1.)

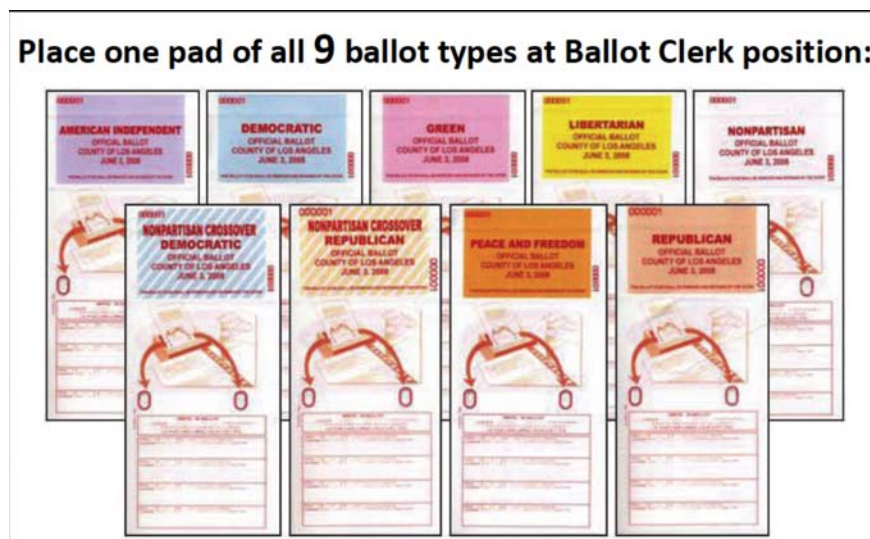
Additional information including applications for checking voter registration/political party status, accessing electronic copies of sample ballots, poll location look-up, and vote by mail ballot tracking is available online at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

For this election, we also have a modified version of our web services available for use on smart phones (iPhone and Droid compatible). Appendix 2 includes screen shots showing use of the application for checking voter registration status and the poll location look-up feature.

### **Quality Assurance Measures:**

As noted in our last Board Report, we identified issues in our quality control process that required modifications and corrections to the ballot printing order for this election. Where voters were impacted, we quickly isolated the universe of voters affected and took corrective action; however, along with the complicated nature of primary elections - including multiple party ballots and cross over voting options – this resulted in a longer-than-normal production schedule for ballot printing and delivery.

To assure accurate and complete ballot printing and to accommodate the extended printing schedule, we have added a **second Inspector pick-up of supplies on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**. This is necessary to ensure that all precincts have complete and adequate quantities of all nine ballot styles, all needed supplies and equipment, and up-to-date rosters for Election Day.




# Appendix #1: Crossover Instruction Brochure

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**VOTING IN CALIFORNIA'S  
MODIFIED CLOSED  
PRIMARY ELECTION**  
June 8, 2010

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- A Primary Election is a **nominating election** where voters in each political party select the candidates who will represent that party in the General election for Federal, Statewide, and Legislative offices.
- In a modified closed primary, political parties may choose to allow voters not registered with a political party (e.g. "Decline to State") to vote a party ballot.
- For this election, the Democratic and Republican Parties have chosen to give Nonpartisan voters the option to vote their party's ballot.
- Voters who are registered with one of the qualified political parties must vote that party's ballot.



## TIPS

- Verify your voting status and party affiliation at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) or call 1(800) 815-2666.
- To request a Vote by Mail ballot or track the status of your ballot go to [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).
- Voters who registered as "Decline to State" or who did not register with a qualified political party are designated as "Nonpartisan" voters.
- Ask a pollworker if you are registered as Nonpartisan or "Decline to State" and wish to vote a crossover ballot at the polls.
- If you are registered as Nonpartisan or "Decline to State" and would like to Vote by Mail complete the application on the back cover of the Sample Ballot booklet and indicate on the application which party ballot, **Democratic** or **Republican**, you wish to receive.  
You can also complete your application online at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline to register:  
Monday, May 24, 2010
- Mailing of Official Sample Ballots begins:  
Thursday, April 29, 2010
- Vote by Mail ballots must be received (by mail or in person) by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day
- On Election Day, polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.  
Visit [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) for more information or call 1(800) 815-2666

# Appendix #2: Smart Phone Application

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

