



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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**CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AWARD WINNER
VOLUNTEERING – THE CORNERSTONE OF DEMOCRACY**

I am pleased to announce that the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is the recipient of the 2005 Merit Award from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) for our TRIBUTE TO POLL WORKER VOLUNTEERS.

Volunteer, as defined in Webster's dictionary, refers to "*one who gives help, does a service, or takes an obligation voluntarily*". **Democracy**, as defined in Webster's dictionary, refers to "*a government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them directly*".

How appropriate then that we depend on a force of 30,000 volunteers to conduct the most symbolic of democratic processes, elections. Our entry, entitled Volunteering – The Cornerstone of Democracy, pays tribute to the dedication and civic-minded spirit that truly embodies excellence in public service. Record numbers of poll workers served 3,085,582 voters at the November 2, 2004 Presidential Election including 4,118 county employees.