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TO: Each Supervisor

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**REPORT ON TOUCHSCREEN EARLY VOTING  
FOR THE NOVEMBER 2002 GENERAL ELECTION**

**The Project**

Early Voting using Touchscreen equipment was made available to County voters for this second introduction of Touchscreen voting at 21 sites from October 22 through November 1 in conjunction with the November 2002 General Election. Our goal was to expand Early Voting (increasing the number of sites from nine established in conjunction with the November 2000 election to 21 sites in 2002) and to select varied types of site venues to increase visibility and accessibility for a large number of voters.

**Sites and Turnout**

Early Voting is a unique opportunity for any voter in Los Angeles County to cast his or her ballot on modern electronic voting equipment during a period of 11 days, at the time and site that best meets the needs of the individual voter. Because all 818 ballot groups (all the unique ballot combinations of offices and measures) were programmed into all the equipment, voters could choose to vote near their workplaces, for example, rather than near their homes.

Nevertheless, with a few exceptions, 85% of voters who used Touchscreen Early Voting voted at a site within nine miles of their homes. The chief exception was the downtown City of Los Angeles location at the Central Library.

The chart below summarizes overall voter turnout by Supervisorial District in the General Election of November 5, 2002. The final column expresses the percentage of voters who chose the Touchscreen voting option. Countywide,

although the number of Touchscreen voters this past November was slightly less than for the November 2000 pilot project (i.e., 16,169 vs. 21,963) Touchscreen participation actually doubled as a percentage of those who voted.

It is noteworthy that the two Reorganization measures (Hollywood and San Fernando Valley) appeared to increase voter interest in Supervisorial Districts 3 and 5. Voters in the other three Supervisorial Districts were not impacted by those measures.

<i>Supervisorial District</i>	<i>Registered Voters</i>	<i>Total Votes Cast</i>	<i>Touchscreen Early Voting</i>	<i>OVERALL TURNOUT</i>	<i>Percentage of Votes Cast as TS Early Voting</i>
1	586,083	238,550	1,474	40.70%	0.62%
2	703,297	293,059	2,441	41.67%	0.83%
3	875,233	425,270	4,389	48.59%	1.03%
4	854,951	390,831	3,479	45.71%	0.89%
5	943,208	436,610	4,386	46.29%	1.00%
TOTAL	3,962,831	1,784,320	16,169	45.03%	0.91%

### **The Future**

In keeping with the Board's direction to "phase in" the use of this new technology for County voters, our Department has partnered with the City of Los Angeles Early Voting Project in conjunction with their March 4 Municipal Election.

Additionally, in partnership with six cities whose City Clerks are conducting Municipal elections on March 4, 2003, our Department is providing Touchscreen equipment so that all the election day voters of their cities can cast their ballots on electronic equipment. The city partnerships for March 4, 2003 are:

Irwindale	District 1	Beverly Hills	District 3
La Puente	District 1	Signal Hill	District 4
Gardena	District 2	South Pasadena	District 5

Following these "live elections," we will focus on Touchscreen voting demonstration projects and "mock elections" throughout 2003.

### **Conclusion**

In you have any questions, please call me or Chief Deputy Kristin Heffron at (562) 462-2883.

c: David Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer