

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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May 14, 2007

TO:

**EACH SUPERVISOR** 

FROM:

Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

ELECTION EVE STATUS REPORT: MAY 15, 2007 SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR ASSEMBLY

**DISTRICT 39** 

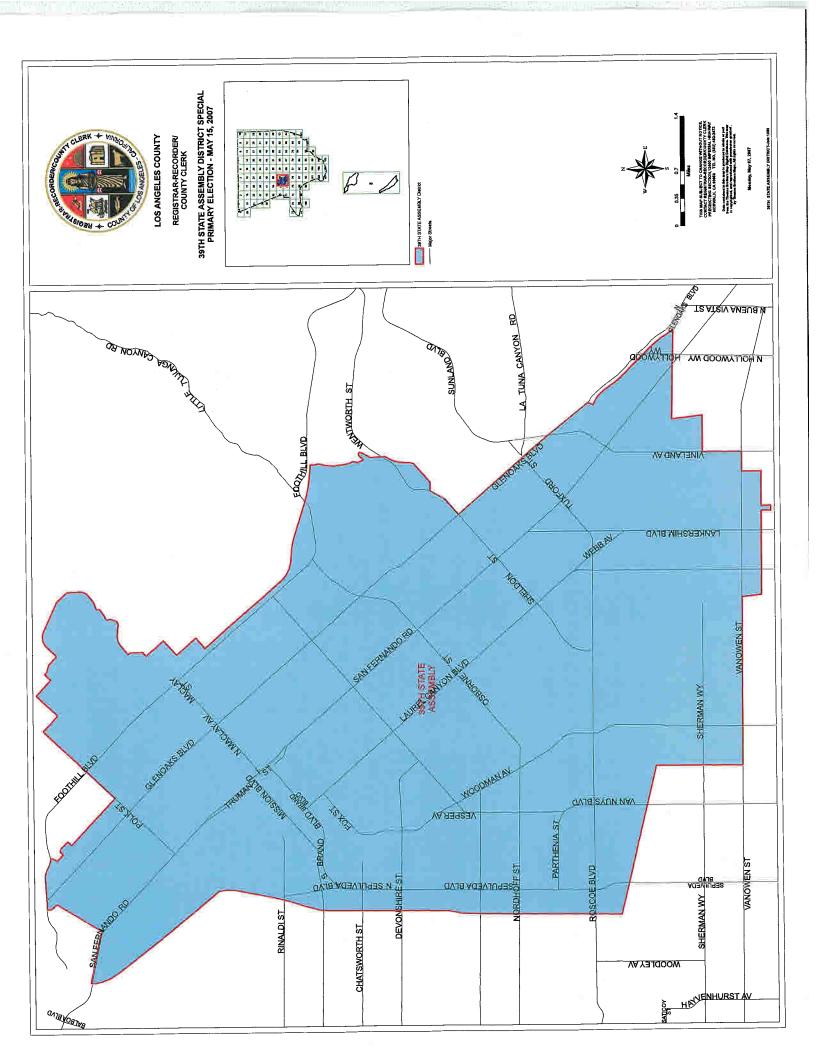
#### Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots have been mailed to 10,676 of the 112,656 registered voters in this District. As of Friday, 3,673 absentee ballots have been voted and returned to our office. Voted absentee ballots must be received by 8 p.m. tomorrow either at our office or dropped off at polling places. As we reported earlier to your Board, this election is being held concurrently with the City of Los Angeles' runoff election for LAUSD and Community College Districts. In the course of opening absentee ballot envelopes, to date our staff has retrieved 67 ballots for the City election which we then hand-deliver to the City for their tabulation (similarly, a few absentee ballots for Assembly District 39 have been erroneously mailed to the City which they hand-deliver to us). Although a letter of explanation regarding the conduct of two separate elections on May 15<sup>th</sup> was sent to each of the 112,659 voters involved in the two concurrent elections, it is not surprising that some voters are undoubtedly seeking an opportunity to save postage by returning both absentee ballots in one envelope. The separate ballot tallies for the County and the City elections will be appropriately reconciled during the vote canvass/audit period prior to official certification of election results.

#### **Election Results**

Attached is a map of the boundaries of Assembly District 39. Because the district is a considerable distance from our office in Norwalk where the ballots will be tallied, preliminary election results from the 137 voting precincts are expected to be compiled beginning about 10 p.m. with an anticipated conclusion of unofficial results at approximately midnight. (As always, absentee ballots received and verified by Tuesday morning will be the first results reported at 8 p.m.) Throughout the evening election results will be updated on our website at <a href="https://www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a>. Due to the compressed time frame created by the possible runoff election, official vote totals must be completed by Friday, May 18. Please call me if you have any questions regarding this report or any other election preparation activity.

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# Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Fact Sheet May 15, 2007

# 39th State Assembly District Special Primary Election

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) will be conducting the 39<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District Special Primary Election on May 15, 2007. The election is being held to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in the State Assembly ending December 1, 2008. The seat was formerly held by Richard Alarcon who resigned after being elected to the Los Angeles City Council. See attached sample of the official ballot that lists candidates and their ballot designations.

#### **CONCURRENT ELECTION**

Residents of State Assembly District 39 will vote on two different ballots at the same polling place, one ballot for Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education and/or the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees runoff candidates, and a second ballot for Assembly District 39 candidates.

It was not possible to combine the two separate elections onto one ballot due to printing deadlines and legal cut-off dates established by the California Elections Code and the City of Los Angeles Election Code.

Los Angeles County (which is conducting the Assembly District 39 election) and the City of Los Angeles (which is conducting the LAUSD and LACCD runoff elections) will EACH mail a sample ballot to voters. These sample ballots list the candidates for each race, provide polling place information, contain a Vote By Mail application, and in the case of Assembly District 39, provide candidate statements where applicable.

## STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Ballot Group:

1 (group number 044)

Precincts:

137

Check in Centers:

Approximately 250-300

Precinct Officers:

7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Poll Hours: Registration:

\*112,659

Sample Ballot Translations:

Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese

Election Cost Estimate:

\$520,000

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of April 9, 2007. Voter registration continues through the April 30, 2007 deadline.

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#### **ABSENTEE VOTING PERIOD**

Applications to vote absentee may be filed between Friday, April 20 and Tuesday, May 8. Under special circumstances, a voter may request an emergency absentee ballot beginning Wednesday, May 9 through Election Day, May 15. Additional information regarding this service or any questions regarding absentee voting can be obtained by telephoning the Absentee Voter Section of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at (562) 466-1323, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., weekdays. Voters who wish to vote by mail must apply to BOTH the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County to receive separate absentee ballots for each election. (Permanent Absent Voters do NOT need to apply. Both the City and the County will automatically mail ballots to these voters.)

## **VOTES NEEDED TO ELECT CANDIDATE**

If any candidate receives a majority of all votes cast at the special primary election he or she shall be declared elected and the special general election shall not be held.

If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast at the special primary election, the name of the candidate of each qualified political party who receives the most votes cast for all candidates of that party shall be placed on the special election ballot (July 10, 2007) as the candidate of that party. (E.C. § 10706)

## TERM OF OFFICE

Unexpired term ending on December 1, 2008.

# BALLOT AND VOTING SYSTEM

Voters will be using the InkaVote Plus voting system at all voting precincts on election day. InkaVote Plus enhances the existing InkaVote optical scan system. The enhanced system allows disabled voters, including those who are blind and visually impaired, to cast a ballot privately and independently using an audio headset. Additionally, the InkaVote Plus system will provide all voters with the opportunity to have their ballots reviewed for errors prior to their casting votes.

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#### **UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS ON 5/15**

On election night, unofficial cumulative results will be available by calling the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at the telephone numbers listed below until all precinct ballots are counted. Unofficial absentee voting results will be available by approximately 8:15 p.m. As precincts arrive, results will be posted on the RR/CC's Internet website listed below and on the internal Intranet system. Many absentee voters wait until the last minute to make their voting choices and drop off their absentee ballots at the polling place on Election Day. These ballots will be processed between May 16 – May 18. All absentee ballots must be pre-processed before they are counted – this includes verifying every absentee voter's signature prior to opening the absentee ballot envelopes to remove the ballots in preparation for counting.

Telephone Numbers:

Public (562) 466-1310

Media (562) 462-2648 or (562) 462-2726

Internet Website:

www.lavote.net

## **UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS BY PRECINCT BEGINNING 5/16**

Telephone hours on the day after the election are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Precinct results will be available in the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Election Information Section after noon.

**Telephone Numbers:** 

Public (562) 466-1310

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#### OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

The official canvass must be completed within 3 days of the election. The legal deadline to certify the election results is Friday, May 18, 2007.

## **OFFICIAL BALLOT**

### STATE ASSEMBLY 39th DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

MAY 15, 2007 County of Los Angeles

THIS BALLOT STUB SHALL BE REMOVED AND RETAINED BY THE VOTER.

STATE ASSEMBLY 39th DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 15, 2007  FILL IN BUBBLE WITH MARKER  PROVIDED.			
(Unexpired Term Ending December 1, 2008)			
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JOSE BONILLA, SR. Republican- Internal Auditor	•		)
Peace Officer Democratic	<b>&gt;</b>		>
MARGIE CARRANZA Democratice Retired Administrative Assistant	<b>&gt;</b>		>
FELIPE "PHILIP" SIORDIA Democratice Businessman/Youth Coach	<b>&gt;</b>		>
FELIPE FUENTES Democratice Councilmember's Legislative Deputy	<b>→</b>		>