

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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October 12, 2004

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

STATUS REPORT #3: NOVEMBER 2, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION

Assisting Your Staff in Answering Election Day Questions

The Sybil Brand Conference Room (Room 372 - Hall of Administration, Commission on Disabilities Office) has been reserved from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 21 for your staff members to stop by and obtain a refresher course in answering voter inquiries between now and Election Day. We will provide written materials, a brief reminder on how to use our website to look up polling locations and a demonstration of InkaVote, the optical scan voting system that voters will use on Election Day.

Voter Registration Deadline

Next Monday, October 18, is the deadline for residents to register to vote in the November 2 General Election. This is the first Presidential General Election in which the registration deadline has been 15 days prior to Election Day. (In 2000, the deadline was 29 days prior to Election Day.) Our staff has processed more than 250,000 new and updated voter registrations since August 24. From past trends, we anticipate more than 100,000 additional voter registrations will arrive between October 18 and 25 that will be valid for the November 2, 2004 election. (Forms mailed by October 18 are accepted and many are mailed first to Sacramento to the Secretary of State's office before being forwarded to counties.)

Sample Ballots

Supplemental mailings of Sample Ballots continue tomorrow with voters who registered between September 15 and October 1 scheduled to receive Sample Ballots this week. The final supplemental mailing to voters who registered between October 1 and October 13 will be completed this Friday. Voters registering October 14 through 18 will be mailed a post card via first class mail listing their polling location and providing our website for other voter information such as their sample ballot.

Absentee Ballot Mailings

To date, we have issued a record high 500,000 absentee ballots. This number is 150,000 more than at this time prior to the November 2000 General Election. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is October 26.

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

Attachments

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

MILESTONE STATUS REPORT OF KEY EVENTS

Presidential General Election November 2, 2004

WEEK ENDING

EVENT	9/3	9/10	9/17	9/24	10/1	10/8	10/15	10/22	10/29	11/5
FINALIZE BALLOT PAGE DESIGN.	9/1									
RECRUIT AND APPOINT PRECINCT OFFICERS.										△ 11/1
3. UPDATE REGISTRATION RECORDS.								△ 10/18		
4. TESTING OF ELECTION NIGHT DATA PROCESSING HARDWARE AND PROGRAMS.										11/2
5. RECEIVE SAMPLE BALLOTS AND BALLOT PAGES FROM PRINTERS.					9/30					
6. MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS.										
7. PRECINCT SUPPLIES AND VOTE RECORDERS ASSEMBLED.								<i>⊭</i> 10/18		
8. BOOTH AND SUPPLIES PICKED- UP BY PRECINCT INSPECTORS.								_	<u>_</u> 	

NOVEMBER 2, 2004 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION STATUS OF EVENTS PERFORMED

<u>SCHEDULED</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> <u>EVENT</u> <u>COMPLETION</u> <u>COMPLETION</u>

2. Recruit and Appoint 11/01/04

Precinct Officers

This election will involve 4,602 precincts requiring the recruitment of approximately 23,000 pollworkers. Recruitment of precinct officers is proceeding on schedule.

3. <u>Update Registration Records</u> 10/18/04

The October 8, 2004 update of the registration records total 3,870,780 registered voters. This event is proceeding on schedule.

4. <u>Testing of Election Night Data</u> 11/01/04 Processing Hard/Ware and Programs

Testing of election night tally programs is in process. This event is proceeding on schedule.

6. Mail Sample Ballots 10/12/04

The initial and supplemental sample ballot mailing to over 3.8 million registered voters began on September 21, 2004 and will continue through October 12, 2004. This event is proceeding on schedule.

7. <u>Precinct Supplies and Vote Recorders</u> 10/18/04 Assembled

Vote Recorder Packaging will begin on October 12, 2004. Supply box processing will commence on October 18, 2004.

8. <u>Booth and Supplies Picked-Up</u> 10/24/04
By Precinct Inspectors

Booths and supplies are scheduled for pick-up on October 23 - 24, 2004.