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STATUS UPDATE - MARCH 5, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

This report is to inform your Board of our preparation and operations for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election. The election status update supports the Department's ongoing commitment to fair, accessible, and transparent election services.

Vote by Mail

As of February 21st, the Department has issued 5,698,530 ballots, and 194,332 have been returned. Voters are returning their ballots through our Ballot Drop Boxes and the United States Postal Service. The Department encourages VBM as the safest and most convenient method for voting.

A variety of VBM resources are available on our <u>website</u>. Voters may request to receive their VBM ballot and materials in 19 languages. Voters can also sign up for <u>"Where's My Ballot?"</u> to track their ballot and request a replacement VBM ballot.

We have noted a slower rate of VBM return for this election. While other factors should be considered, the rate of VBM returns, at times, can be a preliminary indicator of overall turnout. However, similar to other critical services that the County provides, equity, availability and accessibility remain paramount in our voting model.

Vote Centers

In-person voting services are available at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Headquarters, in Norwalk Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. On Election Day (March 5th), those hours are extended to 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

A total of 644 Vote Centers located across the County are secured and scheduled for this election. The first 119 Vote Centers open on Saturday, February 24th. On Saturday, March 2nd, an additional 525 Vote Centers will open. Vote Centers will open daily from 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM before Election Day and 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM on Election Day. The <u>Vote Center Locator Tool</u> provides assistance to voters in finding a location of their preference, driving directions, and a wait time indicator.

A Vote Center postcard mailing was mailed to every registered voter listing the nearest 11day location and the three nearest 4-day locations to each voter's residence. The postcard also includes information on how voters can expedite their in-person experience using the Quick Check-In Code provided in the Sample Ballot or the Poll Pass and includes information on options for returning VBM ballots. The distribution of the Vote Center postcard mailing was completed on February 17th.

Mobile Voting Program

Mobile, Flex, and Pop-Up Vote Centers are deployed across the County in each countywide election. We are targeting 90 Flex Vote Center events, where we will deliver voting services to geographically isolated voters, seniors, voters with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, justice-involved, and underserved communities. We are targeting 45 Mobile Vote Center events at a mix of large-scale, high-traffic events and locations with essential workers.

For contingency planning, we have five Pop Up Vote Center teams located across the County. These teams allow us to respond to emergencies at our Vote Centers and restore voting services. Mobile and Flex Vote Center resources serve as contingency teams on Election Day, increasing our contingency resources to twenty teams. These teams are deployed on an as-needed basis to assist with various issues such as equipment failure, staffing challenges, and expanding capacity at high turnout Vote Centers.

Voting in Jails

For the first time, there will be in-person voting at all LA County jail facilities for the March Presidential Primary Election. The *Voting in Jails Program* is conducted leveraging our Flex Vote Centers. The program is operated in partnership with the Sheriff's Department and has expanded with each election. Through this program, the RR/CC brings the full range of voting options and services provided by our Vote Centers into each jail facility. This includes the Electronic Pollbook, Ballot Marking Device (with language and accessibility features), Presidential Primary Ballot Crossover, and Conditional Voter Registration services. This a unique program that reflects the Department's commitment to removing barriers and increasing voting access for all eligible voters in Los Angeles County.

Ethnic Media Outreach

The Department kicked off the *Let's Get Every Vote In* ethnic media and community outreach campaign on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024. The event was held at the Chinatown Branch Library. It featured partners from various community-based organizations encouraging all communities across Los Angeles County to vote in the March Presidential Primary. Community partners included organizations such as the Pilipino Workers Center,

Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE), Council of Mexican Federations in North America (COFEM), and Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE). This event was attended by 15 local ethnic media partners serving Los Angeles County's diverse communities.

Ballot Processing Center Grand Opening & Community Outreach Media Briefing

On Tuesday, February 20, 2024, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk hosted County officials, stakeholders, and community leaders at the new Los Angeles County Ballot Processing Center (BPC) and held a community outreach and media briefing for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election.

The event included a presentation and ribbon-cutting ceremony commemorating the opening of the new, multi-purpose, state-of-the-art operations center and a tour of ballot processing operations. A press briefing with community leaders and voting advocates immediately followed, which provided valuable and timely voting and election information for the public. Speakers fielded questions directly from local and ethnic news media. Nearly 60 people attended, representing election stakeholders, County Departments, local officials, county vendor partners, and community members. The event was covered by 20 news media outlets, five (5) of which were in a language other than English.

The program featured RR/CC leadership, Hilda Solis, First District Supervisor, Christy McCormick, United States Election Assistance Commissioner, and representatives from the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office and Internal Services Department. The event highlighted the Department's dedication to ensuring integrity, security, and transparency of the electoral process. The BPC is a testament to the commitment of Los Angeles County to investing in elections and leading in election administration.

Election Observer Program

The Department conducts an extensive *Election Observer Program* as part of our commitment to open and transparent elections. The Election Observer Program provides an opportunity for public observation of election processes to maintain integrity, encourage participation, and build voter confidence. Election Observers are provided access to Vote Centers, Check-in Centers, and the Ballot Processing Center to observe voting and election procedures. Some observable activities occurring at the Ballot Processing Center are:

- Logic and accuracy testing of the voting system to conduct a central count of Vote by Mail (VBM) and in-person ballots.
- VBM operations (incoming ballots, Automated signature verification, data processing, ballot extraction, remakes, Ballot preparation for tally)
- Processing provisional and conditional ballots received at the Vote Center
- Ballot transportation and delivery at a Check-in Center.
- Ballot intake, preparation, and storage.
- Vote tally and reporting on Election Night.
- Post election canvassing and retention of election materials

The Election Observer Program at the Ballot Processing Center runs from February 11th to March 29th, the tentative date for the certification of the election results.

Election observers are encouraged to check the public schedule of events on LAVOTE.GOV and must comply with all Election Observer Panel Plan Rules and Guidelines.

Multilingual Election Worker Recruitment Efforts

Multilingual election workers are a critical component of the Department's in-language access to voting services. These workers are provided in addition to the in-language Ballot Marking Device experience, in-language VBM ballot experience, and multilingual hotline that can be accessed at any Vote Center for assistance in any of our supported languages.

Internal recruitment targets are set using a data-driven process that takes Census data and information modeled off a surname survey conducted by Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California. The Department assigns multilingual election workers where their skills are most needed based on the needs of the community.

The Department developed a comprehensive language recruitment plan for the March Primary Election. This plan includes the creation of a dedicated election worker recruitment outreach team for the March Presidential Primary Election. This team attends events in our communities to identify and recruit election workers. In addition, the Department leverages social media outreach, Next Door posts, and the development of marketing materials shared with our partners. The Language Access Advisory Committee assists in the recruitment of election workers, and a subcommittee focused on multilingual recruitment has been created.

Election worker recruitment targets have been met or exceeded for 13 of the 18 supported languages (not including English). The recruitment status for the five remaining languages is as follows:

Khmer	Japanese	Thai	Korean	Gujurati
46 recruited of	59 recruited of	79 recruited of	148 recruited of	184 recruited of
166 targeted	171 targeted	166 targeted	164 targeted	189 targeted
27.7%	34.5%	47.5%	90.2%	97.4%

The recruitment of Korean and Gujurati speaking election workers is near completion. The recruitment of Khmer, Japanese, and Thai speaking election workers is a priority. The Department is focusing ongoing efforts to conduct targeted outreach in our highest need languages. The Department has partnered with the Los Angeles City Clerk's Office to assist in election worker recruitment and placement. In addition, we are engaging local ethnic media partners to assist in our recruitment efforts for highest need languages such as AAPI languages. This recruitment sprint will continue as we head into the voting period.

Executive Dashboard

The attached Executive Dashboard (Attachment I) contains critical updates on election preparation activities. This dashboard will be included with all future status updates and will evolve over time to reflect operational priorities.

Departmental Contacts

Contact Information for Voters

Phone:(800) 815-2666Email:voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.govWebsite:lavote.gov

Resources for Media/Communications Deputies

<u>Election Results</u> <u>Fact Sheets</u> <u>Press Releases</u> Outreach Toolkit

Media/Communications Contact

Michael Sanchez, Communications Manager 562-462-2648 – office 562-274-3938 – mobile <u>msanchez@rrcc.lacounty.gov</u>

Election Contact

We appreciate the partnership with your offices in our efforts to serve voters and allow them to exercise their fundamental right to vote. Your respective offices have been provided with a dedicated contact to assist in resolving any issues.

If you have any questions, please contact Adrian Avelar, Executive Assistant, at (562) 345-8372 or <u>aavelar@rrcc.lacounty.gov</u> for any additional information or assistance.

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Attachments



EXECUTIVE DASHBOARD PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION STATUS UPDATE



Election Worker Recruitment

	County Employee	Community	Student	Total
Target	4,395	3,707	1,935	10,037
Recruited	3,817	3,650	12,047	9,514
Completion Percentage	86.8%	94.4%	105%	94.8%



Multilingual Election Worker Recruitment

Election Worker recruitment targets have been met or exceeded for 13 of our 18 supported languages (not including English). The status of the five remaining is as follows:

Khmer	Japanese	Thai	Korean	Gujurati
46 recruited of 166 targeted	59 recruited of 171 targeted	79 recruited of 166 targeted	148 recruited of 164 targeted	184 recruited of 189 targeted
27.7%	34.5%	47.5%	90.2%	97.4%



Election Worker Training

Completed	Scheduled	Pending	Total
6,699	514	2,414	9,627
70%	5%	25%	100%



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EXECUTIVE DASHBOARD PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION STATUS UPDATE



Vote Centers

- 644 total Vote Centers available for the March Presidential Primary
- 119 Vote Centers scheduled to open on Saturday, February 24th
- 525 Vote Centers scheduled to open on Saturday, March 2nd



Ballot Drop Boxes

• 416 Ballot Drop Boxes



Vote by Mail As of February 21st

- 5,698,530 Vote by Mail ballots issued
- 194,332 Vote by Mail ballots returned



Return Sources

- Approximately 148,000 via the United States Postal Service
- Approximately 46,000 via our secure Ballot Drop Boxes

Language Access

Nearly 400,000 VBM Ballots issued in a language other than English.

Languages	Voters Requesting Materials	Languages	Voters Requesting Materials
Spanish	269,438	Russian	1,590
Chinese	50,497	Khmer	1,398
Korean	39,116	Hindi	656
Vietnamese	13,522	Bengali	432
Tagalog	5,781	Burmese	273
Japanese	3,142	Indonesian	210
Thai	3,003	Gujarati	191
Armenian	2,262	Telugu	69
Farsi	1,975	Mongolian	42



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MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

We are dedicated to keeping both the media and the public fully informed, providing access to accurate and timely information on voting and elections. Our aim is to guarantee that press members have specific contacts at their disposal, offering the essential knowledge and resources required to effectively educate and report to the public.

Designated Media Contacts

 Primary: Mike Sanchez, Senior Public Information Specialist Phone: (562) 274-3938 Email: Msanchez@rrcc.lacounty.gov
Secondary: Daylyn Presley, Public Information Specialist Phones: (562) 462-3054 and (562) 716-8703

Email: Dpresley@rrcc.lacounty.gov

3 General Media Contacts Phones: (562) 462-2726 and (562) 462-2833 Email: MediaInfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov

Requesting an Interview

Media representatives are encouraged to coordinate interview requests through the designated media contacts, allowing as much lead time as possible. Interviews will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to availability.

To streamline the interview request, send an email to the designated contacts or general media contact with the following:

- Interview date(s) and time(s)
- Subject of the interview with as much information as possible
- Interview type: live or recorded
- Interview format: in-person or virtual

Stay Informed

Subscribe to our Media Distribution List to receive the latest news releases and media advisories.



ABOUT THIS ELECTION



Offices on the Ballot

The ballot for this election includes both partisan and nonpartisan nominating offices. Your ballot may also include local nonpartisan contests (County Board of Supervisors, County District Attorney, Superior Court Judges, School or Special Districts, and/or City offices).

Party-Nominated Offices

The United States Presidential candidate is nominated by members of their political party through presidential primary elections. The political party preference you selected when you last registered to vote determines which presidential candidates will be on your ballot.

Voter-Nominated Offices

All voters may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office. The "Top Two" candidates at the Primary Election advance to the General Election. The following voter-nominated offices in this election are United States Senator, United States Representative, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly.

A Write-in candidate will only move on to the General Election if the candidate is one of the "Top Two" candidates in the Primary Election.

Nonpartisan Offices

Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the Primary Election, and a candidate nominated for a nonpartisan office at the Primary Election is not the official nominee of any party at the ensuing General Election.

The top two candidates in the Primary Election advance to the General Election for the nonpartisan office.

A majority of votes cast (50 percent plus 1 vote) is required to elect a candidate for County Board of Supervisors, Judges of Superior Court, County District Attorney, City Council, or City Mayor. If no candidate receives 50% +1, a run-off will occur.

ELECTION TIMELINE

December 1, 2023

No Party Preference Notice Mailing

Every No Party Preference voter is mailed a notice to inform them of their registration and to provide options on how to vote for a presidential candidate in the Presidential Primary Election.

February 1, 2024 Vote by Mail Ballot Mailing

In California, Vote by Mail ballots must be mailed at least 29 days before Election Day. Given the size of Los Angeles County, ballots in a Countywide election are often mailed before the required deadline.

February 24, 2024 Initial Vote Centers Open

In-person voting at a Vote Center will begin on Saturday, February 24, 2024. Vote Center locations will be open daily.

March 2, 2024 All Vote Centers Open

All Vote Center locations are open through Election Day, March 5, 2024. Hours and locations will be available on **LAVOTE.GOV**.

March 6, 2024

Official Election Canvass

The Official Election Canvass is a 30-day period where the RR/CC processes and verifies all outstanding ballots to ensure every eligible ballot cast by Election Day is counted.

January 25, 2024

Sample Ballots and Voter Information Guides Mailing

The California Secretary of State and Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk sends every registered voter a Voter Information Guide and Sample Ballot Book containing important election and voting information on candidates and measures.

February 20, 2024

Voter Registration Deadline

This is the last day for eligible voters to register to vote and be mailed a Vote by Mail ballot. Eligible voters who miss this deadline can still vote at any Vote Center beginning February 24, 2024.

February 27, 2024 Last day to request a Vote by Mail ballot

This is the last day voters can request a replacement ballot or request a Crossover Vote by Mail ballot.

March 5, 2024 Election Day

Participate in the primary election of your chosen party on the designated day.

March 29, 2024

Certified Election Results

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is scheduled to certify election results.

ELECTION RESOURCES

The RR/CC is the official source for election information and voting resources in Los Angeles County.

MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION

We have all the resources and tools you need to make your plan to vote.

- Register to Vote
- Check Your Registration Status
- Find a Ballot Drop Box
- Track Your Vote by Mail Ballot
- Use Accessible Vote by Mail
- Find a Vote Center
- View In-Person Voting Information
- Access the Interactive Sample Ballot
- View Multilingual Services
- View Election Results





Request your ballot in a different language

- Los Angeles County provides language services in up to 18 languages.
- Call the Multilingual Services Section at (800) 815-2666, option 3.



Voting by mail

Every registered voter in Los Angeles County is mailed a Vote by Mail ballot no later than February 5, 2024.



Track your Vote by Mail ballot

Tracking your ballot - when it is mailed, received, and counted - has never been easier.



Visit California.BallotTrax.net to get started.



Follow us on social media! Official Account: @LACountyRRCC

Visit LAVOTE.GOV or call (800) 815-2666 for more information

ELECTION INFORMATION

Why Your Political Party Preference is Important in This Election

The political party preference you selected when you last registered to vote determines which presidential candidates will be on your ballot.

For example: if you're registered with the Democratic Party, you'll see the Democratic Presidential candidates; if you're registered with the Republican Party you will see the Republican Presidential candidates.

If you did not select a political party preference when you last registered then you are considered a **No Party Preference voter**. If you want to vote for a Presidential candidate, you must notify our office and request a party's ballot.

How No Party Preference Voters Can Request a Party's Ballot

Political parties determine whether No Party Preference voters can vote for their party's presidential candidates. This is known as "crossover" voting.

OPEN PARTIES

American Independent, Democratic, Libertarian

• Crossover Allowed: Voters registered as No Party Preference can request an American Independent, Democratic, or Libertarian party's ballot and vote for one of their presidential candidates.

• How to Request a Party's Ballot:

- Mail Notice: All registered No Party Preference voters are mailed a notice informing them of their options - complete and return the Crossover Ballot Request Form as soon as possible
- Online: Fill out and complete the online application available at LAVOTE.GOV
- Phone: You may call (800) 815-2666 and speak to a representative
- Email: You can scan and send a copy of your mailed notice to VoterInfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov
- Fax: You can return your mailed notice by fax at (562) 232-7924 and (877) 614-1127

• **Deadline to Request a Vote by Mail Ballot:** The last day you can request a Crossover ballot (or a replacement Vote by Mail ballot) is February 27, 2024.

• **California Requirement:** State law requires you to provide and confirm your personally identifiable voter registration information to complete the Crossover ballot request.

CLOSED PARTIES

Green, Peace & Freedom, Republican

• Party Affiliation Required: Voters must be registered with the Green, Peace and Freedom or Republican parties to vote for their presidential candidates.

• No Crossover: Voters registered with No Party Preference and want to receive a ballot for one of these parties must change their party preference by re-registering to vote.

- How to Re-register to Vote:
- Online: You can re-register online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov
- Paper application: Registration applications are available at most government buildings such as a Post Office, library, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and RR/CC offices throughout Los Angeles County.

• Deadline to re-register with a party to receive a Vote by Mail ballot: Voters must update their party preference by February 20, 2024, to receive a Vote by Mail ballot. Anyone who misses this deadline, can still visit any Vote Center and vote for one of these party's Presidential candidates.

ELECTION INFORMATION

🟷 Online Candidate Statements

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has launched an updated Online Candidate Statements application.

Website: APPS.LAVOTE.GOV/CANDIDATE-STATEMENTS



This user-friendly platform provides candidates with a cost-effective method to submit their statements at a fraction of the cost of including a statement in the printed Sample Ballot Book. The application is now expanding to all county and local city jurisdictions that opt-in, providing voters with an alternative way to access valuable information to make informed decisions on their ballot.

😡 Live Streams

Live streams will be available to view throughout the voting period and on Election Night.

Visit **LAVOTE.GOV/LiveStream** to view the election-related activities taking place at the Ballot Processing Center. Live streams will be available no later than Saturday, February 24, 2024.

Find My District: Census and Citizens Redistricting Commission

- After the national census (conducted in 2020), the California Citizens' Redistricting Commission updated district boundaries across the state
- Some voters may be in new Congressional, State Assembly, State Senate, and State Board of Equalizations districts
- Voters will see contests and candidates for their new district
- Check which districts you live in by visiting LAVOTE.GOV/MYDISTRICT

BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER

Introducing the Ballot Processing Center, a new state-of-the-art facility and central hub for processing, verifying, and counting all cast ballots in Los Angeles County.

This comprehensive renovation prioritized efficiency, security, and transparency, encompassing every aspect of ballot handling. As media partners, you're invited to explore this brand-new facility, capture b-roll footage, and report on election results on Election Night and beyond.

Operations Inside the Ballot Processing Center

Vote by Mail (VBM)

- Receiving ballots from the United States Post Service and Ballot Drop Boxes
- Verifying all VBM ballots with the voter's signature
- Processing and preparing ballots to be tallied

Tally Operations

- Receiving Vote Center and VBM ballots throughout the voting period and on Election Day
- Inspecting and preparing ballots to be tallied on Election Night
- Tabulating and reporting election results

Official Election Canvass Operation

- 1% Manual Tally
- Processing of Conditional Voter Registration and Provisional Ballots
- Processing Write-in Candidates



BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER

Safety and Security

Transparency remains a cornerstone in our mission of administering elections, similar to ensuring the safety and security of all election workers, election staff, and the ballots that are returned. This facility boasts a variety of security mechanisms and measures to protect our workers and your votes!



24/7 on-site guards and security



24/7 cybersecurity monitoring



Fully fenced premises



Access control on all doors and vehicle gates

200+ security cameras providing full visibility inside and outside

Partnership with the Sheriff's Department and local law enforcement

Want to visit the Ballot Processing Center?

Media who are interested in visiting the Ballot Processing Center must contact the RR/CC Media Team at **MediaInfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov** or call the media hotlines at **(562) 462-2833** and **(562) 462-2726**.



REPORTING ELECTION RESULTS

Our commitment to transparency and accountability extends to every facet of the electoral process, and the reporting of results is no exception.

Find Election Results at **RESULTS.LAVOTE.GOV**



Reporting Results on Election Night

First Results

8:30pm - 8:45pm

Vote by Mail ballots cast before Election Day **Second Results**



8:45pm - 9:00pm

Ballots cast at a Vote Center before Election Day

Remaining Results: Ballots cast at a Vote Center on Election Day

Process and Timing:

- When Vote Centers close, Election Workers will complete their closing procedures and then deliver their ballots to Sheriff's Deputies at a designated Check-in Center.
- Sheriff's Deputies then transport ballots from the Check-in Center to the Ballot Processing Center to be processed and counted.
- All ballots cast at the Vote Center on Election Day will be counted and reported. Once all ballots are counted, we will release the Semi-Final Results.

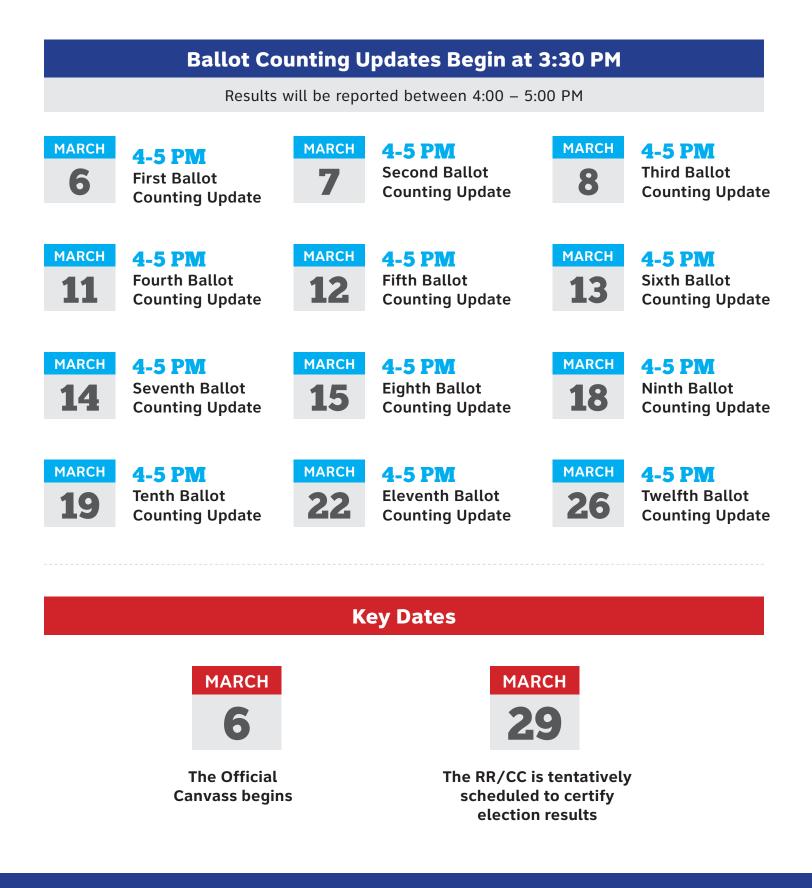
Reporting Results after Election Night

It's important to know that counting ballots and reporting results does not end on Election Night. All Vote by Mail ballots cast by Election Day and received within seven (7) days from Election Day will be accepted, processed, and once verified, counted.

All Conditional Voter Registration (same-day registration) and Provisional Ballots cast on Election Day are processed and added to the tally once they are cleared.

See the post-Election night results update schedule on the next page.

REPORTING ELECTION RESULTS



TRANSPORTING BALLOTS FOR TABULATION



On Election Night, ballots from all Vote Centers are brought to the RR/CC Ballot Processing Center (BPC) in the City of Industry for central tabulation.

After the Vote Centers close at 8 PM, Election Workers will secure the voted ballots in sealed ballot boxes and account for unused ballots. Election Workers will also separately package Vote by Mail ballots that were dropped off at Vote Centers. All materials and quantities are accounted for in the Official Ballot Statement. Then Election Workers transport the ballots to designated Check-In Centers located throughout the County.

Sheriff Deputies transport the voted ballots from the Check-in Centers by car, helicopter or boat to the BPC. Ballots come in from as far away as Lancaster, Palmdale and Catalina Island.

Between 10:30 – 11:30 PM a large number of ballots begin to arrive at the BPC.

Prior to tabulation, all ballots must be checked in, removed from boxes, inspected and prepared for counting.

Ballots are moved to the tabulation center in a continuous flow. There, operators load the ballots onto scanners for tabulation.

BALLOT DROP BOX INFORMATION

Ballot Drop Boxes provide voters with a safe, accessible, and contact free method to return their voted ballot.

All Ballot Drop Boxes are available to voters beginning February 1, 2024, the same day Vote by Mail ballots are being mailed to voters. All Ballot Drop Boxes will close at 8 PM on Election Day, March 5, 2024.

Safety and Security of Ballot Drop Boxes

- Ballots are picked up daily by two designated RR/CC staff
- Bolted securely into cement or chained in place at each location
- Designed with security features identified in state regulations
- All boxes have an exterior coating to reduce permanent graffiti or damage
- The County works with law enforcement agencies, cities, local stakeholders, and community-based organizations to monitor and safeguard all boxes



Find a Ballot Drop Box near you: LOCATOR.LAVOTE.GOV



VOTE CENTER INFORMATION

Voters in Los Angeles County have the option to cast their ballot in-person at any Vote Center.



There are a total of



Vote Center Days and Hours of Operation:

11-Day Vote Centers:

Locations: 119 February 24th - March 4th: 10 AM - 7 PM Election Day, March 5th: 7 AM - 8 PM

4-Day Vote Centers:

Locations: 525 March 2nd - March 4th: 10 AM - 7 PM Election Day, March 5th: 7 AM - 8 PM

For a list of Vote Centers, visit LOCATOR.LAVOTE.GOV or scan the QR code



Visit LAVOTE.GOV or call (800) 815-2666 for more information

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS AT THE VOTE CENTER



Visiting a Vote Center

The voting period and Election Day is an exciting time. **Reporters, journalists, and various media representatives are allowed to visit any Vote Center and capture voting activities.** However, there are guidelines that the media must follow to ensure we maintain a positive and smooth voting experience.

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Media Team advises media members to provide notice before visiting a Vote Center. When the RR/CC Media Team is notified a representative from the team will contact the Vote Center Leads.

If a media member arrives without providing advance notification, Election Workers **do not** need to report or call the RR/CC or RR/CC Media Team unless they are disrupting the voting process.



Media Are Allowed To:

- Enter the Vote Center
- Take photos and videos of the interior of the Vote Center
- Take photos and videos of the exterior of the Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) while occupied
- Take photos and videos of the interior of a BMD if unoccupied
- Take photos and videos of voters and/or Election Workers
- Conduct interviews with voters -- if a voter agrees, the interview should be conducted outside of the Vote Center

Media Are Not Allowed To:

- Block the entrance, exit, or pathway to the Vote Center
- Take photos or videos of the interior of the Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) while occupied by voters
- Take photos or videos of voted ballots before they are deposited inside the BMD (this violates voter's privacy)
- Conduct interviews with Election Workers
- Take photos or videos of voters or Election Workers who express they do not want to be photographed or on camera



Additional Information

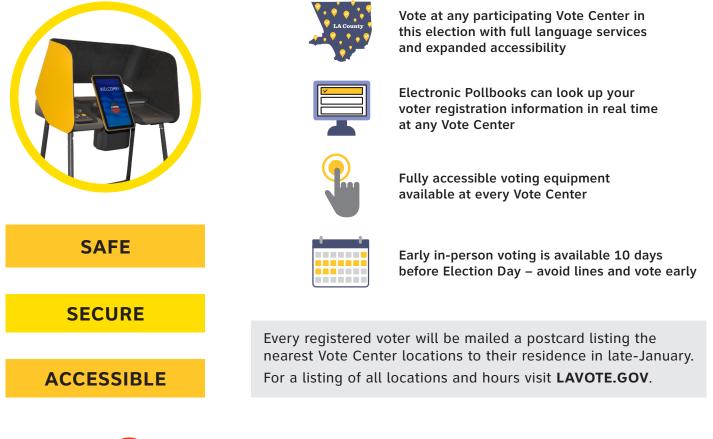
- Direct all media members to send their questions, inquiries, or requests directly to the RR/CC Media Team
- Only the RR/CC Media team is authorized to speak to members of the media
- Activities construed as "Electioneering*" are prohibited within 100 feet of the Vote Center

*Electioneering: The practice of working actively to secure votes for a candidate or ballot measure in an election.

RR/CC Media Team Contacts: (562) 462-2648 or mediainfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov

VOTE CENTERS AND VOTING PERIOD

In L.A. County, we have upgraded from polling places to Vote Centers. Voters have the option to cast a ballot in-person at any Vote Center in the County. Vote Centers look and feel like polling places, but provide additional modern features to make voting easy and convenient.





The California Voter's Choice Act is a new law passed in 2016 to modernize elections in California by allowing counties to conduct elections under a new model that provides greater flexibility and convenience for voters.

This new election model allows voters to choose when, where, and how to cast their ballot by:

- Expanding in-person early voting options
- Allowing voters to cast a ballot at any Vote Center within their county

More information on the California Voter's Choice Act can be found at **sos.ca.gov.**

BALLOT MARKING DEVICE



The benefits of technology for an easy and accessible voting experience - with a paper ballot.

The Ballot Marking Device makes it easy for voters to customize the voting experience to fit their needs. Voters can access 19 languages, adjust the touch screen to a comfortable angle, change the display settings such as text size and contrast or go through the ballot using the audio headset and control pad.

Security remains a top priority for Los Angeles County, that's why this device is not connected to a network or the internet. The easy-to-follow instructions can guide any voter through the voting process without the need for assistance.

Previously, voters with mobility or visual challenges were asked to go to a separate voting booth; not any more. The Ballot Marking Device provides all the accessibility features previously available and upgrades them all into one device.

HOW TO VOTE ON THE BALLOT MARKING DEVICE (BMD)

1. Tap to start

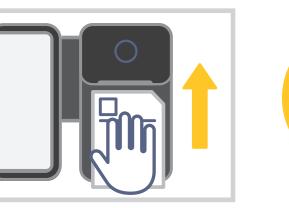


3. Insert ballot



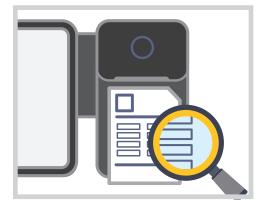


4. Make selections

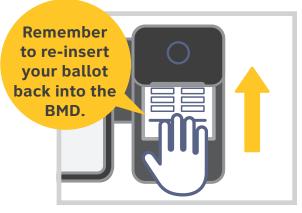




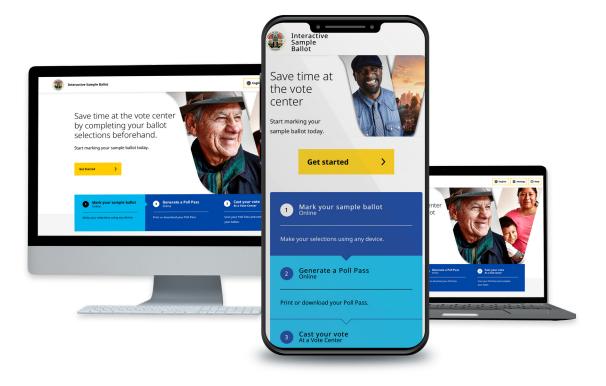
5. Review selections







SAVE TIME AT THE VOTE CENTER



Interactive Sample Ballot

This election may include a large number of candidates appearing on the ballot. To ensure a timely and positive voting experience we encourage in-person voters to utilize the Interactive Sample Ballot (ISB). The ISB is a convenient option for voters who want to access and mark their selections prior to arriving at the Vote Center. Using a computer, mobile phone or personal device voters' can review their ballot information and make their selections. After going through the selection process the Interactive Sample Ballot creates a Poll Pass (QR code) – like an airline boarding pass.

At the Vote Center, voters scan the Poll Pass to transfer their selections to the Ballot Marking Device (BMD). Then, a review screen will display allowing voters a chance to make changes or cast their ballot.

Access your Interactive Sample Ballot at LAVOTE.GOV/ISB

Quick Check-in Code

Take the Quick Check-in Code on your Sample Ballot to any Vote Center. This allows Election Workers at the check-in table to quickly find and print your official ballot.

You can also access your Quick Check-in Code at LAVOTE.GOV

ELECTRONIC POLLBOOK



The Electronic Pollbook (ePollbook) has replaced the paper precinct list of voters and provides Los Angeles County and voters with a modern and secure check-in experience.

Election Workers now have the ability to update voter registration information in real-time allowing voters to visit any participating Vote Center in the Los Angeles County. Voters can securely update their registration information, leave their Vote by Mail ballot at home and still cast a standard in-person ballot, and eligible voters who missed the registration deadline can visit any Vote Center and cast a ballot through Conditional Voter Registration.

The ePollbooks are not connected the Ballot Marking Device or the Tally System to protect voter information and anonymity.

VOTE BY MAIL AND EARLY VOTING OPTIONS

Vote by Mail (VBM)

All registered voters in Los Angeles County have been issued a Vote by Mail ballot.

Voters can track the status of their mailed Vote by Mail ballot by subscribing to Where's My Ballot (**California.ballottrax.com**) free of charge. Real-time notifications are sent to text message, email, or voice message on the mailing of the ballot, and also notifies voters when their ballot is received and counted by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Voters are encouraged to participate in the election by returning their Vote by Mail ballot by mail (no postage required) or dropping it off at any participating Ballot Drop Box or Vote Center.

Ballot Drop Box

Los Angeles County has 400+ Ballot Drop Boxes throughout the County to provide voters with a safe and secure alternative to return a Vote by Mail ballot. All Ballot Drop Boxes are available beginning 29 days prior to Election Day.

A list of Ballot Drop Boxes near the voter's home is included in the Vote by Mail packet. A full list of participating drop box locations and hours can be found on **LAVOTE.GOV**. All Ballot Drop Boxes will close at 8 PM on Election Day.

Early Voting

Voters do not need to wait until Election Day to cast a ballot. The Registrar's Norwalk Headquarters is open for in-person voting 29 days before Election Day, and Vote Centers open as early as 10 days before Election Day. A full list of Vote Center locations will be available on **LAVOTE.GOV**.

Conditional Voter Registration

Eligible voters who live in Los Angeles County and miss the registration deadline can still cast a ballot by visiting any participating Vote Center. Under California Election Law, Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) allows a prospective voter to conditionally register and cast a ballot. Once at a Vote Center, the voter will be handed a CVR ballot to mark their selections. When the voter is ready to cast, they will hand that ballot to the Election Worker to verify voter eligibility during the Official Canvass Period. Once the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk verifies eligibility the ballot will be counted.

SUPPORTED LANGUAGES



Languages	Voters Requesting Materials	Languages	Voters Requesting Materials
Armenian	2,254	Khmer	1,383
Bengali	433	Korean	38,915
Burmese	274	Mongolian	41
Chinese	50,289	Russian	1,572
Farsi	1,927	Spanish	267,883
Gujarati	191	Tagalog	5,762
Hindi	649	Telugu	69
Indonesian	215	Thai	2,991
Japanese	3,142	Vietnamese	13,454

TOTAL: 391,444



As of January 2024





29,901

PROFILE OF THIS ELECTION



Offices 175



Total Candidates Appearing on the Ballot **822**



Local Measures **16**



Election Precincts 2,391



Vote Centers 644 *As of JAN 2024





338







Voters by Age	Registered	% of Registered
18-29	1,129,992	19.91%
30-39	1,133,918	19.98%
40-49	878,451	15.48%
50-59	842,882	14.85%
60-69	823,511	14.51%
70-79	552,939	9.74%
80-89	243,546	4.29%
90+	71,084	1.25%
TOTAL	5,676,323	100%

POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE

C	ualified Parties	Registered	% of Registered
THERENDAN THE	American Independent	178,528	3.1%
) 	Democratic	3,013,130	53.1%
Green Party	Green	26,117	0.5%
RELEVICION N	Libertarian	49,827	0.9%
NONE	No Party Preference*	1,274,549	22.5%
OTHER	Other	94,282	1.7%
PEACE AND PEACE AND PARTY	Peace & Freedom	40,554	0.7%
	Republican	999,336	17.6%
	TOTAL	5,676,323	100%

^{*}The "No Party Preference" group includes those who have no party preference, declined to state a party preference or chose a non-qualified political party.

OFFICES/ DISTRICTS

	Supervisorial Districts				
District	Registered Voters	District	Registered Voters		
1 st	1,027,389	4 th	1,185,654		
2 nd	1,091,758	5 th	1,157,990		
3 rd	1,213,532				

	State Assembly Districts				
District	Registered Voters	District	Registered Voters		
34 th	92,525	53 rd	76,208		
39 th	134,628	54 th	216,427		
40 th	328,837	55 th	298,949		
41 st	242,043	56 th	282,576		
42 nd	116,028	57 th	218,549		
43 rd	250,763	61 st	280,010		
44 th	328,748	62 nd	239,539		
46 th	278,740	64 th	245,360		
48 th	270,810	65 th	266,287		
49 th	253,010	66 th	313,731		
51 st	313,085	67 th	50,534		
52 nd	293,773	69 th	285,163		

OFFICES/ DISTRICTS

	State Senate Districts				
District	Registered Voters	District	Registered Voters		
20 th	487,074	28 th	540,059		
22 nd	368,545	30 th	541,171		
23 rd	410,363	33 rd	547,084		
24 th	687,465	34 th	39,334		
25 th	580,513	35 th	515,828		
26 th	477,878	36 th	50,534		
27 th	430,475				

Congressional Districts					
District	Registered Voters	District	Registered Voters		
23 rd	8,563	35 th	74,573		
26 th	38,163	36 th	498,026		
27 th	449,419	37 th	399,501		
28 th	410,450	38 th	414,515		
29 th	382,272	42 nd	399,914		
30 th	474,057	43 rd	403,299		
31 st	414,016	44 th	421,204		
32 nd	477,007	45 th	52,428		
34 th	358,916				

LOS ANGELES COUNTY STATISTICS



Total Population

9.7 million Based on 2022 U.S. Census Bureau Stats

Eligible Population of Voters

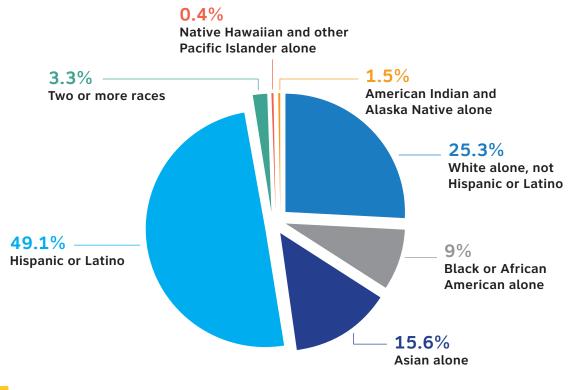
6.5 million

Estimated by SOS as of January 2024

Registered Voters

5.6 million By SOS as of January 2024

Estimates of Population of Race and Ethnicity in L.A. County



Based on July 2021 U.S. Census Bureau Stats

MARCH 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION FAQ

UNDERSTANDING YOUR POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE OPTIONS

- HOW CAN I CHECK MY PARTY PREFERENCE OR REGISTRATION STATUS?
- Check your voter registration status to see the political party you are registered with at LAVOTE.GOV/VRSTATUS or call (800) 815-2666, option 2.

CAN I CHOOSE ANY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE?

▲ Yes. You can choose from the six qualified political parties on the registration form. These are the parties that will hold their presidential primaries on March 5, 2024.

CAN I CHANGE MY PARTY PREFERENCE TO VOTE FOR A DIFFERENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE?

Yes. To do so, you will need to re-register to vote with a new party. Through February 20, any voter can register to vote online or fill out a paper registration form On Election Day, you can change your party preference at a Vote Center. Remember, you may vote in only one party's primary election.

• DO I NEED TO CHOOSE A POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE?

No. If you choose to register with no party preference, you can still get a ballot with the presidential candidates of some parties, but not all. Your party preference does not affect your ability to vote for any other contests on the ballot.

e IF I HAVE NO PARTY PREFERENCE, HOW CAN I VOTE FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES?

▲ As a voter with no party preference, you will get a nonpartisan ballot with no presidential candidates unless you request a crossover ballot of one of the parties that will allow voters with no party preference to participate in their presidential primaries.

VOTER REGISTRATION

HOW CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

- ▲ The easiest method to register to vote is online at LAVOTE.GOV.
- ▲ Voter registration applications are also available at most government buildings like libraries, DMV offices, Post Offices, and the Registrar Headquarters in Norwalk.
- ▲ Voters must register to vote by **February 20** to receive a Vote by Mail ballot for this election.

CAN I VOTE IF I MISS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE?

▲ Yes. Any eligible voter who misses the February 20 deadline can still vote in person at any Vote Center in L.A. County via Conditional Voter Registration (same-day registration).

HOW AND WHEN SHOULD I UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION?

If a voter has moved, changed their name, or wants to change their political party affiliation, they can update their registration at LAVOTE.GOV. For voters who have moved out of County or State, please contact the Registrar's office at (800) 201-8999, option 2 to cancel your registration, or visit LAVOTE.GOV to download the Cancel Registration form.

MARCH 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION FAQ

VOTE BY MAIL (VBM)

- **WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT?**
- Vote by mail ballots are mailed to all registered voters beginning February 1.
- HOW CAN I TRACK MY VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT?
- ▲ Voters can track their ballot by subscribing to **Where's My Ballot** at **california.ballottrax.net**. This is a free subscription that sends automatic notifications by text, email, or voicemail on the status of their ballot.
- WHERE CAN I FIND A LIST OF BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS?
- **A** Online at **LAVOTE.GOV**.
- ▲ A list of Ballot Drop Box locations near the voter's residence is included in the Vote by Mail packet.

WHY DO I NEED TO SIGN THE RETURN ENVELOPE?

- ▲ The Registrar verifies the signature on the Return Envelope with the signature on the voter's registration record to confirm eligibility.
- e do I put my birthday on the return envelope or the date of return?
- ▲ Enter the date the ballot is returned. If a voter enters their birth date instead, the ballot will still be processed, and once verified, it will be counted.

🔶 WHEN DO I NEED TO SUBMIT MY BALLOT?

- ▲ Voters can return their ballot as soon as they receive it.
- ▲ All ballots MUST be postmarked or returned to a Official Drop Box or Vote Center by Election Day.
- ▲ The Registrar will accept ballots postmarked by Election Day and received within 7 days after Election Day.

🔶 WHAT IF I DON'T RECEIVE A BALLOT OR IT GETS DAMAGED?

- Voters can request a replacement ballot at LAVOTE.GOV/REPLACEBALLOT. The last day to request a replacement is February 27.
- Call (800) 815-2666, option 2, or email votebymail@rrcc.lacounty.gov with your full name, date of birth, and address.

HOW CAN I REQUEST A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT IN A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE?

- Fill out and return the Language Request Form on the back of the Sample Ballot book.
- ▲ Call the Registrar's Multilingual Services Section at (800) 815-2666, option 3.
- Supported languages: Armenian, Chinese, Khmer, Farsi, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Hindi, Japanese, Thai, Russian, Burmese, Telugu, Gujarati, Indonesian, Mongolian, and Bengali.

MARCH 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION FAQ

IN-PERSON VOTING

e CAN I VOTE IN PERSON?

- A Yes. Voters will have the option to vote in person at any Vote Center beginning **February 24**.
- ▲ Vote Centers will be open daily from 10 AM to 7 PM, and from 7 AM to 8 PM on Election Day.

HOW CAN I FIND A VOTE CENTER?

- ▲ Visit LOCATOR.LAVOTE.GOV to view the Vote Center app or call (800) 815-2666, option 1.
- The app displays all Vote Center locations in LA County and their estimated wait times.
- Every registered voter will be mailed a separate mailer in late-January that lists the nearest Vote Center locations to their home.

WHEN CAN I VOTE IN PERSON?

- Voters can visit any Vote Center beginning February 24.
- Take advantage of early voting opportunities and vote early.
- **OVER ALCONT OF A CONTRUCTION AND A CONTRUCT OF A CONTRUM**
- California law does not require registered voters to show identification when voting.
- However, if a voter is registering for the first time, they must provide a valid government photo ID or the last four digits of the Social Security number.

SAFE **ELECTION** PLAN

The Los Angeles County "Safe Election Plan" aligns with the latest best practices to prevent illnesses such as COVID-19, flu, and colds. These were developed in consultation with relevant health authorities using the best public health information available.

Vaccination

Election Workers will be encouraged to stay up to date with their vaccines and boosters.



Masks

- Optional face masks will be available for voters.
- Optional face masks and N95 masks will be available for Election Workers.
- The RR/CC will follow current mask rules and public health guidelines, such as return-to-work guidelines for individuals who are recovering from a COVID-19 case.

Hygiene

 Hand sanitizer will be available for voters and workers.



 The importance of hand washing and sanitizing will be emphasized in Election Worker training.



Cleaning

 Cleaning of ePollbooks, Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs), and other frequently used surfaces in the Vote Center.

Ventilation

· Doors and windows will be propped open, when possible, to increase fresh, outdoor air.

Limit exposure to sick and exposed persons



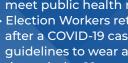
- Election Workers with COVID-19 cases will be excluded from the Vote Center until they meet public health return-to-work guidelines.
- Election Workers returning to the Vote Center after a COVID-19 case will follow public health guidelines to wear a well-fitting mask through day 10.
- Election Workers with close contact exposure will follow current DPH masking and testing requirements.

Ongoing aspects of the voting process that also support **COVID-19 prevention.**



- All voters are provided a VBM ballot and have the option to vote from home.
- · All voters are encouraged to take measures to speed up their election process, which limits their time in the Vote Center. These include verifying voter registration in advance, using the Interactive Sample Ballot (ISB) to pre-mark selections, and bringing their Sample Ballot to speed up the voter check-in.
- BMDs are spaced out to support privacy and accessibility.
- Vote Center layouts use one-directional traffic flow when possible.
- All voters are encouraged to take advantage of early voting and voting at off-peak times if possible.

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CANVASS: FINALIZING THE VOTE

Finalizing the Official Vote Tally (Canvass)

Counting ballots does not end on Election Night. The Registrar's office makes sure all ballots cast are counted. After Election Night there are tens of thousands of ballots that need to be counted, including Vote by Mail ballots received on Election Day, provisional ballots, write-in ballots, and damaged ballots. These ballots are counted during the 30-day period known as the Official Election Canvass. Provisional ballots require additional review to verify voters are eligible to vote and write-in ballots were cast for qualified candidates.

California state law requires the RR/CC to complete and certify the results within 30 days. This provision of the law recognizes the complexity of completing the ballot count and conducting a thorough audit of the election results to ensure accuracy.

The legally mandated processes described above are utilized to guarantee that every eligible vote is counted and included in the official final election returns.

Auditing the Election Results

By law, a random sample of ballots from every election must be manually tallied to verify Election Night machine counts. A minimum of all votes cast in one percent (1%) of the precincts is included in this process, which is known as the 1% Manual Tally Audit. The 1% Manual Tally Audit is open to the public. (E.C. 15360)

Public Observation

Every citizen has the right to observe the Official Election Canvass process. Candidates and the public are invited to observe the ballot counting and auditing process by joining the Election Observer Program. The program is part of Los Angeles County's commitment to conducting open and transparent elections.

Election observers have the opportunity to observe the logic and accuracy testing of the election systems equipment, Vote by Mail ballot processing, Election Day activities at Vote Centers and Check-in Centers, tally center operations and post-election processing.

To learn more, the Election Observer Panel Plan is available online at **LAVOTE.GOV**.

REQUESTING A RECOUNT

Who can request a recount?

Any voter of the state may file a request (E.C. § 15620). For more information download our booklet at **LAVOTE.GOV**.

Timing of Request

The request must be filed within five (5) calendar days, after the completion of the official canvass. The RR/CC is not open on weekends or holidays. If the deadline falls on the weekend or holiday, the date will be moved to the next business day (E.C. \S 15).

Exceptions

- For statewide recount contests, the request may be filed with the Secretary of State's Office within five (5) days beginning on the 31st day after the election (E.C. § 15621).
- If election is conducted in more than one county the request may be filed within five (5) days beginning on the 31st day after the election (E.C. § 15620).

Notice of Recount

A notice stating the date and place of the recount will be posted by the elections official at least one day prior to the recount and the following persons will be notified in person or by telegram (E.C. § 15628).

Notices are issued to the following parties:

- All candidates for the office being recounted.
- Authorized representatives for presidential candidates, if the race for presidential delegates is to be recounted.
- Proponents of any initiative or referendum or persons filing ballot arguments for or against any initiative, referendum or measure to be recounted.
- Secretary of State if the recount is for candidates for any state or federal office, delegates to a national convention, or any state measure.



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