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## Los Angeles County Resolves DOJ Inquiry on Voting Accessibility

**LOS ANGELES** – Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan today issued the following statement regarding the <u>County's resolution of an inquiry by the U.S. Department</u> of Justice (DOJ) on Voting Accessibility:

"I am pleased that the County has reached a cooperative agreement with the Department of Justice that both recognizes the viability and significance of Los Angeles County's voting accessibility programs and that resolves with prejudice the legal action originally filed alleging violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) concerning voting locations that the County disputed.

After considerable review and discovery, it was clear that Los Angeles County prioritizes and supports robust, accessible voting programs, including in-person voting options with accessible voting devices, curbside voting services, remote accessible vote by mail, and specific training of election officials in the best practices for assisting voters with disabilities. No systemic deficiencies were identified.

What is also clear is that the County is challenged by aging infrastructure and available facilities to serve as Vote Centers that meet the rigorous standards for physical access under the ADA. Our agreement with the DOJ is focused on this challenge – including the intricacies of sidewalk slopes, public transit access, and clear paths of travel leading to voting areas.

To assist and accelerate efforts to identify accessible voting locations and to ensure mitigations that enhance accessibility when facilities are not already ADA compliant, the County will engage an Accessibility Expert to review site surveys, mitigation plans, and associated policies. The expert will be engaged for three years and provide reports and recommendations allowing the County and the DOJ to track ongoing compliance and enhanced accessibility absent litigation.

Our mission has always been to provide fair, accessible, and transparent voting services to the voters of Los Angeles County. We take pride in our longstanding engagement with the disability rights community and our direct collaboration with voters with disabilities in designing and developing our voting services. This resolution reinforces our commitment to these principles.

We remain steadfast in our dedication to accessibility and ensuring equitable voting opportunities for all. We believe this resolution will allow us to strengthen our efforts further and maintain the inclusivity in our voting programs."

The mission of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is to serve Los Angeles County by providing essential records management and election services in a fair, accessible, and transparent manner. For more information, visit LAVOTE.GOV and follow us on social media @LACountyRRCC.

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