

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

November 3, 2025

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## ELECTION STATUS UPDATE – NOVEMBER 4, 2025 STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION

This report is to inform your Board of our preparation and operations for the November 4, 2025 Statewide Special Election. This election was called on August 21, 2025, which was 75 days before Election Day. The Department is administering this election under a compressed timeline, and under special provisions included in the legislation calling for the Special Election.

The election status update supports the Department's ongoing commitment to fair, accessible, and transparent election services.

#### **Vote by Mail**

As of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Department issued 5,853,891 ballots and 1,294,326 have been returned. Voters continue to return ballots at Ballot Drop Boxes and through the United States Postal Service. In addition, voters are now returning ballots to the 251 Vote Centers that are open. The Department encourages Vote by Mail as a safe and convenient method for voting. Voters are strongly encouraged to return VBM ballots early whenever possible, to allow for timely processing.

We anticipate that VBM ballots received at the Ballot Processing Center by November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be processed in time to be tallied on Election Night (November 4th). The Department will continue to process all VBM ballots received as quickly as possible, with the goal of maximizing the number of ballots included in the election results reported on Election Night. Preparations have been made to process the significant volume of Vote by Mail ballots we anticipate receiving on Election Day.

The ballot cure process is available to voters who return their VBM return envelope unsigned or whose ballot signature cannot be verified. Voters are notified of the issue and provided with a Signature Verification and Unsigned Ballot Envelope Statement. The statement can be returned via mail, in-person, email, fax, or by using our SMS text-based system. There have been 2,357 VBM ballots returned missing a signature, and 5,557 VBM ballots have been returned with a signature that did not match. There have been 2,287 (29%) ballots cured by voters so far for the Statewide Special Election. The list of voters whose ballots are awaiting cure is available upon request through our Election Information process. Additional information is available on our website.

A variety of VBM resources are available on our <u>website</u>. The <u>"Where's My Ballot?"</u> tool allows voters to track their ballot. The <u>Ballot Drop Box Locator Tool</u> assists voters in finding a location of their preference.

#### **Vote Centers**

The full contingent of 251 Vote Centers opened on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. We observed a smooth weekend of voting with no major issues to report. More than 42,000 voters visited a Vote Center over the weekend to cast their ballot. Vote Centers are open 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM today, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Vote Centers will be open from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM on Election Day, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Voters can use the <u>Vote Center Locator Tool</u> to find a location of their preference, get driving directions, and see the current wait time. As of October 30<sup>th</sup>, there have been 92,024 check-ins across our Vote Centers.

Vote Center postcards were mailed to every registered voter listing the nearest 11-day location and the two nearest 4-day locations to each voter's residence. The postcard also included instructions on how voters can expedite their in-person experience using the Quick Check-In Code provided in the Sample Ballot or the Poll Pass, as well as options for returning VBM ballots. The distribution of the Vote Center postcard mailing was completed on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Voter Turnout**

Early VBM returns for the Special Statewide Election are consistent with other special elections like the 2021 Gubernatorial Recall Election and are higher than the 2024 General Election. We continue to see plateauing in the return rate of VBM ballots as we approach Election Day. Current VBM returns are now lower than the 2021 Gubernatorial Recall and 2024 General Election at this same point in the election. Inperson voting is nearly identical when comparing turnout for similar elections, such as the 2021 Gubernatorial Recall Election.

Equity, availability, and accessibility are paramount in delivering critical voting services. There are a variety of factors that influence participation levels, and turnout is not the only data point we look at when evaluating the effectiveness of an election. The tables below detail the overall turnout and by Supervisorial District as of October 30th.

Method	Votes
Vote Centers	92,024
Vote by Mail	1,294,326
Total	1,386,350

Method	First District	Second District	Third District	Fourth District	Fifth District
Vote Centers	14,995	13,901	19,572	20,530	23,026
Vote by Mail	202,464	227,148	304,107	265,003	295,604
Total	217,459	241,049	323,679	285,533	318,629

The Department continues to monitor voter participation to ensure smooth operations and timely results throughout the election. We are always mindful of the potential for significant turnout on Election Day, which may result in lines or longer wait times at some Vote Centers. We are prepared to respond to increased demand with additional capacity through our contingency resources and staffing reserves.

#### **Congressional Delegation Election Observation**

The Department collaborated with the Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO LAIR) to provide tours of the Los Angeles County Ballot Processing Center (BPC) to federal, and state elected officials and their staff. The BPC is a secure state-of-the-art facility that serves as the nucleus of our election operations and exemplifies Los Angeles County's commitment to election integrity and transparency. Major operations are run out of the BPC, including ballot receiving, VBM processing, election tally, official election canvass operations, network operations center, call centers, and the election command center. This observation opportunity enables elected officials and their staff to gain a deeper understanding of our processes and operations, which we hope will inform future lawmaking.

For the Statewide Special Election, approximately 25 representatives from elected offices will take part in these tours, including members of Congress and the State Assembly. In addition, we are hosting tours for local offices such as cities, the Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury, and offices of the Board of Supervisors. The BPC is open for public observation during the election and through the official election canvass, which ends on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Los Angeles Dodgers Championship Parade Impact

The Los Angeles Dodgers held their World Series Championship parade and celebration today, Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 AM. The parade began at North Broadway and West Temple Street and continued through Downtown Los Angeles, ending on Figueroa Street and West 5<sup>th</sup> Street. There were multiple road closures scheduled for this parade, which impacted access to voting services in the area.

Multiple Vote Centers and Official Ballot Drop Boxes in Downtown Los Angeles are in the impacted areas where large crowds and traffic assembled for the parade. We used social media posts and signage to encourage voters to plan and allow extra time for voting or dropping off a ballot in the affected area.

The parade path directly impacted three Vote Centers located at:

- Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration: 500 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 (Parking: Use Lot 14 or Music Center parking, entering from Hope Street)
- Millennium Biltmore Tower: 500 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90071
- Chinatown Branch Library: 639 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

The parade path also impacted Ballot Drop Boxes located in adjacent areas at:

- Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
- Los Angeles Central Library
- Chinatown Branch Library
- Little Tokyo Branch Library

The Ballot Drop Boxes and Vote Centers remained open during the parade and celebration. Voters in the area had the opportunity to vote or drop off their ballots. Arrangements were made to ensure our staffing and operations were prepared to provide election services during the event.

The Department worked closely with the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management, and the Dodgers to minimize the impact on our operations.

#### **Election Results Reporting**

The official election tally will begin on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM at the Los Angeles County Ballot Processing Center, in the City of Industry. The election results update schedule is as follows:

- Ballot Tabulation Begins: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM
- Vote by Mail ballots cast and processed before Election Day: 8:15 PM 8:30 PM
- Vote Center ballots cast before Election Day: 8:30 PM 8:45 PM
- Vote center ballots cast on Election Day: 9:30 PM TBD

The remaining ballots will be processed and tallied during the Official Canvass Period. Subsequent election results updates will include VBM ballots returned on Election Day, and those postmarked by Election Day and received up to 7 days after Election Day.

The Canvass Update Schedule is as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
-	-	November 5	November 6	November 7	
November 10	November 11	November 12	November 13	November 14	
November 17	November 18	-	November 20	November 21	
-	-	November 26	-	-	
-	December 2	-	-	-	

Additional election results may take place over the weekend, if required. The Department is scheduled to certify the election results on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Mobile Vote Centers**

Due to the compressed timeline for conducting this election, the Mobile Vote Centers are being used for contingency operations. There are five Pop Up Vote Center teams stationed across the County and ready to respond to any emergencies or disruptions. These teams are deployed on an as-needed basis to assist with issues such as equipment failures, staffing challenges, and expanding capacity at high-turnout Vote Centers.

The Voting in Jails Program has been completed. This program brought in-person voting to all LA County jail facilities for the Statewide Special Election. This program was conducted leveraging our Flex Vote Centers in partnership with the Sheriff's Department. Flex Vote Centers offer the full range of voting options and services provided by our Vote Centers. This includes the Electronic Pollbook, Ballot Marking Device (with language and accessibility features), and Conditional Voter Registration services.

Mobile Vote Centers were deployed to serve voters in the areas impacted by the Eaton and Palisades fires. Pop-up Vote Centers have been or are scheduled to be deployed at community events or locations to provide in-person voting access in targeted communities.

#### **Services for Fire-Impacted Areas and Voters**

The devastating impacts of the Eaton and Palisades Fires this year continue to be felt by Los Angeles County residents. The Department is committed to assisting voters in the fire-impacted areas and providing them with the information and services they need to vote in this election. A dedicated page on our <a href="website">website</a> <a href="https://www.lavote.gov/recovery">https://www.lavote.gov/recovery</a> provides critical information regarding voter registration, mailing address changes, interacting with the United States Postal Service, and accessing vital records.

Since January 2025, the Department has led a broad voter engagement effort across Los Angeles County, including community workshops, digital/social campaigns, and multilingual education initiatives to increase awareness of voting options. Most recently, I participated in a Pasadena Area Voter Information Town Hall to inform voters about available resources, accessible voting methods, and upcoming election timelines.

For the Statewide Special Election, the Department conducted targeted voter outreach to individuals impacted by recent wildfires to ensure their continued access to voting. Efforts included direct email notifications and robocalls to voters whose ballots were returned as undeliverable, providing instructions on how to request a replacement ballot, update their registration, or vote in person at any Vote Center.

In addition to voter education and outreach efforts, the Department provided in-person voting services specifically intended for voters in the fire-impacted areas. Mobile Vote Centers were deployed to the following locations for the Statewide Special Election:

#### **Calabasas One-Stop Permit Center**

27001 Agoura Rd, Suite 250, Calabasas, CA 91302

• Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025

• **Voting Hours:** 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

#### **Eaton Fire Collaboratory**

540 W Woodbury Ave, Altadena, CA 91001

• Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025

• **Voting Hours:** 10:30 AM – 6:00 PM

#### **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) 815-2666

Email: voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov

Website: lavote.gov

#### **Resources for Media/Communications Deputies**

Election Results
Fact Sheets
Press Releases
Outreach Toolkit

#### **Media/Communications Contact**

Michael Sanchez, Communications Manager (562) 462-2648 – office (562) 274-3938 – mobile <a href="mailto:msanchez@rrcc.lacounty.gov">msanchez@rrcc.lacounty.gov</a>

#### **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 me at (562) 462-2716 or email <a href="mailto:dlogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov">dlogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov</a>. Your staff may also contact Adrian Avelar, Manager of Policy and Program Compliance, at (562) 345-8372 or email <a href="mailto:aavelar@rrcc.lacounty.gov">aavelar@rrcc.lacounty.gov</a> for any additional information or assistance.

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Attachment



### **November 2025 Statewide Special Election Status Update Dashboard**



#### **Vote Centers**

- 251 total Vote Centers available for the 2025 Statewide Special Election
  - o 111 Vote Centers opened on Saturday, October 25th
  - o 140 Vote Centers scheduled to open on Saturday, November 1st
- 92,024 Voter Check-ins



#### **Election Workers**

- 3,677 total Election Workers for the 2025 Statewide Special Election
  - o 1,610 County Election Workers
  - o 2,067 Community Election Workers
  - o 2,110 Multilingual Election Workers (57%)



## Vote by Mail

- 5,853,891 Vote by Mail Ballots Issued
- 1,294,326 2 Vote by Mail Ballots Returned



## **Ballot Drop Boxes**

- 418 Ballot Drop Boxes
  - o Opened on October 2, 2025
  - o Ballots are retrieved daily at all locations
- 488,160 ballots returned via Ballot Drop Boxes

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