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## Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Wins Outstanding Service and Accessibility Award for its In-Person Voting in Jails Program

**LOS ANGELES** — Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan announced that the National Association of Election Officials (Election Center) awarded the RR/CC with the 2024 Professional Practices Independence Award for Outstanding Service and Accessibility for its In-Person Voting in the Jails Program.

The Professional Practices Program is presented annually at the Election Center's National Conference and highlights excellence in election professionalism. The <u>Election Center</u>, also known as the National Association of Election Officials, is a nonprofit organization with a mission to promote, preserve, and improve democracy.

"It is an honor to be recognized by the National Association of Election Officials for our program that ensures eligible system-impacted individuals have the opportunity to exercise their fundamental right to vote," said Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan. "Inclusivity and accessibility are foundational pillars guiding our mission and principles to enhance the voting experience for our voters and the Department in the administration of elections in Los Angeles County."

Historically, incarcerated eligible voters could only cast their ballots through the Vote by Mail program, which was facilitated by a partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD).

In 2020, when Los Angeles County implemented its new voting model and system, Voting Solutions for All People, the RR/CC and LASD expanded voting access to include the in-person voting experience in jails.

"When Democracy includes everyone it makes our communities safer, our policies stronger, and our people more engaged in California's future," said Assemblymember Isaac Bryan, who has advanced legislation to expand voting options for system-impacted individuals. "We are investing in our communities when we make sure every Californian who is eligible to vote has that opportunity."

In the 2024 Presidential Primary Election, the RR/CC and LASD provided the in-person voting experience in all County jails for the first time. The in-person experience will be available to all eligible inmates again in all County jail facilities leading up to the November 5, 2024, General Election.

The In-Person Voting in Jails Program was also recognized by the National Association of Counties (NACo) with a 2023 NACo Achievement Award in Civic Education and Public Information (Best in Category).

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