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MESSAGE from Dean

During the last three months, our office has been part of a wide-reach community effort to ensure voters know about our transition from polling places to vote centers. This new model will allow voters to cast a ballot at any vote center in the County over an 11-day period. Since the Vote Center Placement Project (VCCPP) core mission is to identify and place accessible and convenient vote center locations throughout the County, we partnered with prominent community organizations to help us facilitate these meetings. During this first phase of community meetings, we gathered feedback from over 30 different communities. Voters told us where they wanted to vote in their community, asked questions about the process, learned about the new voting experience and engaged with our staff.

This type of public engagement has been a top priority for our Department from the very start of this initiative and we will continue this process through full implementation in March 2020.

Starting this April, we will kick off a second round of public meetings for more input and engagement.

By identifying and assessing thousands of potential vote center sites to ensure that vote centers and Vote by Mail drop box locations are distributed across the County, we will provide greater access and convenience to all voters. There is a lot of work on the horizon and we are excited for the voters of LA County to experience our vision.

Sincerely,

Dean C. Logan

DEAN C. LOGAN
 Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
 Los Angeles County

VSAP UPDATE

SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT!

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) achieved a major milestone by successfully implementing the new Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot for the California Statewide General Election in November 2018.

Starting in October, LA County Vote by Mail voters received the easy to use, full-faced, multi-card VBM ballot and materials in their preferred language. Postage was not required to return ballots by mail.

The RR/CC also expanded the number of options to vote early and return ballots. Voters had the ability to receive and return their VBM ballot daily at the RR/CC Norwalk headquarters or at 9 other Weekend Early Voting sites the 2 weekends prior to Election Day. LA County Voters could also drop off their ballots at any of the 150 additional VBM drop off sites located throughout the County.

In total, the RR/CC processed 1,350,313 VBM ballots, the highest number of VBM ballots in any election!



Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan with the new VBM ballot design

VOTE CENTER PLACEMENT PROJECT

The First Round of VCPP Grassroots Community Meetings Have Begun

The first round of the Vote Center Placement Project (VCPP) Grassroots Community Meetings kicked off on November 16, 2018. The RR/CC partnered with 18 Community Based Organizations to host and facilitate a total of 33 meetings across the County. We invited members of the public to learn about the Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP), specifically the County's efforts in identifying potential Vote Center locations for the March 2020 Presidential Primary Election and beyond.

The public has been able to provide input on recommended Vote Center locations and suggest additional sites in their own community and Countywide.

The first round of meetings continued through January 2019. For a complete schedule of community meetings, please visit vsap.lavote.net/vote-center-placement-project.

VCPP Partners include:



VOTE CENTER PLAN

First Round of Community



University Center of Lancaster
December 12, 2018



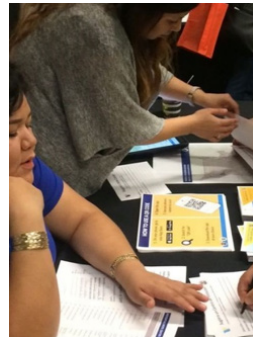
Long Beach Polytechnic High School
December 5, 2018



H&H Jivalagian Youth Center, Pasadena
December 13, 2018



Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut
November 29, 2018



Pacoima
November



Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
December 3, 2018



Petit Park, Granada Hills Recreation Center
November 17, 2018

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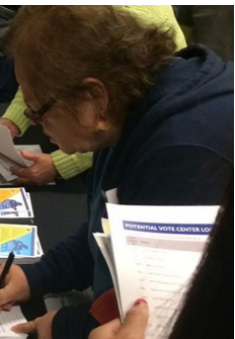
City Grassroots Meetings



Redondo Beach Library
December 6, 2018



Glendale Youth Center
December 14, 2018



City Hall
November 28, 2018



Salvation Army, Compton
November 16, 2018



Inglewood City Hall
December 12, 2018



Albert O. Little Community Center, Artesia
December 4, 2018



Los Angeles Fire Station, North Hollywood
November 29, 2018

VOTE CENTER PLACEMENT PROJECT

2018 Vote Center Placement Project (VCPP) Grassroots Community Meetings

November 16, 2018

Salvation Army in Compton, CA hosted by SBCC Thrive LA

November 17, 2018

Petit Park, Granada Hills Recreation Center in Granada Hills, CA hosted by California Common Cause and Empower LA

November 28, 2018

Pacoima City Hall in Pacoima, CA hosted by Pacoima Beautiful

November 29, 2018

Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, CA hosted by Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE)

November 29, 2018

Los Angeles Fire Station in North Hollywood, CA hosted by California Common Cause and Empower LA

December 1, 2018

Westwood Recreation Center in Westwood, CA hosted by California Common Cause and Empower LA

December 3, 2018

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center in Sherman Oaks, CA hosted by California Common Cause

December 4, 2018

Albert O. Little Community Center in Artesia, CA hosted by Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE)

December 5, 2018

Long Beach Polytechnic High School in Long Beach, CA hosted by SBCC Thrive LA

December 6, 2018

Redondo Beach Public Library in Redondo Beach, CA hosted by California Common Cause

December 8, 2018

Weingarten East Los Angeles YMCA in Los Angeles, CA hosted by NALEO Educational Fund

December 10, 2018

South Baylo University in Koreatown, Los Angeles, CA hosted by Korean American Coalition

December 11, 2018

Inglewood City Hall in Inglewood, CA hosted by California Common Cause

December 12, 2018

University Center of Lancaster in Lancaster, CA hosted by Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)

December 13, 2018

H&H Jivalagian Youth Center in Pasadena, CA hosted by Armenian National Committee of America, Pasadena Chapter

December 14, 2018

Glendale Youth Center in Glendale, CA hosted by Armenian National Committee of America, Western Region Chapter

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

October 1, 2018 - Los Angeles County Management Fellows Program-

The VSAP Team provided a demonstration of the Ballot Marking Device (BMD) in the VSAP Lab at the Norwalk Headquarters to participants of the Los Angeles County Management Fellows Program.

October 2, 2018 - Pasadena Senior Center

The RR/CC Outreach team provided a presentation about VSAP as part of the Fall Masters Series of the Pasadena Senior Center, which provided a full description of the components of the new voting experience and how the County began partnering with community members and organizations to develop VSAP.

October 2, 2018

Vote Center Placement Project Community Based Organization Training

In preparation of the start of the first round of VCPP Grassroots Community Meetings, the RR/CC and PlaceWorks held a comprehensive training for the Community Based Organizations that were selected to host and facilitate the meetings at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

October 7, 2018 - Jack and Jill “Impact Your Vote”

The RR/CC Outreach team gave a presentation at the “Impact of your Vote” event for Jack and Jill Los Angeles at the Law Offices of Shepard Mullin, Richter and Hampton in Century City to high school students in the 11th and 12th grades.

October 12, 2018 - Black Women for Wellness

The RR/CC Outreach team provided a presentation about how to use the new Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot and the implementation of the future voting experience at Black Women for Wellness Sisters @ 8 monthly meeting.

October 16, 2018 - Long Beach City Community Forum

In partnership with the Long Beach City Clerk’s office, Aaron Nevarez, Governmental and Legislative Affairs Manager, facilitated a presentation at a community forum designed for residents to learn about the New Vote by Mail ballot and the VSAP Project.

October 31, 2018 - Regional Independent Living Center

The RR/CC Outreach team gave a presentation about the accessibility features of each element of the new voting experience, including the Vote by Mail ballot in East Los Angeles, CA.

IN THE NEWS

News articles that feature the VSAP

December 2018 | Did You Know Polling Sites Are Disappearing in 2020? Find Out More at the Community Meetings Public Input on 2020 Vote Centers | Los Angeles Sentinel

December 2018 | For charter cities like Long Beach, future election dates hinge on legal challenge | Long Beach Post

December 2018 | ANCA CV to Co-Host Voter Information Community Meeting with LA County | Asbarez Armenian news

December 2018 | L.A. County Plans to Transition to Vote Centers | LA Weekly

December 2018 | Out with the old, in the with new | Signal Tribune

December 2018 | Residents suggest locations of future vote centers in Long Beach | Long Beach Post

December 2018 | SCV residents get chance to give input on voter centers next month | The Signal Santa Clarita Valley

December 2018 | An Invitation From Inglewood City Clerk Horton | LA Sentinel

November 2018 | Community meetings on 2020 vote slated | Compton Herald

November 2018 | Community Meetings To Get Public Input on 2020 Vote Centers Begin Friday | My News LA

November 2018 | Community Meetings Will Be Held Across the Region to Get Public's Input on 2020 Vote Centers | NBC4

November 2018 | LA County 'vote centers' are coming to San Fernando Valley neighborhoods. Here's your chance to weigh in | Los Angeles Daily News

November 2018 | L.A. County Registrar Dean Logan Answers Viewer Voting Questions Ahead of Election Tuesday | KTLA

October 2018 | Enjoy Your Local Polling Place While You Can. It Probably Won't Last | LAist

October 2018 | Here's how LA County voting will change in 2020 | KPCC

October 2018 | Voting in 2020? It Might Not Be At a Polling Place | NBC4

October 2018 | Vote-by-mail ballots to arrive for CA residents, local event to inform about updated VSAP initiative | Signal Tribune

October 2018 | County Registrar Mails More than 2.3 Million New, Improved Vote by Mail Ballots | SCV News

October 2018 | Counties May Switch to Vote Centers in 2020 | NBC4

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