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MESSAGE from Dean

On October 9, 2.3 million permanent vote by mail voters started to receive their newly redesigned vote by mail ballots in the mail. This marked an important milestone for Voting Solutions for All People and our efforts to modernize voting in Los Angeles County.

Our newly redesigned Vote by Mail ballots are easier to read, easier to fill out and, for the very first time, no postage is required to send them back. The full-face ballot is our first step in implementing a new voting experience and represents years of research, input gathering and user testing.

Making the voting process accessible to all has been one of our core missions and this is the public's opportunity to get a glimpse of the full experience we are crafting for 2020. Public engagement has been the driving force for this initiative since day one. Hearing the concerns and feedback from voters in LA County has driven all the decisions we have made and we plan on using this voter-centered approach as we continue to 2020.

As we get closer to 2019, we have a lot more planned – from our Vote Center Placement Project, which will outline where in the County vote centers will be located to conducting large-scale meetings in a large number of communities to gather input from stakeholders. We will also work on a mock election to introduce the full new voter experience to the residents of this County.

Together we are taking on this new endeavor and letting our principles guide us along the way. Get excited, there is more to come.

Dean C. Logan

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Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
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VOTE CENTER RESEARCH PROJECT

In California, five Counties (Madera, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento and San Mateo) have already implemented the Vote Center model in accordance with the Voter's Choice Act. Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/ County Clerk (RR/CC) staff was sent to each County to work at a Vote Center for the June 5th Primary Election. Staff was responsible to learn and take notes on the processes and procedures of four major operations: training, Vote Center operations, Vote by Mail drop-off and voter outreach.

The experience and information that our staff brought back was extremely insightful and will genuinely assist the RR/CC implement the Vote Center model in March 2020.



RR/CC staff pictured with John Tuteur, Napa County Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk and the Napa County Elections Team



RR/CC staff pictured with Gregory J. Diaz, Nevada County Registrar of Voters

VOTING SYSTEM MANUFACTURING AND INTEGRATION KICK-OFF

On July 10, 2018, the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) and Smartmatic USA formally kicked off their partnership to implement the VSAP solution in Los Angeles County. Smartmatic was selected through an open competitive process to engineer, manufacture and integrate the VSAP solution.

The meeting also included members from Gartner and Digital Foundry, who are critical partners to this project. Team members spent much of the meeting discussing project timelines, deliverables and best communication practices to ensure project success.



SYSTEM CERTIFICATION UPDATE

VSAP Tally System Certified

On August 21, 2018, California Secretary of State Alex Padilla certified VSAP Tally Version 1.0, making it the first publicly-owned, open-technology election tally system certified under the California voting systems standards.

As part of the certification process, the system went through rigorous functional and security testing conducted by the Secretary of State's staff and a certified voting system test lab. The testing ensured the system's compliance with California and federal laws, including the California Voting System Standards (CVSS).

The certification of the VSAP Tally solution allowed the RR/CC to implement its newly redesigned VSAP Vote by Mail (VBM) ballots for the November 6, 2018 General Election.

Gaining certification of this new technology represents a significant step in the future of elections in Los Angeles County and across the country.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

June 15, 2018 – Pacific Post-Acute Nursing Facility

The VSAP Team joined Disability Rights California for a voting rights presentation and provided a demonstration of the Ballot Marking Device (BMD) at the Pacific Post-Acute Nursing Facility.

June 16, 2018 – The Valley Grassroots for Democracy

Jeff Klein, RR/CC Manager of Voter Education, Outreach and Community Relations, gave a presentation on what changes will occur in Los Angeles as VSAP is implemented in 2018 and 2020.

June 21, 2018 – Information Security Steering Committee (ISSC)

VSAP Program Manager, Kenneth Bennett and members of the VSAP Team gave a demonstration of the BMD to the Los Angeles County Information Security Steering Committee (ISSC) and presented VSAP's mission with an emphasis on security.



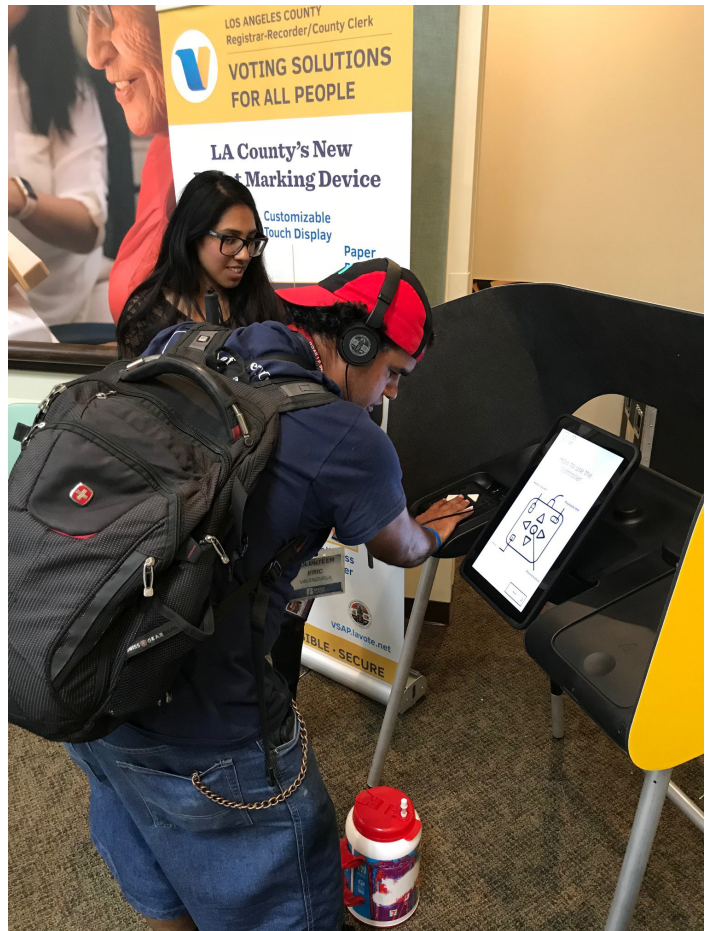
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

July 18, 2018 – Braille Institute - Low Vision and Aging in Place Conference

The VSAP Team provided a demonstration of the BMD at the Low Vision and Aging in Place conference hosted by the Braille Institute. The presentation focused on ensuring voting rights for seniors and people with disabilities.

July 19, 2018 – City Clerk Summit

The RR/CC hosted its annual City Clerk Summit at Liberty Community Plaza in Whittier, CA. Laura Herrera, VSAP Project Assistant, presented on the implementation of the new Vote by Mail (VBM) design, VBM drop off locations and the Early Voting sites. Representatives from PlaceWorks, partners in the Vote Center Placement Project (VCP), gave a presentation on what VCP is and provided the City Clerks with information on how their constituents can participate and stay updated the placement of future Vote Centers.



July 26, 2018 – Little Hoover Commission

VSAP Program Manager, Kenneth Bennett presented a testimony during a public hearing on voting equipment security to demonstrate and emphasize that security remains one of the core principles of VSAP.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

July 30, 2018 – National Conference of State Legislators

The VSAP Team provided BMD Demonstrations to the National Conference of State Legislators at the RR/CC Headquarters.

August 6, 2018 – CAUSE Leadership Meeting

Aaron Nevarez, RR/CC Government and Legislative Affairs Division Manager, gave a presentation about the VSAP program and highlighted the new voter experience at a CAUSE (Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment) Leadership meeting.

August 15, 2018 – Commission on Disability Rights

Dean Logan gave a presentation on the VSAP Program and the future Los Angeles County Voting Experience before the Commission on Disability Rights. The presentation focused primarily on accessibility and ensuring voting rights for people with disabilities.

August 26, 2018 – Los Angeles County Democratic Party

Jeff Klein, RR/CC Manager of Voter Education, Outreach and Community Relations gave a presentation on VSAP and provided an implementation timeline for 2018-2020.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

August 28, 2018 – Dolores Huerta Foundation

The Dolores Huerta Foundation visited the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and learned about VSAP's future voting experience and discussed potential partnership opportunities leading into 2020. Meeting participants included Dolores Huerta with the Foundation's GIS specialists, outreach and community engagement directors.



September 2, 2018 – Los Angeles County Fair

The RR/CC's Outreach Team shared the VSAP vision with members of the public during the parade at the Los Angeles County Fair. The theme for the parade was "Driving Toward the Future of Voting." The RR/CC's Chief Deputy Debbie Martin and the Outreach Team carried signs that displayed the future changes to the voting experience.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

September 13, 2018 – Los Angeles County Facility Managers Meeting

Members of the PlaceWorks and VSAP Teams made a presentation at the Los Angeles County Facility Managers monthly meeting about the Vote Center Placement Project (VCP). They provided participants with an overview of the VSAP Program and how to support the RR/CC by providing facility information for potential vote center sites.

August 28, 2018 – Valley VOTE

Jeff Klein, RR/CC Manager of Voter Education, Outreach and Community Relations presented to Valley VOTE in North Hills, CA on the changes that will occur in Los Angeles County as VSAP is implemented in 2018 and 2020.

September 24, 2018 – Election Commission of South Korea and National Bureau of Statistics of China

The VSAP Team provided demonstrations of the Ballot Marking Device to the Election Commission of South Korea and the National Bureau of Statistics of China.

September 27, 2018 – National Bureau of Statistics of China

The VSAP Team provided demonstrations of the Ballot Marking Device to the National Bureau of Statistics of China.

IN THE NEWS

The links below provide access to the news articles that features the VSAP

Voting Begins in Los Angeles County – CBS LA

<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2018/10/09/voting-begins-in-los-angeles-county/>

Vote by Mail ballots to arrive for CA residents, local event to inform about updated VSAP initiative – The Signal Tribune

<https://signaltribunenewspaper.com/39342/news/vote-by-mail-ballots-to-arrive-for-ca-residents-local-event-to-inform-about-updated-vsap-initiative/>

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

https://scvnews.com/2018/10/09/county-registrar-mails-more-than-2-3-million-new-improved-vote-by-mail-ballots/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

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