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In late September, the County unveiled its new voting system in an outreach event known as the L.A. County Mock Election. The Mock Election was a two-day event open to all of L.A. County residents encouraging them to explore the new voting experience.

The objective of the Mock Election was two-fold, to begin an awareness campaign that would educate residents on the new voting system and to test internal processes and procedures.



Given the Mock Election was not an official election the Department was able to implement some fun incentives for people to attend, such as celebrity meet-and-greets, free giveaways, free food and much more.

Across the two days, nearly 6,000 individuals turned out to one of our mock vote centers, and the County received critical feedback that will help the Department implement the full rollout for March 2020.

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MESSAGE *from Dean*

I am very pleased to share that after a decade of work, research and public engagement we are in the final stages of revolutionizing the voting experience.

Within the last quarter our office has met and exceeded several milestones, such as the beginning of State certification testing, acquiring a VSAP Operation Center, receiving thousands of production grade Ballot Marking Devices and most recently the launch of our large-scale public awareness event known as the L.A. County Mock Election.

In the upcoming months we will continue our mission to raise public awareness and receive public comment through two initiatives known as the VSAP Demonstration (Demo) Centers and the Election Administration Plan (EAP) Public Hearings.

Respectively, the first initiative provides the public a chance to interact with the new VSAP devices while the second offers the public a chance to hear our administration plan to administer the 2020 elections.

Information on both the VSAP Demo Centers and the EAP can be found on our website LAvote.net.

As we continue our journey to full implementation we understand there is still a great amount of work to be done. Our office will remain steadfast in our education, preparation, testing and certification to implement a world-class voting experience.

Sincerely,

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



FEATURED STORY

Los Angeles Daily News, September 26, 2019 at 10:11AM

A new way of voting in Los Angeles County



Destiny Martinez, 18, votes for the first time at the Power California early-voting event and festival for students of the Los Angeles Unified School District on Oct. 24, 2018, in Norwalk. (Photo by Mindy Schauer, Orange County Register/SCNG)

OPINION

By Dean C. Logan

Ten years ago this month, a multi-disciplinary group of voters, advocates and public officials gathered at the California Institute of Technology to discuss the future of voting in Los Angeles County. We knew going into the discussion that the voting equipment in Los Angeles County was at the end of its functional lifespan and the demands of the county's unique and diverse electorate necessitated a new approach to how elections are conducted.

We quickly learned the challenge was much broader than simply replacing equipment. The marketplace for voting systems was depleted and insufficient for the size and complexity of Los

Angeles County. New threats to election security were emerging, yet the regulatory framework nationally and in California was stuck in political gridlock and unprepared to resolve those deficiencies.

Lacking a market solution and regulatory guidance, the Voting Solutions for All People initiative was launched. Over the course of ten years, we worked with researchers, designers, security experts, technology leaders and a wide range of stakeholders to envision, design and create a new voting experience that scales to serve the county's more than five million voters through a focus on usability.

FEATURED STORY (CONT.)

Gone is the traditional single-Tuesday, single-location voting model. No more inking your vote on a numbered index card. Instead a new model debuts in 2020 with vote centers throughout the county where voters can go to the location of their choice over an extended 11-day period. The full-service vote centers will offer services including conditional (or same day) voter registration and modernized equipment that provides language and disability access.

New voting devices will let voters customize their experience with both visual and audio access to ballots in more than thirteen languages and accessibility features that provide voters with disabilities equality and independence in casting ballots. All while still producing human-readable paper ballots and exceeding national voting system security standards.

More than at any other time in our country's history, the stability and functioning of our elections process is being tested. The need for access, security and integrity in voting has never been greater. As we endeavor to meet those standards through a new model that addresses the time, place and equipment for voting, the primary source of election security – and the viability of our representative form of government – must still be achieved through voter participation.

This weekend – September 28 and 29 – we introduce the new voting experience to Los Angeles County through a mock election; a fun and engaging two-day event where residents can try out the new equipment, learn about the new 11-day voting period and provide feedback before it rolls out officially for the Presidential Primary Election in 2020.

Revolutionizing a voting process that has existed in our community for more than fifty years is a daunting task. No change of this significance happens without critics. We have tried to address a broad range of interests by designing a new voting model that offers a more intuitive, accessible and secure voting experience for Los Angeles County – placing primary emphasis on the voter.

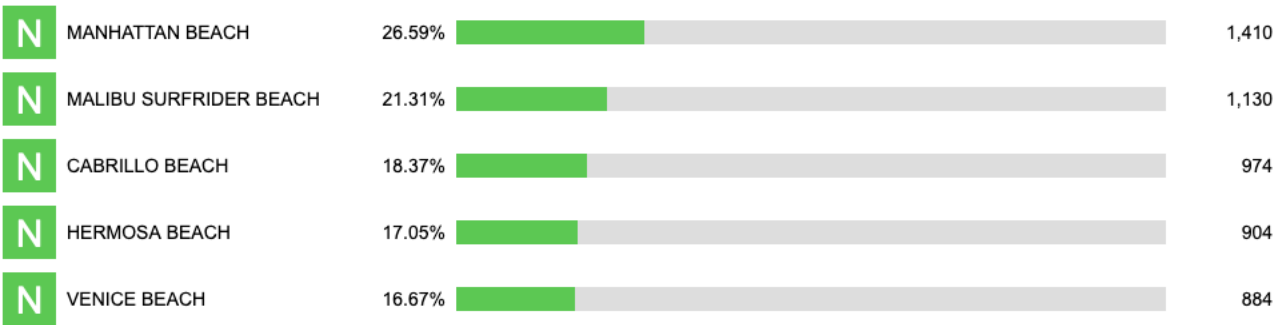
The elections process belongs to the public and must be available and accessible to all communities in the county. Ensuring adequate outreach and education ahead of the 2020 election cycle is critical to successful implementation. We urge participation in the mock election and input so that we can continue to refine, secure and improve Los Angeles County's voting experience.

Learn more at: LAVote.net

Dean C. Logan is the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for Los Angeles County

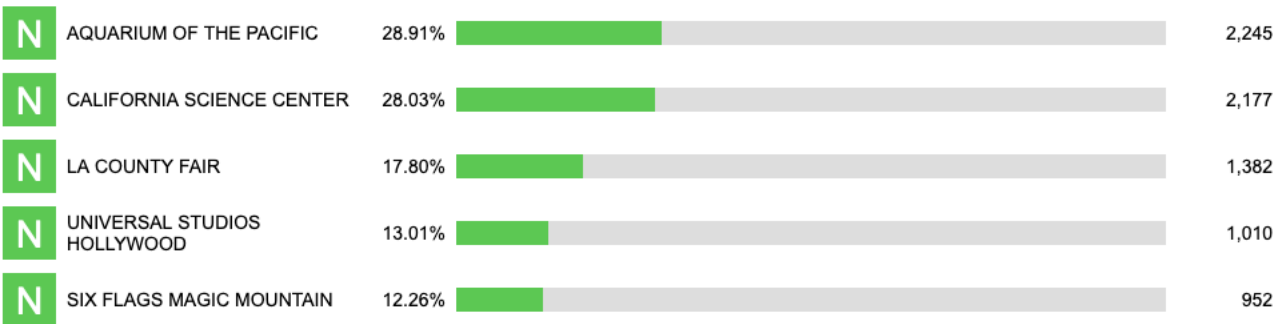
MOCK ELECTION RESULTS

Best LA Beach



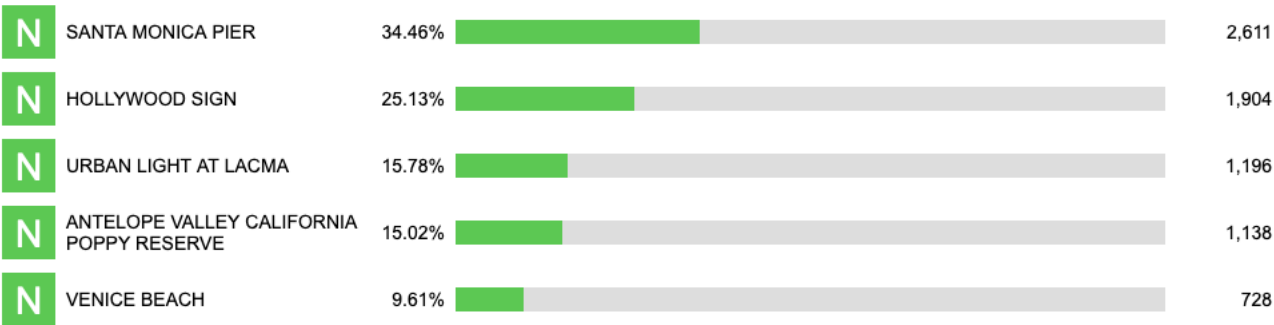
50 of 50 precincts reporting (100.0%) |

Best LA Family Friendly Destination



50 of 50 precincts reporting (100.0%) | Vote for no more than two |

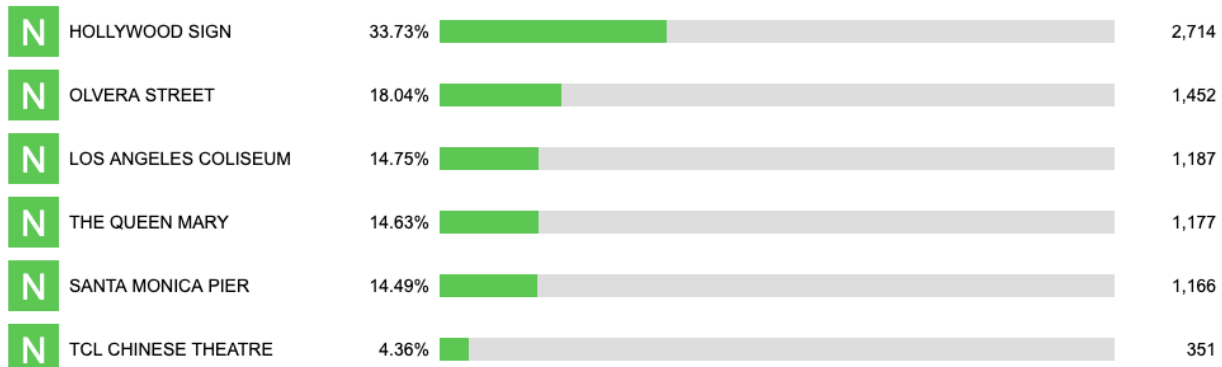
Best LA Instagram Spot



50 of 50 precincts reporting (100.0%) | Vote for no more than two |

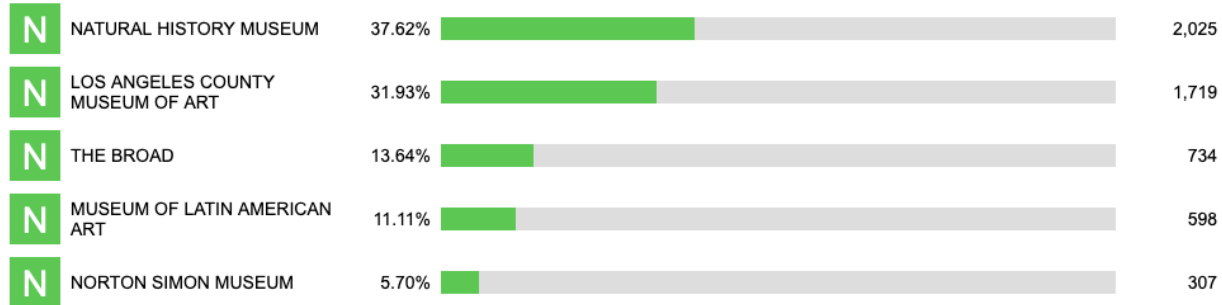
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Best LA Landmark



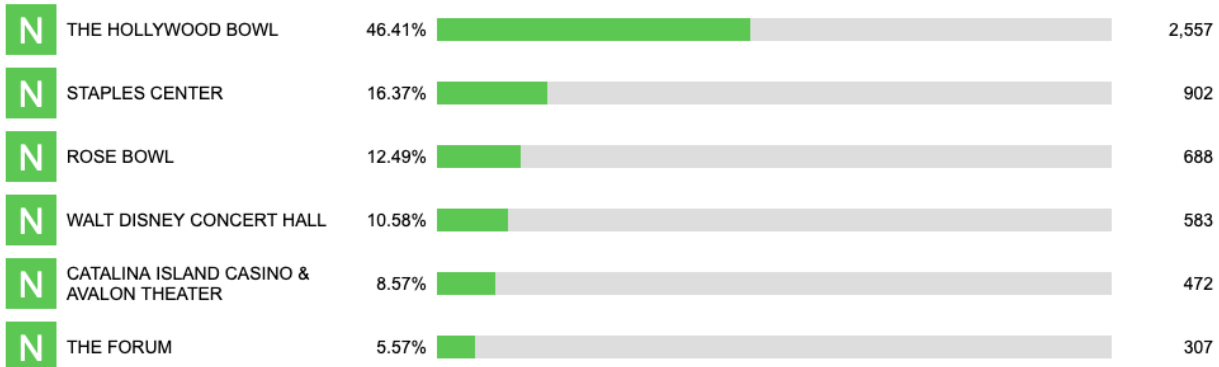
50 of 50 precincts reporting (100.0%) | Vote for no more than two

Best LA Museum



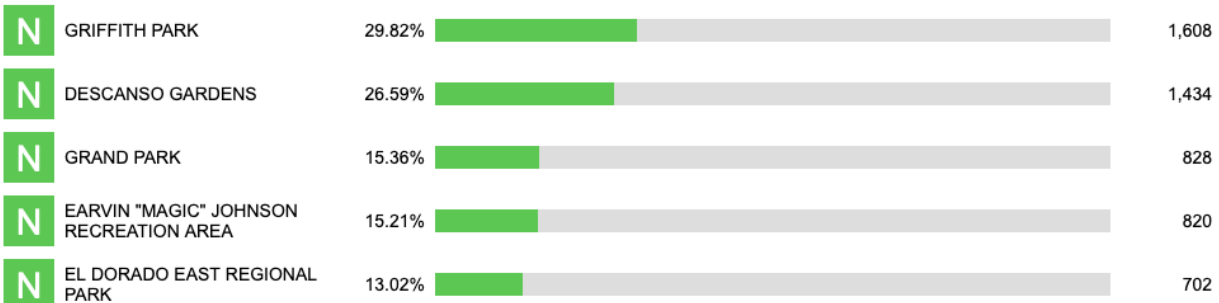
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Best LA Music Venue



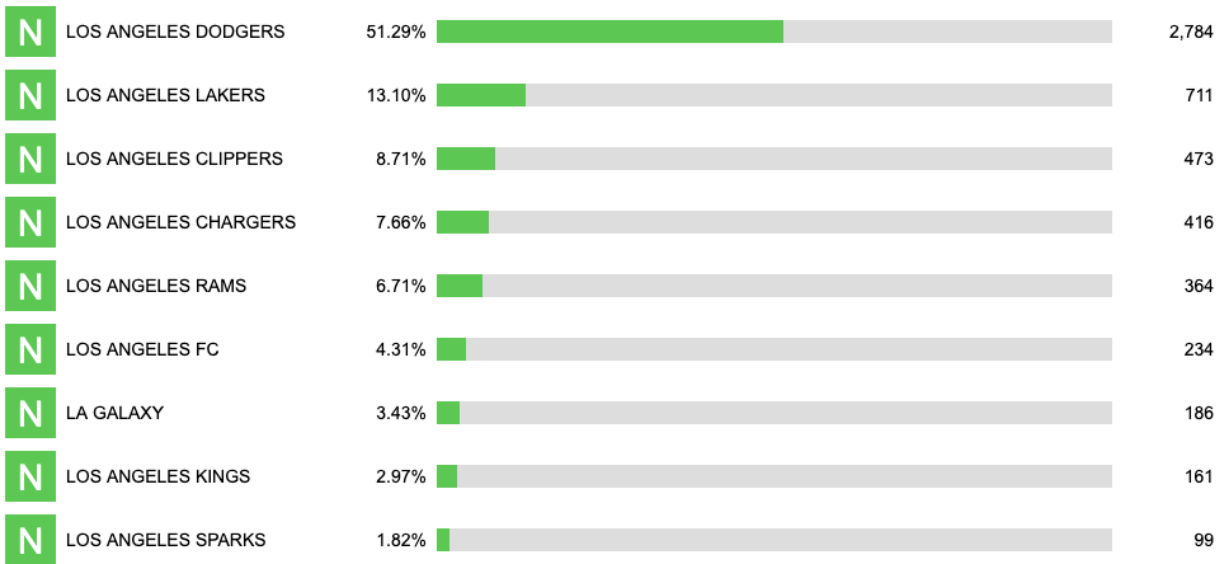
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Best LA Park



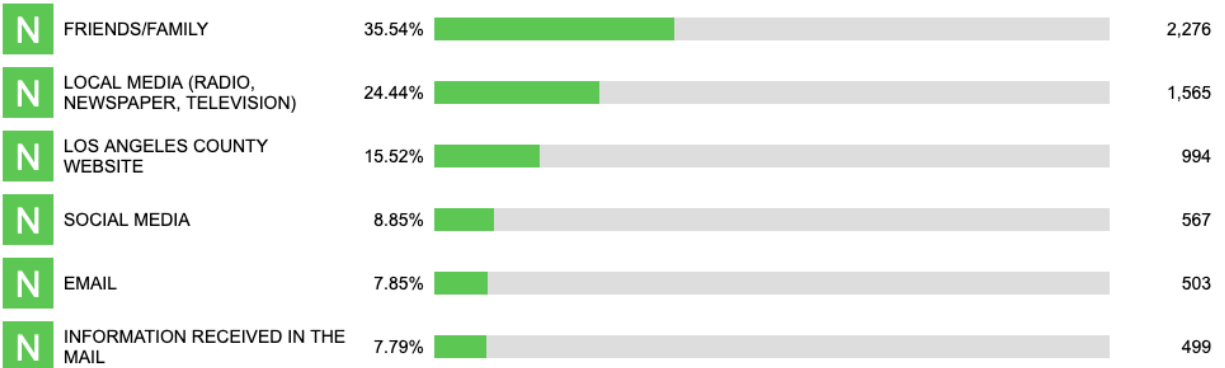
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Best LA Sports Team



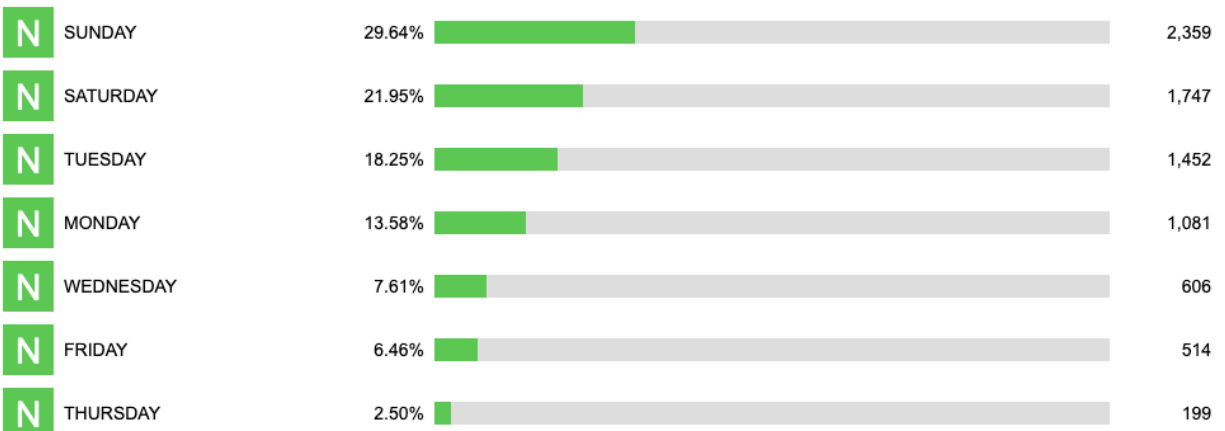
50 of 50 precincts reporting (100.0%)

How did you hear about the Mock Election and Voting Solutions for All People?



50 of 50 precincts reporting (100.0%) | Vote for no more than two

If you could choose any day of the week to vote, it would be:

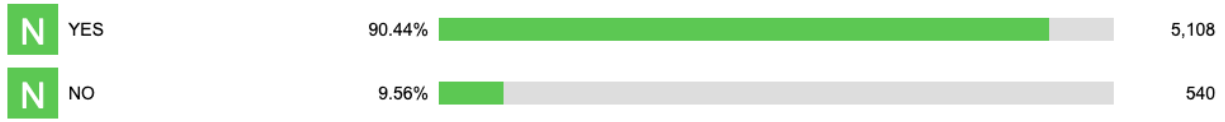


50 of 50 precincts reporting (100.0%) | Vote for no more than two

MOCK ELECTION RESULTS (CONT.)

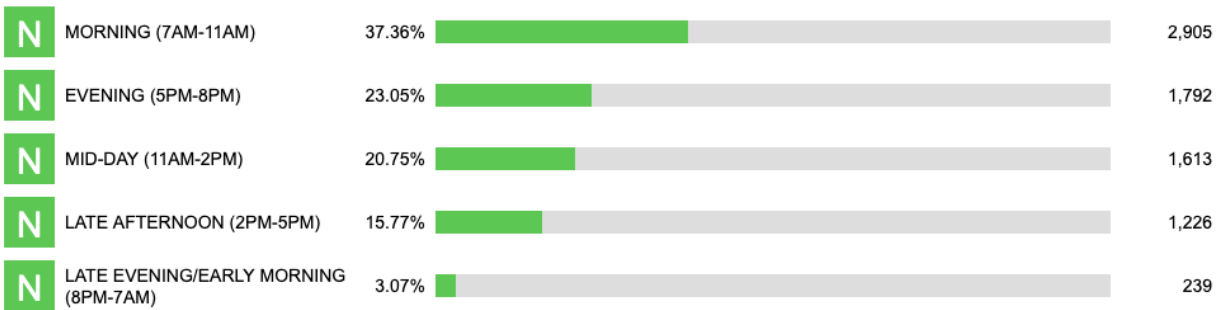
The U.S. Census is scheduled in 2020. Do you plan to participate in the Census?

NOTE: there is Census 2020 information available today at this Vote Center if you are interested....



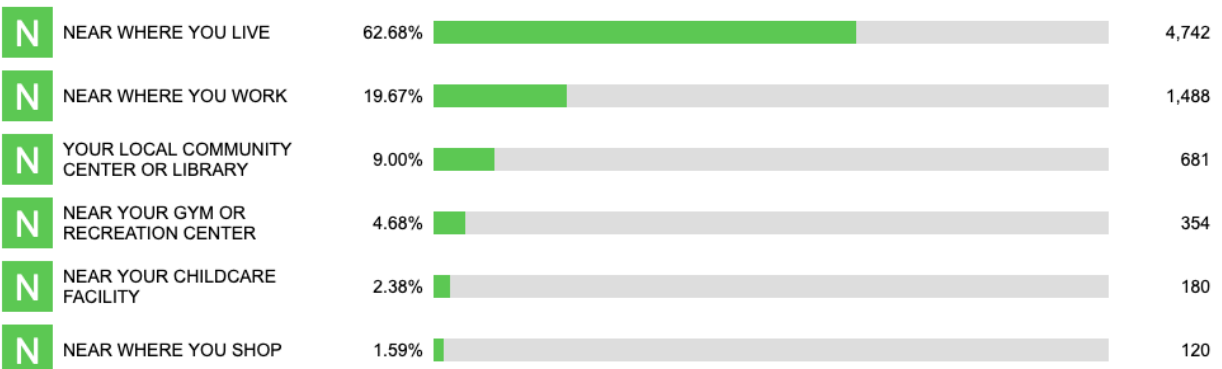
50 of 50 precincts reporting (100.0%) | Majority of votes cast |

What time of day are you most likely to vote?



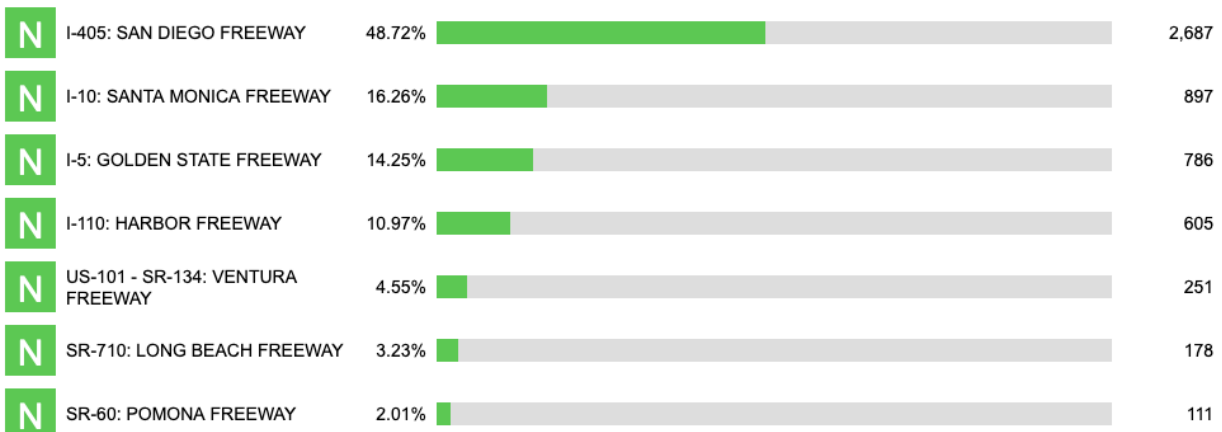
50 of 50 precincts reporting (100.0%) | Vote for no more than two |

In terms of location and convenience, where are you most likely to vote?



50 of 50 precincts reporting (100.0%) | Vote for no more than two |

Worst LA Freeway to Get Stuck in Traffic



50 of 50 precincts reporting (100.0%) |

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Demo Centers: November 2019 locations

Demo Center locations will rotate throughout Los Angeles County through January 2020. Please visit LAVote.net for more information.

Carson City Hall

701 E. Carson St. Carson, CA 90745

Dates and time:

Monday-Thursday: 7AM-5:30PM

Closed: November 11th

AltaMed East LA

972 Goodrich Blvd. Commerce, CA 90022

Dates and time:

Monday-Friday: 2PM-7PM

Duarte High School

1565 East Central Ave. Duarte, CA 91010

Dates and time:

Monday-Friday: Time: 2PM - 7PM

Saturdays: 10AM - 5PM

Closed: November 11th

Jewish Federation of Greater LA

6505 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90048

Dates and time:

Monday - Thursday: 9AM - 6PM

Friday: 9AM - 4PM

The Music Center Plaza

135 N. Grand Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dates and time:

Monday - Friday: 9:30AM - 5:30PM

Closed: November 7th, 8th, & 21st

Pacoima Beautiful

13520 Van Nuys Blvd. Pacoima, California 91331

Dates and time:

Monday - Friday: 9AM - 5:00PM

Closed: November 11th

Old Town Newhall Library

24500 Main St. Santa Clarita, CA 91321

Dates and time:

Monday - Thursday: 11AM - 8PM

Saturdays: 10AM - 5PM

Closed: November 11th

Signal Hill Public Library

1800 E. Hill St. Signal Hill, CA 90755

Dates and time:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays: 12PM - 8PM

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays: 10AM - 5PM

Closed: November 11th

Walnut Library

21155 La Puente Rd. Walnut, CA 91789

Dates and time:

Tuesday - Thursday: 10AM - 8PM

Fridays and Saturdays: 9AM - 5PM

Closed: November 11th

South Whittier Library

11543 Colima Rd. Whittier, CA 90604

Dates and time:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 10AM - 8PM

Thursdays: 10AM - 6PM

Fridays: 9AM - 5PM

Saturdays: 9AM - 4PM

Closed: November 11th

**Hours will vary by site.*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (CONT.)

Election Administration Plan Public Hearings

Wednesday, October 23 – 5:30 to 7:30

**Long Beach City Council
Council Chambers**

411 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802

Parking: Lot at corner of Chestnut and Broadway
(city will validate parking)

*American Sign Language and Simultaneous
interpretation will be provided in Spanish, Khmer,
Vietnamese and Hindi.*

Wednesday, November 13 – 5:30 to 7:30

FAME Renaissance Center

1968 West Adams Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90018

*American Sign Language and Simultaneous interpretation
will be provided in Spanish, Korean and Japanese.*

Tuesday, October 29 – 5:30 to 7:30

**Zev Yaroslavsky Family
Support Center
SEQ / JOS Community Room**

7555 Van Nuys Boulevard
Van Nuys, CA 91405

Parking: Rear of building

*American Sign Language and Simultaneous
interpretation will be provided in Spanish, Thai,
Armenian, Farsi and Russian.*

Tuesday, November 19 – 5:30 to 7:30

**West Covina Library
Meeting room**

1601 West Covina Parkway
West Covina, CA 91790

Parking: On site

*American Sign Language and Simultaneous interpretation will
be provided in Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog and Vietnamese.*

Thursday, November 7 – 6:00 to 8:00

**Lancaster Library
Community Room**

601 West Lancaster Boulevard
Lancaster, CA 93534

Parking: On site

*American Sign Language and Simultaneous
interpretation will be provided in Spanish.*

VSAP SPOTLIGHT STORY

CBS/KCA, September 16, 2019 at 9:50PM

LA County Unveils New Voting Machines, Holds Mock Election Leading Up To March Primaries



LOS ANGELES (CBSLA) — After 10 years and \$100 million, Los Angeles County is ready to unveil its brand new voting system in hopes of bringing more voters to the polls.

The new systems were on display Monday at the county office in Norwalk as a preview to the mock election the county will hold later this month to give voters a chance to get familiar with the 31,000 iPad-like devices the county purchased.

“It’s designed so voters can, to a certain extent, customize their voting experience,” Dean C. Logan, Los Angeles County registrar, said. “The voter can increase the size of the font and the contrast on the screen.”

Voters can also choose from 13 languages. And, for security reasons, the devices are not connected to the internet or to a network. The devices are programmed individually as voters move from question

VSAP SPOTLIGHT STORY (CONT.)

to question on the touchscreen device until they are done.

“The older we get, it’s hard to fill in the bubble things,” voter Rebecca Ortiz said. “And if I get to press a button that’s better.”

And while voters will be marking their ballots using a screen, the ballot itself is still paper. The paper ballot that prints out at the end of voting is what is collected and tallied — something that is very important to voters.

“There’s no ambiguity in the ballot when it prints out,” Logan said. “There are no chads, no deciphering the intent of the voter. It’s very clear.”

Also new is where and when people will vote.

“We’re moving away from a single-day, single-location based model of voting to an 11-day voting period,” Logan said.

Part of that means that the county will be operating 1,000 voting locations instead of 4,200; but Logan said voters will be able to go to any of the polling locations over that 11-day period in order to cast their votes.



“You can go to someplace close to work, someplace close to where you drop off you kids at school,” Logan said.

The new voting system will make its official debut during the presidential primaries next March, but people wanting to try out the machines before they go live can participate in a mock election hosted by the county Sept. 28-29.

At 50 polling locations throughout the county, people can come vote for things like their favorite county parks or selfie spots.

For more information about the mock elections, visit the county registrar’s office, and watch the video the office released for more information about the voting systems.

CBS/KCAL story:

<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2019/09/16/la-county-unveils-new-voting-machines-holds-mock-election-leading-up-to-march-primaries/>

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