



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

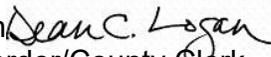
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Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

March 14, 2024

**TO:** Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Chair  
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**FROM:** Dean C. Logan   
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

### **STATUS UPDATE – MARCH 5, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

This report is to inform your Board of our operations to complete the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election. The election status update supports the Department's ongoing commitment to fair, accessible, and transparent election services.

#### **Vote by Mail**

The Department issued just over 5.7 million Vote by Mail (VBM) ballots, and 1,313,240 have been tallied as of March 13<sup>th</sup>. Voters returned their ballots through our Ballot Drop Boxes, the United States Postal Service, and our Vote Centers. Vote by Mail continues to be our most heavily utilized method of voting thanks to the safety and convenience it offers. Currently, VBM accounts for 80.5% of the turnout in this election.

The outstanding VBM ballots left to be processed are pending signature cures from voters whose signatures on the Return Envelope were missing or did not match their registration records. These voters have been notified with instructions on how to cure their ballots to be counted. The RR/CC will accept cure notices through March 27, 2024.

#### **Vote Centers**

In-person voting was completed on Election Day, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. There were 644 Vote Centers and RR/CC headquarters for the March Presidential Primary Election. There have been 318,499 Vote Center ballots tallied as of March 12<sup>th</sup>. Election Day continues to be the highest turnout day with 239,164 check-ins on Election Day. Currently, Vote Centers account for 19.5% of the turnout in this election.

**Voter Turnout**

We have noted a slower rate of VBM return and fewer check-ins at Vote Centers for this election compared to similar elections. There was a noted increase in Vote Center activity as we approached Election Day, with 299,055 check-ins over the last four days, including Election Day. Like other critical services that the County provides, equity, availability, and accessibility remain paramount in our voting model. While we would like to see a higher turnout, we understand that there are a variety of factors that influence the participation levels. The tables below include the overall turnout and by Supervisorial District as of March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Method	Votes
Vote Centers	318,499
Vote by Mail	1,313,240
Total	1,631,739 (28.7% turnout)
Registration	5,681,184

Method	First District Votes	Second District Votes	Third District Votes	Fourth District Votes	Fifth District Votes
Vote Centers	52,932	49,225	68,225	67,374	80,743
Vote by Mail	199,598	219,200	317,539	251,685	325,218
Total	252,530 (24.6%)	268,425 (24.6%)	385,764 (31.8%)	319,059 (26.9%)	405,961 (35%)
Registration	1,028,423	1,092,694	1,214,590	1,186,537	1,158,940

**Election Results Reporting**

The election tally began on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM at the Ballot Processing Center in the City of Industry. As of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1,631,739 ballots have been processed. We have observed the continued trend of a large volume of VBM ballots returned on Election Day and in the mail on the days after. These VBM ballots come through Election Day via our Ballot Drop Boxes and Vote Centers. We receive additional ballots via the USPS on Election Day and over the days after. These VBM ballots must go through signature verification, ballot extraction, and tally.

The post-Election Day results schedule is as follows, with completed updates marked in yellow:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
-	-	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9
March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	-
March 18	March 19	-	-	March 22	-
-	March 26	-	-	March 29 (If needed)	-

Election results updates may take place over the weekend if required. The election is expected to be certified on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Election Observer Program**

The Department conducts an extensive *Election Observer Program* as part of our commitment to open and transparent elections. The Election Observer Program provides an opportunity for public observation of election processes to maintain integrity, encourage participation, and build voter confidence. Election Observers are provided access to Vote Centers, Check-in Centers, and the Ballot Processing Center to observe voting and election procedures. Some observable activities occurring at the Ballot Processing Center are:

- Logic and accuracy testing of the vote tabulation system used to conduct a central count of Vote by Mail (VBM) and in-person ballots (completed)
- Ballot transportation and delivery at a Check-in Center (completed)
- Election Night reporting (completed)
- Ballot intake, preparation, and storage (completed)
- VBM operations such as automated signature verification, data processing, ballot extraction, remakes, and ballot preparation for tally (ongoing)
- Processing provisional and conditional voter registration ballots received at Vote Centers (ongoing)
- Post-election canvassing and retention of election materials (ongoing)

The Election Observer Program at the Ballot Processing Center began on February 11<sup>th</sup> and runs through March 29<sup>th</sup>. Election observers are encouraged to check the public schedule of events on LAVOTE.GOV and must comply with all *Election Observer Panel Plan Rules and Guidelines*.

### **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](mailto:voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov)  
Website: [lavote.gov](http://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  
[msanchez@rrcc.lacounty.gov](mailto:msanchez@rrcc.lacounty.gov)

**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 [dlogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov](mailto:dlogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov). Your staff may also contact Adrian Avelar, Executive Assistant, at (562) 345-8372 or [aavelar@rrcc.lacounty.gov](mailto:aavelar@rrcc.lacounty.gov).

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Attachment



**EXECUTIVE DASHBOARD PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION STATUS UPDATE**



**In-person voting concluded on March 5, 2024**

- 644 Vote Centers
- 318,499 Vote Center ballots tallied
- 299,055 voters checked in over the last four days



**Vote by Mail as of March 13, 2024**

- 5,702,004 Vote by Mail ballots issued
- 1,313,240 Vote by Mail ballots tallied



**Return Sources**

- Approximately 533,000 via the United States Postal Service
- Approximately 583,000 via secure Ballot Drop Boxes
- Approximately 197,000 returned to Vote Centers



**Voter Turnout**

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