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ELECTION STATUS UPDATE – NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

This report is to inform the Board of our preparation and operations for the November 3, 2026 General Election. This election status update supports the Department's ongoing commitment to fair, accessible, and transparent election services. There are approximately 5.9 million registered voters for this election.

Vote by Mail

The Department completed the initial mailing of Vote by Mail (VBM) ballots to all active registered voters on Monday, October 5. The Department issued 5,923,474 VBM ballots as of October 23, and 517,257 ballots have been returned. The close of registration was on Monday, October 19, and all voters who registered by the deadline were mailed a VBM ballot. The Department encourages VBM as the safest and most convenient voting option and we ask voters to return those early to ensure timely receipt and processing.

Multiple VBM resources are available on our [website](#). Voters may request to receive their VBM ballot and materials in English and 18 additional languages. Voters may sign up for ["Where's My Ballot?"](#) to track their ballot and request a replacement VBM ballot. The [Ballot Drop Box Locator Tool](#) assists voters in finding a drop-off location of their preference.

The Department is monitoring the current situation with the Federal government and Executive Orders targeting VBM options. As of the time of this report, there are no changes to our processes or procedures when processing VBM ballots. Ballots must be received or postmarked by Election Day to be counted. Any ballots received within 7 days of the election will be processed if postmarked by Election Day or earlier. Voting by mail remains the most popular voting option for Los Angeles County voters.

Vote by Mail Ballot Return Options

Voters have three options for returning their VBM ballot:

- (A) Ballot Drop Box: There are 429 Ballot Drop Box locations for this election and they opened on October 1. The majority of Ballot Drop Boxes are available 24 hours a day. Voters may return their VBM ballot at any Ballot Drop Box up to 8:00 PM on Election Day. Ballots are retrieved from Ballot Drop Boxes daily by authorized County staff. A list of the six Ballot Drop Box locations closest to a voter's address was included in the VBM packet. The Ballot Drop Box Locator Tool assists voters with finding a location and is available on our [website](#).
- (B) United States Postal Service (USPS): Voters may return their VBM ballot by mail using the postage-paid return envelope provided in their VBM packet. VBM ballots returned through USPS must be received on or before Election Day. Based on California law, VBM ballots returned with a postmark on or before Election Day and received within 7 days following the date of the election are legally valid for the election.
- (C) Vote Center: Voters may return their voted ballot at any Vote Center. Vote Centers are open daily from October 24 through November 2 between 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, and on Election Day, 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM. A postcard listing the Vote Center locations nearest a voter's residence is mailed to every registered voter. The Vote Center Locator Tool assists with finding a location and is available on our [website](#).

Vote Centers

In-person voting services at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Headquarters, in Norwalk began on October 5 and remain available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. On Election Day (November 3), those hours extend to 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

A total of 645 Vote Centers located across the County are secured and scheduled for this election. The first 123 Vote Centers will open on Saturday, October 24 and an additional 522 Vote Centers will open on Saturday, October 31. Vote Centers are open daily from 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM before Election Day and 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM on Election Day. The [Vote Center Locator Tool](#) assists voters in finding a location of their preference, and include driving directions, and a wait time indicator.

A Vote Center Mailer listing the nearest 11-day location and the three nearest 4-day locations to a voter's residence was mailed to all registered voters. The mailer includes

information on how voters can expedite their in-person experience using the Quick Check-In Code provided in the Sample Ballot or pre-marking their selections using the Poll Pass, and options for returning VBM ballots. This mailing was completed on October 13.

Mobile Vote Centers and Voting in Jails

Mobile, Flex, and Pop-Up Vote Centers will be deployed across the County. The Department has scheduled 44 Mobile Vote Center events at a mix of large-scale, high-traffic events and locations with essential workers. 71 Flex Vote Center events are scheduled to deliver voting services to geographically isolated voters, seniors, voters with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, justice-involved, and underserved communities. A number of the scheduled Mobile and Flex Vote Center events aim to serve voters in the areas impacted by the Eaton and Palisades fires.

For contingency purposes, 5 Pop Up Vote Center teams are located across the County. These teams respond to service disruptions at Vote Centers and allow the Department to quickly restore voting services. Mobile and Flex Vote Center teams serve as contingency resources on Election Day, increasing our contingency capacity to twenty teams. These teams can be deployed as needed to assist with a variety of issues such as equipment failure, staffing challenges, and expanding capacity at high turnout Vote Centers.

The Voting in Jails Program will be conducted leveraging our Flex Vote Centers in partnership with the Sheriff's Department. Flex Vote Centers offer the full range of voting equipment and services provided at traditional Vote Centers. This includes the Electronic Pollbook, Ballot Marking Device (with language and accessibility features), and Conditional Voter Registration services.

Emergent Issues

U.S. Department of Justice Correspondence and Litigation

On October 13, the Department received correspondence from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) concerning unverified assertions related to voter eligibility and citizenship. Los Angeles County responded through County Counsel, outlining its legal objections to the DOJ's requested actions. DOJ subsequently filed litigation, and the County will address the legal issues through the judicial process.

The Department continues to coordinate with County Counsel, the California Secretary of State, and the California Attorney General's Office as this matter proceeds.

The ongoing litigation does not alter the Department's responsibilities or established election procedures. The RR/CC remains focused on administering a fair, accessible, accurate, and secure election for Los Angeles County's nearly six million registered voters.

Bryson Fire – Election Operations Monitoring

The Department monitored the Bryson Fire in the Malibu area and assessed any potential impacts on election operations. Two Official Ballot Drop Boxes were identified near the fire. Ballots were successfully retrieved from these locations, as well as all other Official Ballot Drop Boxes countywide, without disruption from fire-related evacuations.

Election Media Campaign and Community Engagement

The Department continues to implement a comprehensive media and community outreach strategy for the November 3, 2026 General Election, providing voters with timely, accurate, and accessible election information. These efforts emphasize voter registration, early voting, Vote by Mail, Vote Centers, and Official Ballot Drop Boxes, with targeted outreach to college students, voters with historically lower participation rates, multilingual communities, and voters impacted by the 2025 wildfires.

Voter Education and Advertising Campaign

Launched in September, the multimedia campaign uses digital and social media advertising, streaming television, streaming audio, traditional radio, ethnic print media, and social media influencers to reach voters across multiple platforms and languages. These efforts are complemented by direct email and SMS communications promoting key deadlines, voting options, early participation, and the Department's award-winning [Make a Plan to Vote tool](#).

Community Engagement and Partnerships

The RR/CC continues to expand its community engagement efforts through partnerships with community-based organizations, service providers, and educational institutions. The multilingual [Community Voter Toolkit](#) provides these partners with ready-to-use social media content, flyers, videos, and messaging resources to amplify official election information. Additional activities include community events, campus outreach, radio activations, and targeted engagement in underserved communities.

Earned Media and Public Information

Complementing these efforts, the Department maintains an active earned media strategy, working with national, regional, local, hyperlocal, and ethnic media outlets to secure interviews, news coverage, and other opportunities to promote voting information, address public questions, and reinforce the RR/CC as a trusted source for official election information.

Campaign Performance and Reach

As of October 20, 2026, the campaign has generated over 24 million digital advertising impressions in total (19,533,439 multi-audience, 5,001,974 high-prop) while nearly 2,000 active users have accessed the multilingual Community Voter Toolkit and contributed 3,000 views. The Department has also delivered over 9.8 million voter emails (22,778 Trigger Emails, 9,414,225 Traditional Emails, 357,039 Drip Emails, and 15,193 emails to high propensity voters) and 39,564 text messages countywide.

Additionally, 12 print advertisements have been published through multilingual and ethnic media publications. Note that additional print, TV, radio, and partner outlet performance metrics will be included in future updates.

Campaign activity and voter engagement are expected to increase as Election Day approaches, and additional outreach efforts are deployed.

Election Observation and Public Access

The Department remains committed to transparency and public observation throughout the election process. The Ballot Processing Center (BPC) is open to observers, including elected officials, community organizations, media representatives, and members of the public. The RR/CC is prepared to accommodate increased interest and visitation throughout the election and canvass period, with established procedures to facilitate observation while maintaining the security and integrity of ballot processing operations.

As of October 21, the BPC has welcomed 89 visitors and election observers, providing opportunities to observe ballot processing activities firsthand and gain a better understanding of election procedures.

Additionally, on October 19, the Department completed its Election Observer and Vote Center Monitoring Training, with dozens of participants representing organizations, cities, and stakeholders that will deploy additional monitors throughout the County. The training provided information on Vote Center operations, election procedures, and observation protocols to support informed and constructive public observation during the election.

Services for Fire-Impacted Areas and Voters

Over a year later, the devastating impacts of the Eaton and Palisades Fires continue to be felt by Los Angeles County residents. The Department continues efforts to assist voters in fire-impacted areas and provide them with the information and services they need to vote. A page on our [website](#) has been created to provide critical information on voter registration, including adding a temporary mailing address, receiving notices when a temporary change of address is filed with the United States Postal Service, and accessing vital records.

Our office continues to prioritize voter education and outreach with voters who were impacted by the 2025 wildfire through a series of direct contacts with voters registered in the fire zones. Our message focuses on providing information about their voter registration options and how to add a mailing address for receiving their official election materials. The Department's paid advertising and outreach campaign began on September 21. A portion of that campaign is dedicated specifically to outreach to these voters, including print and radio elements. This campaign continues through Election Day and reflects our commitment to clearing barriers to voting.

New Election Laws for 2026

The Department has prepared to ensure election operations align with new election laws passed in 2025 and 2026. The following laws are brought to the Board's attention:

AB 5 (Berman) Elections: official canvass (2025)

This bill requires the elections official to finish counting all ballots and release results on or before the 13th day following the election. Exceptions for certain ballot categories are allowed, and any extensions must be filed with the California Secretary of State.

This bill aims to establish clear and achievable metrics for when the majority of ballots must be counted, and results reported to the public. The Department has taken steps to ensure our ability to comply with the deadline for completing the counting of ballots. These steps include strategic increases to staffing levels, additional training, preparations for additional as-needed staffing, and continuing the use of a night shift.

It is important to note that even with the implementation and compliance of AB 5, there are valid ballots that will remain to be processed and counted leading up to and through the date of certification. Additionally, State Law allows for ballot curing through the day before certifying the final returns.

AB 287 (Lackey) Elections: polling places and vote centers (2025)

This was a county sponsored bill that requires public buildings serving as Vote Centers to provide accessible parking, curbside voting parking spaces, and space for the storage of election equipment and materials.

By making accessible parking and curbside voting spaces a statutory requirement, this bill has better equipped the Department in negotiating with locations during Vote Center recruitment. This strengthened negotiating position improved our ability to offer accessible parking and curbside voting for Los Angeles County voters.

AB 1392 (Sharp-Collins) Elections: voter registration information: elected officials and candidates (2025)

This bill protects the residence address, telephone number, and email address of federal, state, or local elected officials or candidates from being disclosed through voter registration records, except that the information may be disclosed for journalistic or governmental purposes under specified conditions.

The Department worked diligently to ensure the new program was implemented in time for the June Statewide Direct Primary election. Currently, there are 637 candidates and 107 elected officials who's records have been made confidential under AB 1392. New legislation has been proposed in 2026 to amend and clarify provisions in AB 1392, and the Department will continue to monitor and adjust accordingly.

SB 884 (Umbert): Elections 2026 through 2029 (2026)

Requires all ballot dropoff locations open at least 30 days before E-Day. Prohibits law enforcement from making arrests within 200ft of a polling place on election day and allows election officials to extend closing of Vote Centers due to disruptions.

The Department has updated its Election Worker training protocols and communications plans in case the need arises to extend the time for closing of Vote Centers.

SB 73 (Cervantes): Elections (2026)

This bill prohibits law enforcement from accessing or disrupting voter rolls, election technology, or election workers without a court order or investigation into a specific violation or state election law. This law went into effect in June 2026.

SB 259 (Wahab): Elections: vote by mail ballots (2026)

This bill makes it a felony to interfere with and to direct the interference of the delivery or return a vote by mail (VBM) ballot; makes it a misdemeanor for a person to interfere with a VBM ballot delivery to a voter.

SB 1418 (Cervantes): Preservation of election materials (2026)

This bill makes it a crime to take election materials or voting technology from the custody of election officials and expands the types of materials required for preservation if an election contest or criminal proceeding is ongoing.

AB 282 (Pellerin): Elections: seizure of election materials (2026)

This bill makes it a felony to seize, cause, assist, or direct in the seizure of ballots, election records, or voting technology before election results are certified.

AB 1664 (Jackson): Elections: law enforcement investigations of election records or voting technology (2026)

This bill requires a local agency, political subdivision, or elections official to provide notice to the Secretary of State and the California Attorney General immediately, but no later than one calendar day, after becoming aware of any warrant, subpoena, or active law enforcement investigation pertaining to the search, seizure, or retention of any election records or certified voting technology.

County Response for Election Preparedness

Election safety and continuity of operations are critical elements of our election preparation. On March 17, 2026, your Board directed the Department to report back on Preparing for Potential Disruptions in Upcoming Local Elections. This motion was in response to increasingly disruptive rhetoric and actions, including those coming from the federal government that related to the 2026 election cycle. The Department's [report](#), filed on April 17, 2026, spoke to our preparations for operations planning, voter outreach and education, and physical and cyber security.

At the Tuesday, May 19, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting, your Board unanimously passed Motion 17 - 2026 Election Resiliency and Response. This motion is an important step towards preparing the County to respond to potential changes in election administration and protect County election employees in carrying out their official duties. In addition, this motion empowers County Counsel to work on behalf of Los Angeles County to rapidly respond to election interference and legal disruption. These efforts are critical in supporting free and fair elections.

On May 1, 2026, RR/CC Dean Logan convened the first-ever Countywide Leadership Tabletop Exercise – Election Security, Readiness, and Resilience. Leaders from across the County came together to discuss real-world scenarios such as disruption of voting operations by law enforcement or individuals and the shifting legal and legislative landscape that could impact election administration processes. Attendees included Hilda L. Solis, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff Robert Luna, Joseph Nicchitta, Interim Chief Executive Officer, and executive leaders from multiple County departments that support election operations in the event of disruptions.

The Department hosted a second Leadership Tabletop Exercise on October 9, 2026. In addition to bringing together leaders from across the County, community partners joined for a portion of the event to strategize collaborative efforts to reinforce public trust in the election process. This event spotlighted county resources available to support the Department's election preparedness and identified operational gaps where additional resources are needed. The Department will incorporate the learnings from these events into future election preparedness efforts and work with partner departments to act on executive commitments established during these events.



Figure 1: Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Dean C. Logan, welcomes participants to the Countywide Leadership Election Security, Readiness and Resilience Tabletop Exercise.



Figure 2: Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Hilda L. Solis, provides opening remarks at the Ballot Processing Center for the Countywide Leadership Tabletop Exercise.



Figure 3: Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk staff and community partners discuss an Election Day scenario at the Election Security, Readiness and Resilience Tabletop Exercise.

Election Resource Liaisons

In response to emerging risks and the potential for disruptions where traditional local law enforcement response may be limited, the Department has initiated a new program, the Election Resource Liaisons (ERLs) program, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations (HRC). This program provides an additional, non-law-enforcement layer of support focused on de-escalation, voter protection, and maintaining safe voting environments.

The Department and HRC have expanded and improved the ERL Program for the November Election. Approximately 65-75 ERLs will be deployed across Los Angeles County, with teams strategically assigned to areas identified as having a higher likelihood of potential disruption based on research conducted by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. ERLs are trained to engage and de-escalate situations, including those involving federal law enforcement agents, observers, protesters, and anyone engaged in electioneering or whose actions may disrupt voting operations or impact voting access.

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 with access to Vote Centers, Check-in Centers, and the Ballot Processing Center to observe voting and election procedures. Observable activities occurring at the Ballot Processing Center are:

- Logic and accuracy testing of the voting system to conduct a central count of Vote by Mail (VBM) and in-person ballots.
- VBM operations (incoming ballots, Automated signature verification, data processing, ballot extraction, remakes, Ballot preparation for tally).
- Processing provisional and conditional ballots received at the Vote Center.
- Ballot transportation and delivery at a Check-in Center.
- Ballot intake, preparation, and storage.
- Vote tally and reporting on Election Night.
- Post-election canvassing and retention of election materials.

The Election Observer Program at the Ballot Processing Center began on Monday, October 5 and runs through November 27, the tentative date for the certification of the election results. Election observers are encouraged to check the public schedule of events on the Public Observation [page](#) of our website and must comply with all Election Observer Panel Plan Rules and Guidelines.

Election Worker Recruitment Efforts

The County Employee Election Worker Program (CEEWP) continues to be a success and an example of countywide collaboration. For this election, 4,099 County Employee Election Workers have been recruited and trained. These county employees will serve as Leads, Assistant Leads, and Clerks at Vote Centers. We are pleased to report that many of these employees have served as Election Workers in the past, bringing valuable experiences with them. Their continued service in support of the election reflects the importance of the service and the dedication of the county workforce.

Multilingual election workers are a critical component of the Department's in-language access to voting services. These workers are provided in addition to the in-language Ballot Marking Device experience, in-language VBM ballot experience, and multilingual hotline that can be accessed at any Vote Center for assistance in any of our supported languages.

Internal recruitment targets are set using a data-driven process that considers Census data and information modeled on a surname survey conducted by Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California. The Department assigns multilingual election workers where their skills are most needed based on the needs of the community.

Election worker recruitment targets are on track for 18 of the 24 languages supported with oral assistance at a Vote Center. The recruitment status for the six remaining languages is as follows:

Japanese 69 recruited of 191 recruitment goal	Khmer 82 recruited of 188 recruitment goal	Korean 171 recruited of 253 recruitment goal
Thai 97 recruited of 175 recruitment goal	Lao 2 recruited of 8 recruitment goal	Hmong 0 recruited of 2 recruitment goal

Multilingual election worker recruitment began in January, and the recruitment sprint continues as we head into the voting period. The Department is exploring additional staffing options for the most difficult to recruit languages.

All Vote Centers are equipped with phones and direct line numbers to the Multilingual Hotline where live translators are ready to assist in 24 languages, as needed. Based on the high need for Spanish-language assistance, the Department has increased the number of people available to respond to calls in Spanish; assistance requested in other languages has come in at a steady but lower rate.

Departmental Contacts

Contact Information for Voters

Phone: (800) 815-2666
Email: voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov
Website: lavote.gov

Resources for Media/Communications Deputies

[Election Results](#)
[Media Kits & Fact Sheets](#)
[Press Releases](#)
[Community Voter Toolkit](#)

Media/Communications Contact

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Election Contact

We appreciate the partnership with your offices in serving Los Angeles County voters and enabling them to exercise their fundamental right to vote. Your Board has been provided with election contacts to assist in resolving any issues during this election.

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has published a [Community Voter Toolkit](#) with ready-to-use content to equip County departments, local jurisdictions, and community partners to effectively reach and engage voters.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (562) 462-2716 or email dlogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov. Your staff may also contact Coleman Reardon, Executive Assistant, at (562) 410-4522 or email creardon@rrcc.lacounty.gov.

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November 2026 General Election Status Update 2 Dashboard



Vote Centers

- **645 total Vote Centers available for the 2026 General Election**
 - 123 Vote Centers scheduled to open on Saturday, October 24th
 - 522 Vote Centers scheduled to open on Saturday, October 31st



Vote by Mail

- **5,923,429 Vote by Mail Ballots Issued**
- **385,562 Vote by Mail Ballots Returned**



Ballot Drop Boxes

- **429 Ballot Drop Boxes**
 - Opened on October 1, 2026
 - Ballots are retrieved daily at all locations
 - Most ballot drop boxes are available 24 hours



Election Worker Recruitment

12,308 Election Workers Recruited and Trained

	County Employee	Community	Student	Multilingual
Total	4,095	4,048	2,165	6,000+

Language Access

414,994 VBM ballots were requested in a language other than English.

Languages	Voters Requesting Materials	Languages	Voters Requesting Materials
Spanish	288,371	Russian	1,388
Chinese	52,783	Khmer	1,618
Korean	39,474	Hindi	677
Vietnamese	14,133	Bengali	379
Tagalog	5,331	Burmese	252
Japanese	3,114	Indonesian	154
Thai	3,354	Gujarati	159
Armenian	1,975	Telugu	61
Farsi	1,734	Mongolian	37