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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 5,924,216 VBM ballots as of October 30, and 1,026,943 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 to return their ballot on or before 8:00 p.m. on November 3.

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 opened 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.

## 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 on October 27, representatives from our Department and the California Secretary of State's office took part in a U.S. District Court hearing regarding the DOJ's request that California and Los Angeles County refrain from counting ballots of some alleged non-citizen voters identified by the federal government.

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.

## Voter Turnout

We have observed a higher turnout rate for this election than for similar elections at this point. The early returns are positive, and we continue to encourage voters to return their VBM ballots early to ensure they are counted in a timely manner. The table below details the current overall turnout by method, as of October 30.

| Method | Votes |
|---|---|
| Vote Centers | 51,169 |
| Vote by Mail | 963,361 |
| Total | 1,014,530 |

Over 17% of registered voters have voted in this election, which is 1.85% higher than the 2022 Gubernatorial General at this same point in the election. There is the potential for significant turnout at Vote Centers, which may result in lines on Election Day. We are prepared to respond to increased demand with additional capacity through our contingency resources and staffing reserves.

## Election Results Reporting

The official election tally will begin on November 3 at 8:00 PM at the Los Angeles County Ballot Processing Center in the City of Industry. The election results update schedule is as follows:

- Ballot Tabulation Begins: November 3 at 8:00 PM
- Vote by Mail ballots processed on or before Election Day: 8:15 PM – 8:30 PM
- Vote Center ballots cast before Election Day: 8:30 PM – 8:45 PM
- Vote Center ballots cast on Election Day: 9:30 PM – Until Complete

The remaining ballots will be processed and tallied during the Official Canvass Period. Subsequent election results updates will include VBM ballots returned on Election Day, and those postmarked by Election Day and received up to 7 days after Election Day.

New for this election, the Department will be processing ballots 24 hours a day in the days right after Election Day – Wednesday, November 4 through Friday, November 6. This continuous operation is open to the media and the public. November 5 – 6 results updates will post at 9am and 4pm, with an additional update at 10pm on November 6 toward the end of this around-the-clock processing period. From November 7 through November 25, updates will post between 4 – 5pm.

The Canvass Update Schedule is as follows:

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| - | - | - | 11/4<br>4-5pm | 11/5<br>9-10am<br>4-5pm | 11/6<br>9-10am<br>4-5pm<br>10-11pm | 11/7<br>4-5pm |
| 11/8<br>4-5pm | 11/9<br>4-5pm | 11/10<br>4-5pm | 11/11<br>4-5pm | 11/12<br>4-5pm | 11/13<br>4-5pm | - |
| - | - | 11/17<br>4-5pm | - | 11/19<br>4-5pm | - | - |
| - | - | - | 11/25<br>4-5pm | - | 11/27<br>12pm | |

Additional election results may take place over the weekend, if required. The Department is scheduled to certify the election results on Friday, November 27.

## 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.

**Election Media Campaign and Community Engagement**

The Department's voter education and outreach campaign has entered the final phase of the November 3 General Election, with focused messaging encouraging voters to vote early, return Vote by Mail ballots, and utilize the many voting options available throughout Los Angeles County. Current outreach efforts emphasize Official Ballot Drop Boxes, Vote Centers, Vote by Mail return options, and key Election Day reminders.

The RR/CC recently updated and redistributed its multilingual community engagement toolkit with the latest Get Out The Vote (GOTV) materials and outreach assets. The toolkit provides community-based organizations, County partners, universities, service providers, and stakeholder networks with ready-to-use multilingual voter education resources to support trusted, community-based voter outreach efforts.

On October 30, the RR/CC participated in a community press conference in Huntington Park alongside trusted community partners, including AltaMed and SELA Collaborative, to promote civic participation and reinforce the connection between civic engagement and community well-being. The event supported continued outreach to historically underserved and low-propensity voter communities.

The Department continues to actively monitor news coverage, social media activity, and emerging narratives to identify and respond to election-related misinformation and disinformation. Concurrently, the RR/CC is conducting ongoing English and Spanish-language media interviews with regional, local, hyperlocal, and multilingual outlets to ensure voters remain informed about voting options, Election Day operations, ballot processing, and what to expect after Election Day.

## Enhanced Language Services and Outreach

The Department has taken additional steps to improve our services and increase our direct outreach to Limited English Proficiency and Non-English Speaking communities for the November General Election. These efforts recognize the diverse communities that make up Los Angeles County and the need to tailor our approach to increase awareness of the election and voting options. On October 19, the Department conducted in-language robocall outreach efforts targeting 173,005 voters who have requested translated materials to encourage early voting ahead of Election Day. The message also informed voters about our language access hotlines, helping ensure they knew about resources available to support them throughout the voting process. This outreach was part of our broader communication plan focused on voting early, made possible by one-time election funding from the State of California to improve election processing.

Language assistance is available over the phone in any of our 23 supported languages. To provide more direct access, we implemented new direct phone numbers to reach the Language Access Hotline in the preferred language. Previously, voters had to call a General Language Assistance Hotline, listen to a menu of choices in English, select the multilingual call center option, talk to a dispatch operator who would try to decipher the language needed and route the call to the correct translator. The new direct numbers are listed in our in-language communications, including postcards, mailed Sample Ballot materials, and posters at vote centers, further increasing awareness. The direct lines have been a success, resulting in more voter contacts and greater efficiency by reducing dispatching.

As of October 26th, the Language Assistance Hotline has fielded 1,879 calls from voters in a language other than English. This is over double the number of calls handled by the Multilingual Call Center compared to past elections. Most of those calls are for assistance in Spanish, which accounts for 65% of our call volume. Many of the calls received are new requests to update language preferences so voters receive materials in their preferred language. Information about direct phone numbers and multilingual assistance is available on our website's Language Services Program page.

## 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 (Umberg): 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.

## 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, 4,071 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<br>73 recruited of 191<br>recruitment goal | Khmer<br>80 recruited of 188<br>recruitment goal | Korean<br>173 recruited of 253<br>recruitment goal |
| Thai<br>96 recruited of 175<br>recruitment goal | Lao<br>2 recruited of 8<br>recruitment goal | Hmong<br>0 recruited of 2<br>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**
Michael Sanchez, Communications Manager
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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 3 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
- **42,597 Voter Check-ins at Vote Centers**

## Vote by Mail

- **5,924,234 Vote by Mail Ballots Issued**
- **990,621 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

**12,500 Election Workers Recruited and Trained**

| | County Employee | Community | Student | Multilingual |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total | 4,061 | 6,304 | 2,135 | 6,000+ |

## Language Access

415,100 VBM ballots were requested in a language other than English.

| Languages | Voters Requesting Materials |
|---|---|
| Spanish | 288,457 |
| Chinese | 52,785 |
| Korean | 39,468 |
| Vietnamese | 14,134 |
| Tagalog | 5,334 |
| Japanese | 3,111 |
| Thai | 3,359 |
| Armenian | 1,973 |
| Farsi | 1,747 |

| Languages | Voters Requesting Materials |
|---|---|
| Russian | 1,392 |
| Khmer | 1,616 |
| Hindi | 679 |
| Bengali | 384 |
| Burmese | 254 |
| Indonesian | 153 |
| Gujarati | 157 |
| Telugu | 62 |
| Mongolian | 35 |

All data as of October 30, 2026