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MESSAGE from Dean

As we continue to prepare for the road ahead, we have to remember to stop and celebrate the milestones. We hit one of the most significant milestones of this project this month and we want to share the excitement with you. On June 12, LA County's new voting experience came one step closer to becoming a reality after a contract was awarded to Smartmatic USA to assist us in the development, manufacturing and implementation of the County's new system by 2020.

This important step pushes us forward in delivering on our commitment to modernize the voting experience in Los Angeles County and to lead in the development and implementation of a non-proprietary, publicly-owned voting system that is responsive to the needs and behavior of our electorate.

Smartmatic USA and its team will be responsible for systems integration, engineering and manufacturing of the system components that were designed by and for Los Angeles County focusing on security, accessibility and usability.

Smartmatic USA was chosen after being scored by technical, legal and financial evaluators in accordance with Los Angeles County's competitive procurement policies. The company has extensive experience in manufacturing secure and customized election technology all over the world.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

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RFP UPDATE

Contract Awarded to Smartmatic USA

LA County has awarded Smartmatic USA a contract for the manufacturing and integration of the VSAP systems including the VSAP Ballot Marking Device (BMD) and Interactive Sample Ballot (ISB). Smartmatic USA was awarded the contract following an extensive 9 month open and competitive solicitation and evaluation process. Proposals were scored by technical, legal and financial evaluators—all experts in their respective fields.

The solicitation and evaluation processes was a two-phase bid that was made available to any interested vendors. The process was conducted in accordance with Los Angeles County's competitive procurement policies. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the contract during the June 12, 2018 meeting and the contract was signed and made effective on June 13, 2018.

This marks a significant milestone for the VSAP. After nearly nine years of research, design, engineering and continuous public engagement, the RR/CC will begin to build the system that it designed with and for its voters. The VSAP partnered with design firm, IDEO to develop the systems using a human-centered design process focusing on making the voting process more secure, usable and accessible for voters. Through this engagement with Smartmatic USA, the RR/CC will implement the County-owned VSAP solution for the March 2020 California Presidential Primary election.



VOTE CENTER PLACEMENT PROJECT LAUNCH

On May 8, 2018, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) launched the Vote Center Placement Project (VCP) website. The VCP website will serve to keep voters informed of the County’s process to identify vote centers and to gather community input during the process. The site allows Los Angeles County residents to suggest vote center locations through an interactive tool. This tool has been translated into 12 languages to ensure accessibility to the County’s diverse communities. Since its launch, we have received over 600 Vote Center suggestion from community members.

The VCP website also provides members of the public with information on the research behind the VCP, as well as the goals and metrics being used to determine whether the suggested Vote Centers are accessible to all voters.

You can access the website by visiting vsap.lavote.net/vote-center-placement-project/. Once you are on the site, you can click on the “Suggest a Vote Center” link.

 **Los Angeles County Vote Center Placement Project**

Los Angeles County Vote Center Sites

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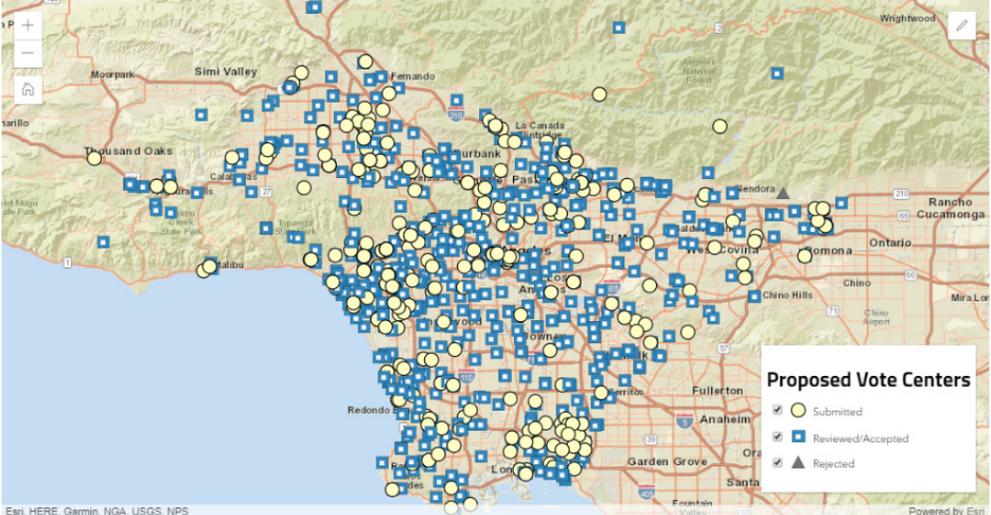
Los Angeles County is choosing where vote centers should be located, and you can help!

[First time here? Get some help.](#)

Review proposed vote centers.
Find a proposed site by clicking on a symbol on the map, or use the [list of all sites](#). When you find a site, you can review the details, or add your comments.

Suggest a new vote center site.
You can enter an address or click on the location on the map, then fill in the form below.

Site address:



Proposed Vote Centers

- Submitted
- Reviewed/Accepted
- Rejected

To suggest a new vote center site, tell us as much as you can about it:

Site name:

VSAP SUMMIT

On March 16, 2018, the VSAP team held a VSAP Summit at the Liberty Community Plaza in Whittier, CA. The theme of the Summit was “The Future is in Good Hands”.

In preparation of the implementation of the new voting experience, the VSAP Summit helped to refocus the VSAP program members through various group activities.

Project teams provided updates on their perspective work and participated in activities that allowed them to reflect on the project’s milestones and recent achievements.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Easterseals Norwalk

On March 27, 2018, Disability Rights California invited the VSAP team to participate in a Peer Self-Advocacy Skills event at Easterseals, an adult day care center for adults with developmental disabilities in Norwalk, CA.

The event was focused on navigating the voting process in Los Angeles County. The VSAP Team provided an overview of the future voting experience, which included a demonstration of the Ballot Marking Device (BMD) and were on hand to assist interested individuals to register to vote. This event showcase the accessibility of the BMD. Voters of different abilities successfully went through a voter simulation, including a voter with limited hand mobility who used her feet to vote.



Older Adult Summit

The VSAP team attended the Older Adult Summit held at the Pasadena Convention Center on April 5, 2018. This event provided an opportunity for the attendees ages 55 and up to interact with the BMD and gain information about the new voting experience. We registered new voters and distributed materials for this year's statewide elections. We connected with other City and County Departments who are interested in conducting voter education and registration in their respective communities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

League of Women Voters Palms-Rancho Park & Torrance/South Bay Branches

Jeff Klein, RR/CC Manager of Voter Education, Outreach and Community Relations, gave presentations focused primarily on the California Voters Choice Act and on the changes that will occur in Los Angeles County as VSAP is implemented in 2018 and 2020.

Voting in America – Town Hall

Dean Logan along with USC's Unruh Institute and Disability Rights California presented on VSAP with the focus being on eliminating barriers for voters with disabilities as well as underserved communities and youth.

Heart of Los Angeles Democratic Club

Jeff Klein, RR/CC Manager of Voter Education, Outreach and Community Relations, gave a presentation focused primarily on the California Voters Choice Act and the changes that will occur in Los Angeles County as VSAP is implemented in 2018 and 2020.

Southern California Grantmakers

The VSAP Team provided demonstrations of the BMD at the Southern California Grantmakers 2018 Public Policy Conference. Participants of the conference included California Secretary of State Alex Padilla, members of the media and the philanthropic community.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Wise and Healthy Aging

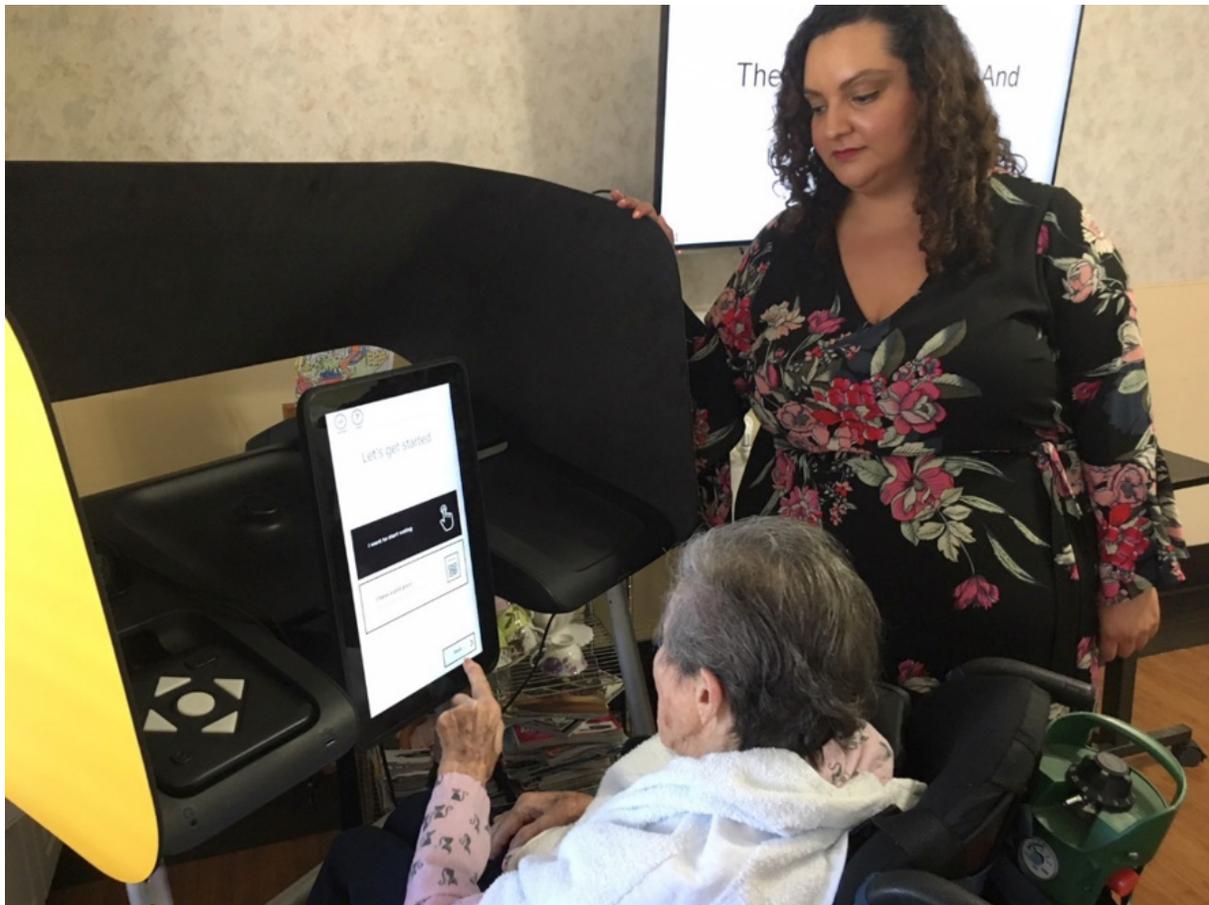
On May 2, 2018, Disability Rights California (DRC) invited members of the VSAP Team to participate in a Voting Rights Advocacy presentation at WISE and Healthy Aging Headquarters in Santa Monica, CA. WISE and Healthy Aging is a multi-service, non-profit organization which serves older adults and their families and caregivers throughout Los Angeles County. The presentation focused on voting rights, especially around issues of accessibility.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Pacific Post-Acute Nursing Facility

On June 15, 2018, Disability Rights California invited the VSAP Team to participate in a Peer Self-Advocacy Skills event at Pacific Post-Acute Nursing Facility in Santa Monica, CA. The team provided an overview of the changes to the new future voting experience, which included a demonstration of the Ballot Marking Device (BMD). Overall, there were 15 people in attendance with several volunteers who interacted with the device. One particular volunteer included Ruth, a 103-year-old LA County voter, who navigated through the demo voting simulation effortlessly. She thought that the touchscreen interface was easy to use and liked the ability to insert her ballot into the ballot box handsfree.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Los Angeles County Information Security Steering Committee

RR/CC staff and the VSAP Team provided a demonstration of the BMD at the Los Angeles County Information Security Steering Committee (ISSC) at the County's Chief Information Office. The presentation focused mainly on the technology and security features of all VSAP program components, including the BMD and the Interactive Sample Ballot (ISB).

Rotary Club of Whittier

Dean Logan gave a presentation to members of the Rotary Club of Whittier focused on the changes that will occur in Los Angeles County as VSAP is implemented in 2018 and 2020, as well as on election processes.

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