



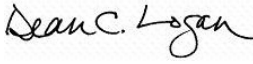
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WEEKLY STATUS REPORT – MARCH 3rd ELECTION

This is the second report in a series of pre-election status reports to inform your Board and the public of our preparation for the March 3rd Presidential Primary Election. The information and data included connect to the County's goals of "Operational Effectiveness" and "Community Support and Responsiveness." Additionally, the reports support the Department's ongoing commitment to fair, accessible and transparent election services for the citizens of Los Angeles County.

The reports include updates on important activities related to implementation of the Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) initiative, administering the election and provide statistics related to those activities. The reports focus on key areas of the election process: status of Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot mailing; Sample Ballot mailing; vote center worker recruitment/training; and voter education/community outreach. In addition, the following *Highlights* section references special projects or significant issues to call to your attention.

Highlights

Kick-Off of Early Voting Period (February 22nd and 23rd)

This weekend we launched the new voting system and kicked-off the start of the 10-day early voting period. Vote Centers began opening Saturday, February 22nd, and continue to remain open through Election Day with more locations opening February 29th through the final four days of voting.

While our launch was not without hiccups and implementation issues, the new voting model is now underway. Election workers – many who are county employees – performed well undertaking the new procedures, learning new equipment and responding to challenging logistics and facility issues. Saturday was a bit of a mixed bag. On one hand, the new equipment functioned well and many who used it commented on positive experiences, as intended. The rougher side dealt with logistics, facilities and coordination issues; which improved over time during the day and into the second day of operations. It is a demonstrable benefit to have more than a single day to deliver voting services to an electorate and geographic area as large and diverse as ours.



With 232 Vote Centers open over the weekend, we had an estimated 5,596 votes cast on Saturday and an additional 4,092 today for a two-day estimated total of **9,688**. We will continue to promote these sites for voter activity throughout the week and then our expansion to more than 970 locations next weekend through Election Day.

- **Mobile and Flex Vote Centers:** In addition to the regular Vote Centers, we also launched our Mobile and Flex Vote Centers over the weekend delivering on the VSAP vision to meet voters where they are and to provide services to justice-involved voters and individuals experiencing homelessness.
 - Mobile Vote Center/Flex Vote Center (Saturday and Sunday) -- **LA Free the Vote** at the Central Regional Women's' Detention Facility in Lakewood and inside the jail providing registration and voting services for eligible inmates. More description on this historic program provided below.
 - Flex Vote Center (Saturday) – **The MAYE Center** in Long Beach (*people experiencing homelessness*)
 - Flex Vote Center (Saturday) – **St. Luke's Episcopal Church** in Long Beach
 - Flex Vote Center (Saturday) – **Holy Chapel Missionary Baptist Church** in Compton
 - Mobile Vote Center (Sunday) – **Alhambra Farmer's Market**
 - Mobile Vote Center (Sunday) – **Women Run LA Half Marathon** in Lake View Terrace
 - Flex Vote Center (Sunday) – **Black AIDS Institute**, downtown Los Angeles
 - Flex Vote Center (Sunday) – **City of Malibu**
 - Flex Vote Center (Sunday) – **Boeing Plaza** in Lancaster (*people experiencing homelessness*)

The Department has the full schedule of [Mobile Vote Centers](#) and [VSAP Flex Program Vote Centers](#) through to March 2nd listed on the website.

LA Free the Vote Taskforce – Vote Center Programs at Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF)

On February 22nd and 23rd, the Department partnered with the LA County Sheriff Department (LASD) to provide expanded voting options for justice-involved voters and their family members. A Mobile Vote Center was stationed at the entrance to the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) in Lynwood where arriving visitors (and LASD personnel) were encouraged to vote. Among the voters who voted at the Mobile Vote Center was Sheriff Alex Villanueva.

Through enhanced partnership with LASD, the Department was able to pilot a Flex Vote Center inside CRDF. This offered eligible voters who are incarcerated the option of in-person voting. The Department has had a long-standing program where eligible inmates may vote by mail (VBM). The Flex Vote Center was successfully piloted giving voters a choice for how they wish to cast their ballot. Along with education on general civic engagement and how to cast a ballot, the Department partnered with the League of Women voters to provide nonpartisan educational information. This development marked the first time in LA County where incarcerated voters were able to vote in-person while serving a jail sentence. (Pictures included below.)

On Sunday, February 23rd, to highlight the expansion of voting access and collaboration between the Department and LASD, we held a joint press conference where I was joined by Sheriff Villanueva. Coverage of the press conference is provided in the “Media” section of this report.

Poll Monitor Hotline

During each election, the Department operates a Poll Monitor Hotline among the numerous other phone banks. This hotline is used specifically by cities, community-based organizations (CBOs), political organizations and partisan campaigns who are active in the field while the polls are open. The expansion of the voting period has expanded operation of the Poll Monitor Hotline from one day (Election Day) to eleven days.

To educate and prepare observers for activities during the voting period, the Department held a Poll Monitor Hotline Orientation on February 15th. The orientation included the following:

- Overall program changes due to VSAP
- Review of the new Vote Center Look-Up Tool
- Review of the new Voter Participation Tool that replaced the Street Index
- Discussion of VSAP frequently asked questions
- Overview of election worker training
- How to report a problem and the Observation Report Log
- Rules related to electioneering
- Photography and media guidelines at a Vote Center

Cities, CBOs, political organizations and campaigns will continue to report issues to the Poll Monitor Hotline during the voting period and on Election Day.

Election Observer Program

A key facet of administering the election is transparency. Many of the activities related to implementation, tallying and post-election processing are open to the public. Beginning with processing of vote by mail ballots, which includes verifying signatures and preparing for tally, the public is encouraged to observe activities whether to review the process or learn about the operations. With the opening of the new Tally Operation Center in Downey and daily ballot inspection, ballot delivery and ballot preparation, there are additional opportunities for the public to observe. On Election Night, observable activities will continue as the majority of in-person ballots expect to be received.

During the post-election auditing and canvass period, the public may observe additional activities. These are activities necessary for finalizing the official vote totals and the 30-day canvass period. Such activities include processing of conditional voter registration, processing and tallying of provisional ballots, verification of voter signatures on VBM envelopes and tallying of VBM ballots, ballot remakes, the 1% manual tally and all other processes necessary for finalizing the election.

Media

2/18/20

[CSUN to Host L.A. County Vote Center for March Primary Election](#) —CSUN Today

[Goodbye Polling Places, Hello Voting Centers: Where and how you vote will be different starting this Saturday](#) —The Eastsider

[This Car Dealership Will Turn Into A Voting Center On Saturday](#) —LAist

[Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk](#) —Kiis Fm (iHeart)

[CA Primary Presents Big Test for L.A. County's New Voting System](#) —Fox & Hounds

[Lisa Foxx Talks to LA County Clerk Dean C. Logan](#) —1043 MyFM (iHeart)

2/19/20

[LA County unveils new voting machines ahead of March 3 Primary with Tagalog as an option](#) —Asian Journal

[Feds to Monitor LA County Vote Centers for ADA Compliance](#) —SCV News

[Voter registration deadline is tonight](#) —AV Press

[No Excuses: Early Voting Centers Open Saturday](#) —The Argonaut

[Everything You Need to Know About L.A. County's Newfangled Voting System](#) – Los Angeles Magazine

[U.S. Attorney's Office plans to send workers to monitor vote centers all over L.A. County](#) – KFI

[Here's Where You Can Vote Starting on Saturday – Yes, Saturday](#) —Pasadena Now

[Learn More About Los Angeles' New Voting Experience](#) —L.A. City

2/20/20

[From Union Station to Fairplex, check out these fun places to vote starting Saturday](#) – SGVTribune.com

[Everything You Need to Know About L.A County's Newfangled Voting System](#) – Los Angeles Magazine

[Here's What to Watch for Locally on March 3 in Los Angeles](#) —KCET

[Do Not 'Pass' at the Polls: Say No to 'Under-the-Table' Way to Vote](#) —City Watch L.A.

[Always Advocating Alan: Voting in 2020 or California vs. Iowa](#) —Santa Clarita Gazette

[Studio Art Program Partners with L.A. County to Encourage Student Voting](#) —CSUDH Campus News

[Vote Centers Open In Malibu Feb 22 for 2020 Presidential Primary Election](#) —Patch

[County to open seven vote centers in Claremont](#) —Claremont Courier

[Cal State LA Selected as Vote Center for 2020 Primary Election](#) —Latino LA

2/21/20

[New Vote Centers Open this Weekend, But Most Angelenos Have No Idea](#) —LAist

[Primary Voting: Upgrades on Ballot Marking Devices and Other Ways to Vote](#) —Alhambra Source

[VOTE! March 3 Primary Election](#) —M'Online Messenger Mountain News

[Radio: Starting tomorrow people can vote in person at voting centers](#) – KCRW

[Radio: Voters will notice changes to voting system](#) – KCRW

[Radio: New USC poll finds that more than 62% of potential voters in LA County are unaware of changes coming for March 3rd primary](#) – KNX

[Primary Voting Begins Saturday in Los Angeles County](#) —My News LA

[Where to vote in the SCV and beyond](#) – The SCV Signal

2/22/20

[Early Voting Begins Saturday in Los Angeles County](#) —KCAL9

[Los Angeles County's New Vote Centers Open Saturday for Early Voting](#) —CBS2

[Primary voting begins in Los Angeles County](#) – FOX 11

[Game-changing LA County voting centers open, but some voters turned away amid early glitches](#) – Press Telegram

[Early voting starts in L.A. County, with some hiccups reported](#)– LA Times

[Early Voting Begins Saturday in LA County](#) – NBC

[Technical Hiccups Greet Voters On First Day Of LA County's New Voting Machines](#) – LAist

[How to vote the new way in L.A. \(in 2020\)](#) – LA Times

[Primary Voting Begins Today in Los Angeles County](#) – KFI AM 640

[Our View – Election is Under Way, So Don't Miss Your Chance](#) – The SCV Signal

[Voters run into challenges trying to cast ballots as primary voting begins in Los Angeles County](#) – ABC7

[Plummer Park's Voting Center Isn't Working](#) – WEHOville

[In-person voting begins today under new L.A. County voting system](#) – The Eastsider

[Early Voting in Los Angeles County Got Off to a Bumpy Start](#) —LA Magazine

2/23/20

[\[Voters run into worries seeking to forged ballots as most important voting starts in Los Angeles County\]](#) —Go Tech Daily

[All Voting Centers Are Now Open and Ready to Take Your Ballot](#) —WEHOville

[New voting machines in Los Angeles stir up controversy](#) —CNN

[Eligible Inmates in L.A. County Jails to be Able to Vote Under New Program](#) —NBC4

[Inmate Voting Expanded In LA County Jails](#) —Patch

[Sheriff Villanueva Introduces New Program Enabling County Inmates To Vote](#) —CBS2

[Our View | Election Is Under Way, So Don't Miss Your Chance](#) —Santa Clarita Valley Signal

2/24/20

[A new voting system in L.A. brings anxiety as California primary approaches](#) —LA Times

[What You Need to Know About the New Voting Centers](#) —Downtown Los Angeles News

[A new voting system in L.A. raises the stakes for California's primary](#) —LA Times

[SCV Voters Have 26 Voting Centers to Cast Primary Vote](#) —SCV News

[Where to Vote in Santa Clarita for the California Primary Election](#) —KHTS Radio

News Releases

2/21: [Voting Begins This Weekend for the March 3 Presidential Primary Election](#) 

2/18: [Official Registration Deadline for the March 3 Presidential Primary Election](#) 

Election Activity Statistics					
<i>March 3, 2020 Primary Election</i>					
	02/11/2020	02/18/2020	02/25/2020		
Vote By Mail by Supervisorial District (Issued/ Received)					
District 1 Issued	556,400	559,925	565,171		
Received	885	15,290	42,022		
District 2 Issued	557,963	561,964	568,042		
Received	983	15,182	41,679		
District 3 Issued	675,092	680,682	689,322		
Received	3,399	27,834	67,366		
District 4 Issued	980,020	983,168	987,810		
Received	2,585	32,564	78,484		
District 5 Issued	712,222	717,709	726,499		
Received	3,438	32,031	78,396		
Total Issued	3,481,697	3,503,448	3,536,844		
Total Received	11,290	122,901	307,947		
Military and Overseas					
Ballots Issued	24,631	24,674	25,128		
Ballots Received	243	436	2,182		
Sample Ballots					
Mailed (continuous through Feb 22 nd)	2,895,911	5,080,771	5,080,771		
Supplemental Mailing	n/a	n/a	128,635		
Incoming Voter Registration Totals by Supervisorial Districts (since January 1, 2020)					
District 1	22,735	36,953	47,583		
District 2	24,120	39,618	51,061		
District 3	29,761	50,666	65,144		
District 4	28,738	47,817	59,726		
District 5	30,971	50,597	64,657		
Countywide Total	136,325	225,951	288,171		

Incoming Voter Registration Totals by Age (since January 1, 2020)					
18-29	38,475	66,257	88,279		
30-39	29,139	49,271	62,179		
40-49	19,604	31,916	40,009		
50-59	19,567	31,295	38,990		
60-69	17,283	27,298	33,843		
70-79	8,929	14,327	17,760		
Over 80	3,328	5,597	7,117		
No Data		40	43		
Total	136,325	226,001	288,220		

Total Election Workers Recruited/ Placed (includes community and county employees)					
	12,435	14,152	14,185		
Details (part of total from above)					
Multilingual Election Workers	4,018	4,210	4,868		
Student Election Workers	3,567	3,770	3,596		
Number of Vote Centers by Supervisorial District					
District 1	224	226	226		
District 2	186	186	186		
District 3	162	163	163		
District 4	199	199	199		
District 5	201	203	203		
Total	972	977	977		