



Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk



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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles City Council
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The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors, City Council and Mayor Garcetti:

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify you that the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RRCC) and the Los Angeles City Clerk (Clerk) have committed to collaboratively work towards consolidating the elections of both the City of Los Angeles (City) and the Los Angeles Unified School District (District) with the election run by the County of Los Angeles (County) beginning in 2020.

As you know, in March 2015 the voters of the City approved Charter Amendments 1 and 2, which among other things changed the City's and District's primary and general election dates to June and November of even-numbered years beginning in 2020 so that City elections are held on the same dates as federal and State elections. This timeframe is also aligned with the County's planned implementation of a new voting system.

While the Charter Amendments changed the City's and District's election dates they did not automatically consolidate the City and County-run elections. Left unaddressed this would lead to a concurrent voting situation where City voters would vote in two separate elections on the same day, a City election and the County's consolidated election. This type of scenario could lead to significant voter confusion and is not in the best interest of the public or in the spirit of the intent of the Charter Amendments.

We have already commenced steps to address this concern with the formation of a cross jurisdictional working group to begin the process of moving towards consolidation in 2020. As you can imagine, consolidating the election of the largest jurisdiction in the County requires a significant amount of planning, which is why we proactively initiated this cooperative process now to ensure a smooth transition. Already this has allowed us to identify priority issues, leverage resources, and establish clear responsibilities.

Please note that this process does not include the elections of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) as they are not covered under the City's Charter, but are administered through contractual relationship with the City. The RRCC has begun a separate analysis and is working with the LACCD Board to review the potential consolidation of future LACCD elections.

Finally, in an effort to keep you all informed of this process we are committing to provide you with quarterly reports on the progress of this effort. We look forward to working together and with all of you on this most important electoral transition for the benefit of the common electorate that we all serve.

Should you have further questions or need clarification, you or your staff may contact Aaron Nevarez, RRCC Executive Assistant, at (562) 462-2800 or Greg Allison, Clerk Executive Officer, at (213) 978-1023.

Sincerely,



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Los Angeles City Clerk

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