



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
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FROM: Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk 

**ELECTION STATUS REPORT: AUGUST 21, 2007 SPECIAL 37<sup>th</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ELECTION**

Enclosed is a fact sheet with key details pertaining to next Tuesday's Special Congressional Election in the 37<sup>th</sup> District to fill the vacancy that occurred due to the death of Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald.

We would like to invite you to observe any aspects regarding administration of this election including absentee voting preparation/processing, Election Day activities at any of the 334 voting precincts, election night ballot tabulation and/or post-election auditing activities.

To date we have learned that the following V.I.P. visitors will be with us to observe this election: U.S. Election Assistance Commissioner Rosemary Rodriguez and Becky Claster, legislative assistant to Congressman Henry Waxman. They have both expressed interest in learning more about our election systems and processes, especially in light of current federal legislative proposals that appear to be gathering momentum (HR811 and S1437).

If you would like further information or if you and/or staff plan to observe election activities, please let me know.

c: Election Advisory Committee  
Jon Fullinwider, CIO  
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Ray Fortner, County Counsel  
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Phillip Browning, DPSS director  
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**Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk  
Fact Sheet  
August 21, 2007  
37<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Special General Election**

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) will be conducting the 37<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Special General Election on August 21, 2007. The Special General Election is being held to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in Congress ending January 3, 2009. The special election was called by the Governor to fill the vacancy created due to the death of Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald.

**STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

Ballot Groups:	5 (Congressional Dist. Elections Rotate by Assembly Dist.)
Precincts:	334
Election Night Check in Centers:	5
Precinct Officers:	1,336
Voting Hours:	7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Voter Registration:	251,460
Translations:	Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Vietnamese
Election Cost Estimate:	\$1.8 million

**ABSENTEE VOTING PERIOD**

The period to request an absentee ballot by mail ended on August 14, 2007. Under special circumstances, a voter may request an emergency absentee ballot beginning Wednesday, August 15 through Election Day, August 21 at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's headquarters in Norwalk. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Absentee Voter Section at (562) 466-1323 weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**VOTES NEEDED TO ELECT CANDIDATE**

The candidate who receives the highest number of votes cast at the special general election shall be declared elected.

**TERM OF OFFICE**

The unexpired term ends on January 3, 2009.

**BALLOTS AND VOTING SYSTEM**

All voting will take place using InkaVote ballots. All ballots, whether cast at the voting precincts on Election Day or absentee/by mail, will be centrally counted on the MTS system at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's headquarters in Norwalk. Additionally, InkaVote Plus voting equipment will be available at all 334 voting precincts on Election Day to provide 1) error-detection for all voters, i.e. allowing voters the opportunity to correct a mistake, such as voting for too many candidates in a race, to be alerted prior to casting the ballot, and 2) an audio voting option for voters with visual impairments and/or voters who prefer translation assistance in designated languages.

**UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS ON 8/21**

On election night, unofficial election results will be available by 1) calling the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at the telephone numbers listed below, up until all precinct ballots are counted and 2) accessing the Internet at the site listed below.

Unofficial absentee voting results will be available at approximately 8:15 p.m. As precinct ballots arrive during the evening, updated cumulative results will be available and posted on the RR/CC's Internet website.

All ballots cannot be counted on election night. Election night results are always unofficial. Additional ballots are counted in the days/weeks following the election including: 1) absentee ballots received through the mail or dropped off at the polls on Election Day. These ballots must be individually signature-verified and then opened prior to tabulation; 2) provisional ballots cast at the voting precincts on Election Day by persons whose eligibility to vote cannot immediately be verified. These ballots must be individually researched to determine eligibility; 3) damaged ballots that are unable to be processed through the election tally equipment and must be manually duplicated prior to tabulation; and 4) ballots containing write-in votes which must be individually reviewed to determine if the write-in vote is for a qualified/unqualified write-in candidate.

Telephone Numbers:                      Public (562) 466-1310  
    Media (562) 462-2648 or (562) 462-2726

Internet Website:                          [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net)

**AVAILABILITY OF UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS (BY PRECINCT) BEGINNING 8/22**

Precinct results will be available in the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Election Information Section after 12 p.m. through 5 p.m.

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**OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS**

The official canvass of the ballots cast is anticipated to be completed within 10 days of the election. The official canvass must be completed and election results certified within 28 days of the election. The certification deadline for this election is September 18, 2007.

# OFFICIAL BALLOT

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL  
37<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT  
SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION

AUGUST 21, 2007  
**County of Los Angeles**

<b>U.S. CONGRESSIONAL 37<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION AUGUST 21, 2007</b>		
FILL IN BUBBLE WITH MARKER → 		
(Unexpired Term Ending January 3, 2009)		
Vote for One		
<b>JOHN M. KANALEY</b> Military Officer/Policeman	Republican →	<input type="radio"/>
<b>LAURA RICHARDSON</b> California State Assemblymember	Democratic →	<input type="radio"/>
<b>DANIEL ABRAHAM BREZENOFF</b> Counselor/Historian/Journalist	Green →	<input type="radio"/>
<b>HERB PETERS</b> Retired Aerospace Engineer	Libertarian →	<input type="radio"/>

# *Facts about*

## InkaVote Plus Voting System

- Tested and approved by Federal Election Authorities (March 2006)
- Tested and certified by California Secretary of State (April 2006)
- Used successfully for all Los Angeles County elections since November 2006

### ***InkaVote Plus Voter Advantages:***

- ✓ Prevents voters from casting blank ballots
- ✓ Prevents overvotes (more selections than a contest allows).
- ✓ Provides an audio option for:
  - Voters with visual impairments
  - Voters who prefer translation assistance

*California's Secretary of State is currently re-examining voting systems. The InkaVote Plus system is involved in the review which should be completed shortly. The InkaVote Plus system is not used for counting votes in Los Angeles County (all votes are counted at the Registrar's headquarters on a central tally system).*

