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VOTE BY MAIL FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2011 SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS UNDERWAY

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan reminded Los Angeles County registered voters that they can request Vote by Mail ballots for the upcoming February 15, 2011 Special Primary Elections in the 17th and 28th State Senate Districts through Tuesday, February 8.

Vote By Mail Application / Permanent Vote By Mail Status

Voters can use the Vote By Mail application on the back cover of their Official Sample Ballot Booklet or request a Vote By Mail ballot online at www.lavote.net. Voters who would like to automatically receive a Vote By Mail Ballot every election may request Permanent Vote By Mail status. Simply check the box marked "Permanent Vote by Mail Status" on the Vote by Mail application located on the back cover of the Sample Ballot booklet. "Voting by Mail provides voters an added opportunity to vote in the convenience of their home at a time best suited to them, which is perfect for those with hectic schedules," said Logan.

Sample ballot mailings by the RR/CC to the more than 802,000 eligible registered voters in the 17th and 28th State Senate Districts began on January 20 for the 17th State Senate District and on January 24 for the 28th State Senate District. "Staff is currently assembling Vote by Mail packets and have begun mailing packets for the 173,000 Permanent Vote by Mail voters eligible to vote in these elections," said Logan.

About The Elections

The February 15 Primary Election in the 17th State Senate District is to elect a candidate to fill the vacancy in the 17th State Senate District for the unexpired term ending December 2, 2012. Incumbent George C. Runner, Jr. resigned from office to assume his seat on the State Board of Equalization.

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The February 15 Primary Election in the 28th State Senate District is to elect a candidate to fill the vacancy in the 28th State Senate District for the unexpired term ending November 30, 2014. Incumbent Jenny Oropeza was declared as winner for the 28th State Senate seat in the November 2, 2010 General Election; however, the seat was declared vacant because of her death on October 20, 2010.

If no candidate receives a majority of the vote in each of these elections, the top two vote getters in the election will runoff in a Special General Election on April 19, 2011.

New “Top-Two” Primary System

Los Angeles County will be among the first Counties in California to conduct an election under the new “Top-Two” Primary system. The “Top-Two” Primary election system has replaced partisan primaries for all Congressional, statewide and state legislative elections. Under the “Top-Two” Primary system approved by voters in June 2010 and effective January 1, 2011, all candidates regardless of party will appear on a single ballot. Voters may choose to vote for any candidate on the ballot. This means that two candidates of the same party may be nominated to run in a general election.

Requesting A Vote By Mail Ballot

Voters may request a Vote by Mail ballot in one of the following ways:

- Complete the Vote by Mail application on the back cover of the Official Sample Ballot booklet; or
- Submit an electronic request by visiting the RR/CC website at www.lavote.net and click on the *Voting and Elections* button located at the top of the main page; click on the *Vote By Mail Application* link in the *Quick Links* box of the Voting and Elections page; or
- Send a letter addressed to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Vote by Mail Section, P.O. Box 30450, Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450; or
- Apply in person at the RR/CC Headquarters, 12400 Imperial Hwy., 3rd Floor, Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Voters who request a Vote by Mail ballot can check on the status of their request using the RR/CC’s online look-up. Visit www.lavote.net and click on the *Voting and Elections* button located at the top of the main page; click on the *Vote by Mail Status* link in the *Quick Links* box of the Voting and Elections page. Voters may also call the RR/CC at (562) 466-1323.

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Requesting Permanent Vote By Mail Status

California law allows any registered voter to become a permanent Vote by Mail voter. Voters may request Permanent Vote by Mail status in one of the following ways:

- Complete the Vote by Mail application on the back cover of the Official Sample Ballot booklet and check the “PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL STATUS” box; or
- Visit www.lavote.net and click on the *Voting and Elections* button located at the top of the main page; click on the *Vote by Mail Information* button in the left navigation column; then click the *Permanent Vote By Mail Application* link in the *Links To Vote By Mail Applications* section located at the end of the Vote By Mail page to download a Permanent Vote By Mail Application;
- Send a letter addressed to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Vote by Mail Section, P.O. Box 30450, Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450; or
- Call the RR/CC to request an application for Permanent Vote by Mail Status at (562) 466-1323.

Returning Your Vote By Mail Ballot

Voted ballots must be received by the RR/CC no later than Tuesday, February 15, 2011 by 8 p.m. Ballots received after 8 p.m. February 15, regardless of postmark, will not be accepted. In order to be counted, ballots cast by mail must be returned with sufficient time for mail delivery to the RR/CC by 8 p.m. on February 15. Vote by Mail ballots may also be returned in person to the RR/CC Headquarters, or delivered to any polling place in the county before the polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day. A voter may authorize a designated family member to return the voted ballot to a polling place or to the RR/CC in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Vote by Mail ballot return envelope.

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Persons requiring multilingual assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino or Vietnamese can call (800) 481-8683.

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