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VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR THE FEBRUARY 15, 2011 STATE SENATE DISTRICTS SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan today reminded eligible residents in the 17th and 28th State Senate Districts that Monday, January 31, 2011 is the last day to register to vote in the Districts' upcoming Special Vacancy Elections on February 15, 2011.

Registration statistics for these districts currently reflect 334,257 registered voters in the 17th State Senate District and 467,335 registered voters in the 28th State Senate District.

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.

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.

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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.

Registering To Vote

Individuals who wish to register must at least be 18 years of age by Election Day, a U.S. Citizen and resident of Los Angeles County, and not in prison or on parole for conviction of a felony. If the voter has recently moved, made a legal name change, or wishes to change political party affiliation, the voter must re-register to vote. Individuals must reside within the 17th or 28th State Senate Districts to vote in their respective State Senate District Election on February 15.

Visit www.lavote.net to access an online voter registration form. Voter registration forms are also available by calling the *Voter Registration Request Line* – (800) 481-VOTE (8883) or at over 1,240 locations across the County – including Department of Motor Vehicles offices, libraries, fire stations, post offices, public assistance offices (DPSS, WIC), and City Clerks offices.

Residents who are not sure if they are registered to vote should visit www.lavote.net to verify voter registration status online, or call the RR/CC at (562) 466-1310 or (562) 466-1323. Further details about these services and other election information regarding the 17th or 28th State Senate Districts Special Primary Elections can be found on the RR/CC website at www.lavote.net.

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For Multilingual assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino or Vietnamese call (800) 481-8683

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