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ELECTION RESULTS SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Acting Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan today announced that preliminary election results for the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election will be available starting at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday night on the RR/CC website – www.lavote.net.

Initial results posted on the website will be from vote by mail ballots returned to the RR/CC during the weeks prior to the election. The first results will represent ballots from nearly all of the County's 4,766 voting precincts. "Prior to counting, vote by mail ballots undergo a series of pre-processing steps," Logan said. "These include signature verification, precinct sorting, separation of the signed affidavit envelope from the voter's ballot card to ensure secrecy of the ballot, and running the ballots through card readers."

Election Day ballots cast at the County's 4,379 polling locations will begin to arrive at the Tally Center in Norwalk just prior 10:00 p.m. where they undergo several steps before actual counting. Ballots are first secured at the polling places after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. and then delivered to one of 75 regional check-in centers located throughout the County. Ballots are transported by Sheriff's patrol vehicles and helicopters from the check-in centers to the RR/CC headquarters in Norwalk where they are centrally counted.

Updated election results will be posted to the website throughout the night and into Wednesday morning until semi-official election results are completed. Logan predicted that precinct ballot counting is likely to continue through 3:00 a.m. on February 6th.

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Logan stressed that the semi-official results from Election Day will likely represent about 75 to 80 percent of total votes cast in the election. "With the high number of vote by mail ballots issued and returned in the final days of the election, our results will be continuously updated in the days after the election as those ballots are processed and votes are added to the count."

Ballots commonly processed and counted after Election Day include:

- **Vote by mail ballots** turned in at polling places or received in the mail on Election Day and those received in the mail the Saturday and Monday preceding the election;
- **Provisional ballots** voted at the polls, which require verification of voter eligibility before being counted; and
- Ballots with **Write-In votes** that must be manually checked before counting.

The RR/CC has 28 days following the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election to complete ballot counting and to present the results to the Board of Supervisors for certification, which is scheduled for March 4, 2008.

Following is the schedule of events for supplemental ballot counting:

FEBRUARY 5, 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULED TALLY UPDATES

- Friday, February 8th - 2:00 p.m.
1st Ballot Counting Update
- Tuesday, February 12th - 2:00 p.m.
2nd Ballot Counting Update
- Friday, February 15th - 2:00 p.m.
3rd Ballot Counting Update
- Tuesday, February 19th - 2:00 p.m.
4th Ballot Counting Update

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- Friday, February 22nd - 2:00 p.m.
5th Ballot Counting Update
- Monday, February 25th - 2:00 p.m.
6th Ballot Counting Update
- Wednesday, February 27th - 2:00 p.m.
(If needed).
- Friday, February 29th - 10:00 a.m.
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