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L.A. COUNTY FINALIZES VOTE COUNT FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2011 SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS 17TH AND 28TH STATE SENATE DISTRICTS

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RRCC) Dean Logan certified and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors declared final the election results for the February 15, 2011 Special Primary Elections in the 17th and 28th State Senate Districts. Results certification took place on Friday, February 25, 2011 and followed a 9-day detailed canvassing period involving a multitude of tasks that ensured processing all valid ballots, accounted for all election supplies and equipment utilized during the election, and provided for an audit and reconciliation of election returns.

“Activities associated with canvassing the election and certifying the returns are essential to the transparency and accountability of the elections process,” said Logan. During Canvass activities, RRCC staff processed Vote By Mail ballots and researched the eligibility of voters who cast provisional ballots to determine those that were valid for inclusion in the final election returns. The Canvass concluded with the certification and issuance of official election results.

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk validated and added an additional 11,650 ballots during the 9-day canvassing period for a final total of 99,462 (12.40%) ballots cast.

Among the ballots processed and added during the post-election canvass period were:

- Vote By Mail ballots received the day before or the day of the election. (NOTE: by law, all Vote By Mail ballots received by mail must be signature-verified prior to removal from envelopes for counting);

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- Provisional ballots cast on Election Day by persons whose names were not on the voter file or who appeared at a polling location other than the one noted on their voter registration record. These ballots required verification of each voter's eligibility prior to counting; and
- Ballots cast on Election Day, but which had to be re-made and/or enhanced prior to counting primarily due to voters casting ballots outside of their assigned voting precincts or due to torn/damaged ballots that could not be processed through the vote tabulation equipment.

Of the 99,462 ballots cast in the election, 37,262 (or 37.46%) were cast at one of the county's 572 polling locations on Election Day. 62,200 (or 62.54%) were cast using vote by mail ballots. Turnout represented 12.40% of the published final registration of 801,872 eligible voters.

In addition to completing the final vote count, the post-election canvassing activities included the legally required manual tally and comparison of all ballots cast in a 1 percent random selection of the county's 572 voting precincts. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk conducted all canvass and manual count activities publicly with observers present.

Registrar Logan said, "Los Angeles County extends its thanks to the 2,200+ volunteer pollworkers and precinct coordinators who assisted voters on Election Day contributing to a well-run election."

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