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### RECOGNITION FOR NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION OUTREACH PROGRAM

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan today announced that the Board of Supervisors will recognize the RR/CC's long standing New Citizen Voter Registration Outreach Program at the Board meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

A collaborative partnership was formed in 2004 between the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, U.S. District Courts, and U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services to provide voter registration assistance to an average of 6,000-9000+ new citizen candidates participating in bi-monthly citizenship naturalization ceremonies. The common goal of substantially increasing the number of new citizens taking advantage of the opportunity to register to vote was shared by all.

According to Logan, "Nearly 736,000 new citizens have registered to vote since 2002. Since the inception of the partnership in 2004, and as a direct result of the enhanced New Citizen Registration Outreach Program, records reflect a 30-50 percent increase in voter registrations at ceremonies, an average of 900 to a high of 7,400 registrations per ceremony." "This program has clearly improved the quality of services provided to new citizen residents of Los Angeles County and exemplifies the County's commitment to ensuring a strong democracy through an accessible elections process, which includes voter registration," added Logan.

In addition to voter registration efforts at Citizenship Ceremonies, the RR/CC also provides election information in six different languages other than English. These services seek to ensure that all citizens in the County can exercise their right to vote.

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