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COUNTY REGISTRAR RELEASES 2008 POST-ELECTION REPORT

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan announced today the release of the 2008 Post-Election Report, a compilation of data and statistics resulting from an unprecedented election year where more Los Angeles County voters participated than in the past 40 years. The 2008 election generated the second highest voter turnout since 1968. Included with the report, is a compact disc which provides a compilation of individual maps for those who wish to drill down for more detail. The full report and maps are available on the RR/CC website www.lavote.net.

The report provides an array of information on voting trends, voter outreach activities, and demographic data; countywide and for selected districts. Easy-to-read interactive maps, charts and graphs of voter registration and turnout statistics for the 2008 Presidential Election along with historical information compiled from past elections are contained within the report. "The historic 2008 Presidential contest was unparalleled in many ways," said Logan. "As a result, a number of trends and patterns emerged that resulted in noteworthy levels of voter participation and engagement. The 2008 Presidential Election provided an excellent opportunity to learn from and improve our electoral process for the future."

Some highlights of the 2008 Post-Election Report include statistics and maps on:

- **Voter Registration**

In October, voter registration broke an all time record by nearly 200,000 voters, and more voters registered in the five months before Election Day than in any prior election.

- **Vote by Mail Requests and Returns**

More than 1 million voters requested Vote by Mail ballots with over 81 percent returned to be counted, breaking prior election statistics by hundreds of thousands.

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- **Early Voting**

Over 30,000 voters cast ballots early at the RR/CC headquarters in the two weeks prior to Election Day.

- **Voters by Age Group**

Age was a factor in the November presidential contest both nationally and in L.A. County, of which the 18-29 age group showed the largest growth of new registrants.

- **Student Poll Workers**

Over 3,700 student poll workers served Election Day; the largest recruitment in the program's eight year history.

- **Phone Calls**

Over 100,000 phone calls received during the week prior to and on Election Day.

- **Interactive Maps**

The interactive maps contained in the report have been created to provide a visual picture of the November 2008 election and, in some cases, its comparison to past elections. The maps are provided as follows:

- 1) Countywide: new registrants by age, Presidential votes by candidate, votes cast by gender, provisional votes cast, Vote by Mail ballots cast, poll votes cast and tracking timeframes for ballot check-in on Election Night;
- 2) Supervisorial District: party registration, new registered voters by age, Presidential votes by candidate, votes cast by age, results by gender, provisional votes cast, Vote by Mail ballots cast and poll votes cast; and
- 3) Congressional District: party registration, new registered voters by age, Presidential votes by candidate, votes cast by age, results by gender, provisional votes cast, Vote by Mail ballots cast and poll votes cast.

Logan added, "The data collected during the election cycle will help us anticipate future voting trends and identify changing demographics of new generations of voters. The 2008 Post-Election Report provides a snap shot of the historic proportions to which this election was conducted and the contents are useful as a tool to learn from and improve our electoral process for the future."

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

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