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SOME VOTERS TO VOTE TWO DIFFERENT BALLOTS AT THE POLLING PLACE ELECTION DAY

Voters in State Assembly District 39 (AD 39) will find both a City and a County polling place arrangement when they vote in person on May 15, 2007. Preparations for the City of Los Angeles' runoff election were virtually complete when Governor Schwarzenegger called the special election to fill a vacancy in AD 39. Printing deadlines and legal cut-off dates established by the California Elections Code made it impossible to combine the two elections onto one ballot.

Both Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Conny McCormack and Los Angeles City Clerk (LACC) Frank Martinez have made special efforts to notify the 112,000+ affected registered voters residing in AD 39 that on Election Day they will vote on two different ballots at the same polling place, one ballot for Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education and/or the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees runoff candidates, and a second ballot for AD 39 candidates.

McCormack said, "The RR/CC and LACC are making every effort to assist the voters in understanding the dual voting process. We have made it a priority to educate the voters so they feel comfortable and prepared on Election Day."

Concurrent Election

The RR/CC (which is conducting the Assembly District 39 election) and the LACC (which is conducting the LAUSD and LACCD runoff elections) has EACH mailed a sample ballot to voters. These sample ballots list the candidates for each race, provide polling place information, contain a Vote By Mail application, and in the case of State Assembly District 39, provide candidate statements where applicable.

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Vote By Mail

Voters who wish to vote by mail must apply to BOTH the LACC and RR/CC to receive separate absentee ballots for each election. The deadline to request absentee ballots for the May 15th election is Tuesday, May 8, 2007. (Permanent Absent Voters do NOT need to apply. Both the LACC and the RR/CC will automatically mail ballots to these voters.) Under special circumstances from May 9th thru May 15th a voter may request an emergency absentee ballot.

Additional information regarding RR/CC Vote By Mail services can be obtained by calling the RR/CC Absentee Voter Section at (562) 466-1323, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, or accessing the RR/CC website at www.lavote.net. Additional information regarding the LACC Vote By Mail services can be found on the City's Election Division website at <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/> or by calling the LACC Vote-By-Mail Section of the Election Division at (213) 978-8050 weekdays, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Voting In Person

Voters, who choose to vote at their polling place on Election Day, will only need to visit the one polling place listed on their sample ballot. Concurrent election signs will be posted at the polling places to assist voters in understanding the dual voting process. Voters are to receive and vote the City election ballot first, and then proceed to the County's table where the voter will be provided the State Assembly District ballot to vote. The polling place workers will assist the voters with the voting process.

LACC Frank Martinez said, "Both the City and County are working cooperatively and will continue to work very closely to ensure the votes will be properly counted for each election."

Persons requiring multilingual assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, or Vietnamese regarding information in the press release, may call (800) 481-8683.

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