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L.A. COUNTY FINALIZES VOTE COUNT FOR JULY 12, 2011 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 36 SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan has certified the election results for the July 12, 2011 Congressional District 36 Special General Election. Results were certified Friday, July 22, 2011 and followed a 10-day canvass period that ensured all valid ballots were processed and provided for an audit and reconciliation of election returns.

During Canvass activities, RR/CC staff processed Vote By Mail ballots and researched the eligibility of voters who cast provisional ballots to determine voter eligibility. The Canvass concluded with the certification and issuance of official election results.

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk validated and processed an additional 9,483 ballots during the 10-day canvassing period for a final total of 85,975 (25.10%) 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);
- 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

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- 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 85,975 ballots cast in the election, 38,947 (or 45.30%) were cast at one of the District's 254 polling locations on Election Day. 47,028 (or 54.70%) were cast using Vote By Mail ballots. Turnout represented 25.10% of the published final registration of 342,492 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 District's 254 voting precincts. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk conducted all canvass and manual count activities publicly with observers present.

"I would like to thank RR/CC staff who diligently worked to both conduct the election and to complete the election canvass, and especially to the members of the public who shared their valuable time to serve their communities as pollworkers on Election Day. They are the key to successful administration of elections in Los Angeles County," said Logan.

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