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NEW CITIZENS ENCOURAGED TO EXERCISE THEIR NEW RIGHT AS VOTERS **Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Helps 10,000 New Citizens With** **Voter Registration Outreach Efforts**

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan today announced that RR/CC staff will conduct new citizen voter registration outreach efforts at the naturalization ceremonies scheduled for September 24, 2010 at the Los Angeles Sports Arena, 3939 Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90037. Over 10,000 persons are expected to become newly naturalized citizens.

Prior to the 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM ceremonies, RR/CC staff will facilitate the voter registration process by distributing voter registration applications to participants. After conclusion of the ceremonies, RR/CC staff will collect completed voter registration applications and will be available at tables where registration assistance and voting and election information will be available and questions answered for the new citizens. RR/CC staff, all of which are bilingual, will be easily identifiable by their outreach tee shirts with the "Register to Vote" logo.

The naturalization ceremony will be the last one held in Los Angeles County prior to the close of registration, October 18, for the November 2, 2010 General Election. Newly naturalized citizens and voter registrants from the September 24th ceremony will be able to vote from their neighborhood polling places as their registration applications will be processed in time to include their names in the voter rolls. Registrar Logan said, "The November 2nd General Election will be the first opportunity for these new citizens to be a part of our democratic process." "A core part of our mission is to make elections accessible for all voters and it is always a proud moment for us to be able to assist a new citizen to become part of the democratic process by registering to vote," concluded Logan.

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

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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.

Since the inception of the partnership in 2004, and as a direct result of an enhanced New Citizen Registration Outreach Program, records reflect that 49-51% of newly naturalized citizens register to vote after each 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.

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