

Media Kit

GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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About the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

The mission of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is to serve Los Angeles County by providing essential records management and election services in a fair, accessible and transparent manner.

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is responsible for the registration of voters; maintenance of registration files; conducting federal, state, local and special district elections; checking initiatives, referenda and recall petitions; filing campaign reports; recording real estate documents and other records; maintaining birth, death and marriage records; issuing marriage licenses, and filing business documents.

About Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County has a population of roughly 10 million residents, which accounts for approximately 30% of the total population of the State of California. Los Angeles County has more residents than any other County in the nation. Los Angeles County, with more than 500 political districts and more than 4 million registered voters, is the largest and most complex election jurisdiction in the country.





Statistical Overview

Election Statistics	
Registered Voters	4,421,019*
Number of Contests on the Ballot	152
Statewide Ballot Measures	9
Local Ballot Measures	22
Polling Places	4,770
Number of Ballot Groups	435

*Figure as of October 7, 2010





Voter Registration Statistics

Qualified Parties	Registration*	%
Democratic	2,274,097	51.44
Republican	1,045,164	23.64
American Independent	90,478	2.05
Green	22,858	0.52
Libertarian	20,073	0.45
Peace and Freedom	22,802	0.51
Decline to State/Nonpartisan	939,453	21.39
Total Registration	4,421,019	100%

Supervisory Districts	Registration*
First Supervisory District, Gloria Molina	675,121
Second Supervisory District, Mark Ridley-Thomas	793,578
Third Supervisory District, Zev Yaroslavsky	953,445
Fourth Supervisory District, Don Knabe	953,403
Fifth Supervisory District, Michael D. Antonovich	1,045,472
Total	4,421,019

*Figure as of October 7, 2010





Presidential and Gubernatorial (Primary and General Elections 1980 - 2010)

As of 1978, any registered voter can vote by mail in any election
(Before 1978, only voters with certified medical reasons or out-of-towner could vote by mail).

As of 2001, any registered voter can have permanent Vote By Mail status.

Year	Primary Ballots Cast	VBM Ballots Cast	% VBM Ballots Cast	Year	General Ballots Cast	VBM Ballots Cast	% VBM Ballots Cast
1980	1,916,660	89,019	4.64	1980	2,498,064	131,776	5.28
1982	1,626,332	70,069	4.31	1982	2,301,004	122,502	5.32
1984	1,595,801	98,682	6.18	1984	2,705,966	230,997	8.54
1986	1,307,146	110,223	8.43	1986	2,125,838	177,251	8.34
1988	1,585,837	141,042	8.89	1988	2,733,229	279,931	10.24
1990	1,283,079	177,295	13.82	1990	1,925,811	270,645	14.05
1992	1,612,673	226,310	14.03	1992	2,831,077	388,795	13.73
1994	1,128,308	197,824	17.53	1994	2,147,678	372,677	17.35
1996	1,346,358	257,359	19.12	1996	2,505,790	396,033	15.80
1998	1,450,126	285,532	19.69	1998	2,058,862	407,776	19.81
2000	1,836,153	316,882	17.26	2000	2,769,927	543,143	19.61
2002	1,070,651	218,976	20.45	2002	1,784,320	359,682	20.16
2004	1,379,747	330,353	23.94	2004	3,085,582	701,693	22.74
2006	1,050,076	314,824	27.44	2006	2,033,119	531,383	26.13
2008	Feb 2,183,998 Jun 812,308	482,921 316,136	22.11 38.92	2008	2,557,835	810,222	24.06
2010	852,153	239,769	28.13	2010			





What's on the Ballot

The following chart summarizes the total number of measures and offices involved in this election; by jurisdiction:

Jurisdiction	Number Of Measures	Number Of Offices
Federal	0	18
State	9	45
County	0	1
Cities	17	10
Judicial Districts	0	19
School Districts	7	8
Health Care Districts	0	1
Park Districts	0	1
Water Agency Districts	0	8
Municipal Water Districts	0	5
Water Replenishment Districts	0	3
Total	33	119





Rotation of Candidate Names on the Ballot

Office	Rotation
Statewide Offices	Candidates' names are arranged in accordance with the random alphabetical drawing beginning with the first Assembly District in the state. The order of candidate names is rotated by Assembly District. Candidates are rotated by moving the candidate's name appearing first on the ballot to the last position.
United States Representative	Candidates' names are arranged in accordance with the random alphabetical drawing beginning with the first Assembly District in the state. The order of candidate names is rotated by Assembly District. Candidates are rotated by moving the candidate's name appearing first on the ballot to the last position.
Superior Court Judge	Candidates' names are arranged in accordance with the random alphabetical drawing beginning with the first Assembly District in the state. The order of candidate names is rotated by Assembly District. Candidates are rotated by moving the candidate's name appearing first on the ballot to the last position.





Measures Appearing on the Ballot

STATE MEASURES

VOTES REQUIRED

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| <p>19 Legalizes Marijuana Under California But Not Federal Law. Permits Local Governments to Regulate and Tax Commercial Production, Distribution, and Sale of Marijuana. Initiative Statute.
 Allows people 21 years old or older to possess, cultivate, or transport marijuana for personal use.
 Fiscal Impact: Depending on federal, state, and local government actions, potential increased tax and fee revenues in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually and potential correctional savings of several tens of millions of dollars annually.</p> | <p>MAJORITY</p> |
| <p>20 Redistricting of Congressional Districts. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.
 Removes elected representatives from process of establishing congressional districts and transfers that authority to recently authorized 14-member redistricting commission comprised of Democrats, Republicans, and representatives of neither party.
 Fiscal Impact: No significant net change in state redistricting costs.</p> | <p>MAJORITY</p> |
| <p>21 Establishes \$18 Annual Vehicle License Surcharge to Help Fund State Parks and Wildlife Programs. Grants Surcharged Vehicles Free Admission to All State Parks. Initiative Statute.
 Exempts commercial vehicles, trailers and trailer coaches from the surcharge.
 Fiscal Impact: Annual increase to state revenues of \$500 million from surcharge on vehicle registrations. After offsetting some existing funding sources, these revenues would provide at least \$250 million more annually for state parks and wildlife conservation.</p> | <p>MAJORITY</p> |





Measures Appearing on the Ballot

STATE MEASURES	VOTES REQUIRED
<p>22 Prohibits the State from Borrowing or Taking Funds Used for Transportation, Redevelopment, or Local Government Projects and Services. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.</p> <p>Prohibits State, even during severe fiscal hardship, from delaying distribution of tax revenues for these purposes. Fiscal Impact: Decreased state General Fund spending and/or increased state revenues, probably in the range of \$1 billion to several billions of dollars annually. Comparable increases in funding for state and local transportation programs and local redevelopment.</p>	MAJORITY
<p>23 Suspends Implementation of Air Pollution Control Law (AB 32) Requiring major sources of Emissions to Report and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions that cause Global Warming, until unemployment drops to 5.5 Percent or Less for Full Year. Initiative Statute.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact: Likely modest net increase in overall economic activity in the state from suspension of greenhouse gases regulatory activity, resulting in a potentially significant net increase in state and local revenues.</p>	MAJORITY
<p>24 Repeals Recent Legislation That Would Allow Businesses to Lower Their Tax Liability. Initiative Statute.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact: Increased state revenues of about \$1.3 billion each year by 2012-13 from higher taxes paid by some businesses. Smaller increases in 2010-11 and 2011-12.</p>	MAJORITY





Measures Appearing on the Ballot

STATE MEASURES

VOTES REQUIRED

- 25** **Changes Legislative Vote Requirement To Pass Budget and Budget-Related Legislation from two-thirds to a simple majority. Retains Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Taxes. Initiative Constitutional Amendment** **MAJORITY**

Legislature permanently forfeits daily salary and expenses until budget bill passes.
Fiscal Impact: In some years, the contents of the state budget could be changed due to the lower legislative vote requirement in this measure.
The extent of changes would depend on the Legislature's future actions.

- 26** **Requires That Certain State and Local Fees Be Approved By Two-Thirds Vote. Fees Include Those That Address Adverse Impacts On Society or the Environment Caused By the Fee-Payer's Business. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.** **MAJORITY**

Fiscal Impact: Depending on decisions by governing bodies and voters, decreased state and local government revenues and spending (up to billions of dollars annually).
Increased transportation spending and state General Fund costs (\$1 billion annually).

- 27** **Eliminates State Commission on Redistricting. Consolidates Authority for Redistricting with Elected Representatives. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.** **MAJORITY**

Eliminates 14-member redistricting commission. Consolidates authority for establishing state Assembly, Senate, and Board of Equalization districts with elected representatives who draw congressional districts.
Fiscal Impact: Possible reduction of state redistricting costs of around \$1 million over the next year. Likely reduction of these costs of a few million dollars once every ten years beginning in 2020.





Measures Appearing on the Ballot

LOCAL JURISDICTION MEASURES	VOTES REQUIRED
<p>City of Bellflower (Registration: 31, 093)*</p>	
<p>A Temporary Utility Tax Increase Measure Shall an ordinance to offset severe State cuts to the City of Bellflower by protecting and restoring essential City services including: sheriff patrols/substation hours of operation, school crossing guards, school safety/after-school programs, services for the disabled and drug/gang prevention; by temporarily increasing the City's utility users' tax by 2%, with a 5-year sunset, audits, low-income senior exemptions, citizens' oversight, and local control of funds be adopted?</p>	MAJORITY
<p>City of Carson (Registration: 49, 251)*</p>	
<p>H Carson Vital City Services Emergency Protection Measure To offset severe state budget cuts; maintain Sheriffs deputies patrols; 9-1-1 emergency response; pothole/street repairs; gang prevention; youth recreation and after school programs; parks; natural disaster response; seniors' services including meals on wheels and other general fund services; shall the City of Carson sales tax be increased one cent, legally required to end after five years with annual audits, and state government cannot take these funds?</p>	MAJORITY
<p>Centinela Valley Union High School District (Registration: 58, 856)*</p>	
<p>CV Facilities Improvement To protect students from earthquakes; remove asbestos, lead paint, and other safety hazards from schools; and improve learning and academic achievement, shall the Centinela Valley Union High School District issue \$98,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, to repair, acquire, and construct local schools, sites, and facilities, including libraries, classrooms, science labs, and academic academies; and replace aging plumbing, heating, electrical, and school security systems; with mandatory audits, independent citizen oversight, no money for administrator salaries, and all funds staying local?</p>	55% OF VOTES CAST

* Registration Figure as of October 7, 2010





Measures Appearing on the Ballot

LOCAL JURISDICTION MEASURES

VOTES REQUIRED

Claremont Unified School District (Registration: **24, 855**)*

55% OF

CL Facilities Improvement

VOTES CAST

To support and repair Claremont schools, make funding available for qualified teachers and academic programs threatened by the State cuts, provide safe/modern classrooms, qualify for State matching funds, construct, acquire, repair equip classrooms/school facilities/sites, improve fire/student safety, upgrade instructional technology, labs/libraries, roofs, plumbing, wiring, shall Claremont Unified School District issue \$95,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, with independent citizen oversight and all funds supporting local schools?

Duarte Unified School District (Registration: **13, 988**)*

E Facilities Improvement

55% OF

VOTES CAST

To improve learning in neighborhood schools and attract/ retain quality teachers by upgrading classroom technology, improving facilities that prepare Duarte students for college/ high demand jobs, repairing aging roofs, plumbing, restrooms and electrical systems, improving school security/ safety systems, renovating, acquiring, constructing/ equipping classrooms, sites, facilities and schools, shall Duarte Unified School District issue \$62 million of bonds at legal rates, with independent citizens' oversight, mandatory annual audits, no money for administrators' salaries and all funds staying local?

El Rancho Unified School District (Registration: **29, 316**)*

EE Facilities Improvement

55% OF

VOTES CAST

To construct and improve local schools and student support facilities, improve student access to computers and classroom technology, build vocational technical classrooms, provide improvements to better maintain our schools, and provide renewable energy improvements to reduce operating costs and put more money into the classroom, shall El Rancho Unified School District be authorized to issue up to \$52,000,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, with annual audits, a Citizens' Oversight Committee, and no increase to current tax rates?

* Registration Figure as of October 7, 2010





Measures Appearing on the Ballot

LOCAL JURISDICTION MEASURES

VOTES REQUIRED

City of El Segundo (Registration: **10, 943**)*

O Temporary Utility Tax Increase Measure

MAJORITY

Shall the ordinance amending El Segundo Municipal Code Chapter 3-7 to temporarily increase the Utility User Taxes by 1% to fund general municipal services including, without limitation, police protection and crime suppression services, fire prevention and suppression services, and park and recreation facilities and services be adopted?

City of La Puente (Registration: **14, 470**)*

M Cannabis Business Tax Measure

MAJORITY

Shall an ordinance be adopted to require a Cannabis Business to pay an annual business license tax in the amount of 10% per \$1,000 of gross receipts to provide for general municipal services, such as law enforcement and fire services, animal control, code enforcement, building inspection, plan checks, planning and public works?

City of La Puente (Registration: **14, 470**)*

N Medical Marijuana Cooperative Tax Measure

MAJORITY

Shall an ordinance be adopted to require Medical Marijuana Cooperatives operating in La Puente to pay an annual business license tax of 10% per \$1,000 of gross receipts, or \$100 per square footage on premises, if such Medical Marijuana Cooperative is exempted under California Constitution from local taxes measured by gross receipts to provide for general municipal services, including but not limited to law enforcement?

* Registration Figure as of October 7, 2010





Measures Appearing on the Ballot

LOCAL JURISDICTION MEASURES

VOTES REQUIRED

City of Long Beach (Registration: 252, 443)*

GG

Civil Service Reform Charter Amendment

MAJORITY

Shall Measure GG, which amends the Long Beach City Charter by transferring certain powers from the Civil Service Commission to the City Manager, including examination and certification for employment, classification creation, maintenance of eligibility lists, and the appointment and management of a professional staff, be ratified?

B

Marijuana General Tax Measure

MAJORITY

To protect public safety services such as 911 emergency response, police and fire, as well as essential quality of life programs like parks, libraries, public works and infrastructure, should the City of Long Beach impose a 15% tax on recreational marijuana businesses if legalized, with a \$25 tax on cultivation sites per square foot, with an annual CPI adjustment?

C

Charter Amendment Relating to the Veteran's Preference

MAJORITY

Shall Measure C, which amends the Long Beach City Charter by increasing the credits given to disabled veterans in the hiring process, be ratified?

D

Charter Amendment Relating to the Harbor Department and Oil Properties **MAJORITY**

Shall Measure D, which amends the Long Beach City Charter by changing the formula from 10% of net income to 5% of gross operating revenues in order to clarify the formula for the transfer of funds from Harbor Department revenues to the Tidelands Operating Fund, and clarifying that the management of the City's oil properties and subsidence control operations are under the exclusive control of the City Council, be ratified?

* Registration Figure as of October 7, 2010





Measures Appearing on the Ballot

LOCAL JURISDICTION MEASURES

VOTES REQUIRED

Lynwood Unified School District (Registration: **21, 757**)*

55% OF VOTES

L Facilities Improvement

To improve education, make schools safe, complete essential health/safety repairs, fix roofs, shall Lynwood Unified School District upgrade plumbing, electrical, sewer /heating/cooling systems, aging schools, science labs, install energy efficient lighting, windows, improve school safety, remove hazardous materials; repair, acquire, construct, equip schools/facilities/sites, upgrade fire safety, by issuing \$45,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, with guaranteed annual audits, independent citizens' oversight, and all money staying local?

City of Pomona(Registration: **52, 519**)*

SP Pomona Utility Users' Tax Emergency Increase Measure

MAJORITY

Shall an ordinance be adopted to increase Pomona's Utility Users' Tax by 2% for an initial period of 26 months, to fund general city services, including police, fire, street repair, parks, recreation and library programs; suspend the increase following the 26 month period, unless the Pomona City Council overrides the suspension by a 6/7ths vote; and provide a UUT payment exemption for the legally disabled?

Pomona Unified School District (Registration: **62, 326**)*

2/3 VOTE

SS Facilities Improvement

To maintain and improve academic programs including math, science, reading, history and writing; computer technology, music and arts; and retain highly qualified teachers; shall Pomona Unified School District be authorized to raise \$4 million per year through a \$96 parcel tax for four years (per voter pamphlet), provided there is an annual accounting of funds, senior exemptions, and all funds are spent on neighborhood schools and cannot be taken by the state and used elsewhere?

Marymount College Campus (Registration: **27,700**)*

MAJORITY

P Facilities Improvement

Shall an ordinance be adopted that would enact a new specific plan and related amendments to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes ("City") general plan and zoning ordinance to: (1) allow development of specified facility improvements, including dormitories, on the Marymount College Campus ("Campus") located at 30800 Palos Verdes Drive East; (2) govern the operation of the Campus, and (3) supersede inconsistent provisions of the Municipal Code and prior City land use decisions regarding the Campus?

* Registration Figure as of October 7, 2010





Measures Appearing on the Ballot

LOCAL JURISDICTION MEASURES

VOTES REQUIRED

G City of Redondo Beach (Registration: **41,728**)*

Development Standards **MAJORITY**

Shall the Coastal Land Use Plan and the Zoning Ordinance for the Coastal Zone for the AES Power Plant site, the Catalina Avenue corridor and Harbor/Pier areas of the City of Redondo Beach be amended to provide for major changes in existing policies and development standards including; affirming Coastal Commission recommendations, limiting the total development, height limitations, floor- area-ratio limitations, permitting parks on the AES site and gaining additional local authority to issue coastal development permits?

S City of Santa Fe Springs (Registration: **8,957**)*

Santa Fe Springs Vital City Services Protection and Fiscal Responsibility Measure **MAJORITY**

To maintain funding for City services including police officers, firefighters, paramedics, senior programs, youth/gang, drug, and crime prevention programs, street repairs, parks, ball fields, after school library programs, community centers and other City services, shall an ordinance be adopted to establish a 5% utility users tax, exempting low income seniors/ residents, with annual audits, no tax increase without voter approval and no funds for Sacramento?

Y City of Santa Monica (Registration: **59,888**)* **MAJORITY**

Sales Tax Increase Measure

Shall an ordinance be adopted to offset severe state budget cuts, protect and stabilize City finances, and maintain essential services including: police, fire, paramedic and emergency 911 response, school, educational and afterschool programs, public transit, services for the disabled, gang and drug prevention programs, environmental, library and other general fund services, by enacting a City of Santa Monica ½ percent transactions and use tax, subject to independent annual audits, and no money going to Sacramento?

YY Advisory Vote Only **MAJORITY**

If a local transactions and use tax is enacted in the City of Santa Monica, should half of its revenue be used to support school, educational and after school programs, with half of its revenue being used for general City services such as: police, fire, paramedic and emergency 911 response, public transit, services for the disabled, gang and drug prevention programs, environmental, library and other general fund services?

* Registration Figure as of October 7, 2010





Measures Appearing on the Ballot

LOCAL JURISDICTION MEASURES

VOTES REQUIRED

RR **City of Santa Monica** (Registration: **59, 888**)*
Eviction for Cause Measure **MAJORITY**
 Shall the City Charter be amended to protect all tenants and preserve community stability and diversity by adding requirements that a landlord show good cause to evict any tenant and serve a warning notice giving reasonable time to correct a rental agreement violation, except nonpayment of rent, and adding a prohibition against evicting long-term elderly, disabled or terminally ill tenants for owner occupancy unless the proposed owner-occupant is also elderly, disabled or terminally ill?

R **City of South El Monte** (Registration: **6, 751**)*
South El Monte Services Protection Measure **MAJORITY**
 To offset severe state budget cuts and prevent drastic cuts to sheriffs' deputies patrols, pothole and street repairs, youth gang and drug prevention, after school programs, senior services, storm drain maintenance, graffiti removal, parks, recreation and general City services, shall an ordinance be adopted to enact a one-half cent transaction and use tax in the City of South El Monte, subject to annual independent audits, public expenditure reports and local use of all funds?

AA **Wisburn School District** (Registration: **7, 311**)*
Facilities Improvement **2/3 VOTE**
 To improve Wisburn school facilities, and build a modern high school that accommodates all Wisburn children, focuses on math, science and the arts, improves academic performance, safety, and security, and allows students to continue to achieve some of the highest test scores in the South Bay, shall the Wisburn School District be authorized to issue up to \$87 million in bonds at legal interest rates, with taxpayer safeguards, annual audits, and an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee?

* Registration Figure as of October 7, 2010





Election Night Ballot Process

The following chart provides statistical information on the speed of ballot tabulation from midnight onward.

2002 GENERAL ELECTION			2004 GENERAL ELECTION			2006 GENERAL ELECTION		
TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%	TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%	TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%
Midnight	1,100,541	63.53	Midnight	1,579,853	50.20	Midnight	1,198,021	59.67
12:31 am	1,318,016	79.26	12:40 am	1,971,556	67.51	12:40 am	1,362,916	71.58
12:51 am	1,403,045	85.09	1:00 am	2,180,626	77.12	1:00 am	1,468,861	78.94
1:11 am	1,485,250	90.47	1:20 am	2,393,902	86.38	1:20 am	1,598,003	87.65
1:31 am	1,571,151	95.88	1:40 am	2,541,224	92.68	1:40 am	1,697,173	94.69
1:51 am	1,601,206	97.85	2:00 am	2,629,632	96.46	3:00 am	1,760,232	99.48
2:11 am	1,627,585	99.65	2:20 am	2,672,488	98.37	4:00 am	1,762,547	100.00
2:32 am	1,632,352	99.94	2:40 am	2,704,220	99.72			
4:01 am	1,632,957	100.00	3:06 am	2,708,586	99.91			
			4:13 am	2,701,280	100.00			

Vote By Mail Processing

The following chart provides a statistical summary of vote by mail ballots counted beginning election day and the number counted during the official canvass period.

2002 GENERAL ELECTION		2004 GENERAL ELECTION		2006 GENERAL ELECTION	
DATE	# VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS COUNTED	DATE	# VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS COUNTED	DATE	# VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS COUNTED
11/05	246,063	11/02	564,156	11/07	370,825
11/08	57,144	11/09	95,724	11/10	73,565
11/12	48,271	11/12	20,283	11/14	63,271
11/15	3,947	11/16	9,255	11/17	11,878
11/19	3,054	11/19	6,024	11/21	6,285
11/22	1,125	11/23	4,904	11/27	4,582
11/26	78	11/26	1,347	11/29	397
				12/01	579
	359,682		701,693		531,383





Provisional Ballot Count

The following chart provides the number of provisional ballots received and counted, determined eligible and ineligible. Provisional ballots are not opened or counted until the registration information is researched and the voter is determined to be eligible to vote. This research occurs during the days immediately following Election Day as part of the official vote canvass. Eligible ballots are added to the count during the canvass period.

ELECTION	NUMBER OF PROVISIONALS	COUNTED	%	NOT COUNTED	%
2000 GENERAL	100,168	61,521	61%	38,647	39%
2002 PRIMARY	21,006	13,327	63%	7,679	37%
2002 GENERAL	46,906	32,441	70%	14,465	30%
2003 STATEWIDE RECALL	121,595	106,085	87%	15,510	13%
*2004 PRIMARY	44,232	40,686	92%	3,546	8%
2004 GENERAL	204,578	166,894	82%	37,684	18%
2005 STATEWIDE SPECIAL	72,726	64,337	88%	8,389	11%
2006 PRIMARY	39,308	36,501	93%	2,807	7%
2006 GENERAL	108,457	92,194	85%	16,263	15%
2008 PRIMARY	Feb 176,479	153,536	87%	22,943	13%
	June 25,333	23,560	93%	1,773	7%
2008 GENERAL	271,074	229,591	85%	41,483	15%

*The law changed in January 2003, requiring election officials to count all contests/measures on the provisional ballots that the requested voter was eligible to vote on. As a result, the number percentage of provisional ballots counted has increased significantly.





Historical Election Costs

Listed below are the total costs of conducting major elections in Los Angeles County.

Primary Elections		General Elections	
Year	Cost	Year	Cost
1996	\$15,171,644	1996	\$14,103,619
1998	\$12,786,636	1998	\$14,250,919
2000	\$15,484,647	2000	\$20,891,000
2002	\$22,692,890	2002	\$25,529,188
2004	\$23,327,337	2004	\$24,080,984
2006	\$27,832,725	2006	\$28,811,229
2008	February \$30,502,174	2008	\$41,414,055
	June \$26,000,000		





Transporting Ballots for Tabulation

On Election Night, ballots from all 4,770 voting precincts are transported to the Registrar- Recorder/ County Clerk's headquarters in Norwalk for tabulation.

- After the polls close at 8:00 p.m., precinct officials open the ballot box and count the number of ballots in the precinct. Precinct officials must report the counts to balance the number of ballots cast with the number of voters signing in and account for the number of remaining unvoted ballots. Most precincts complete this function between 9:00-9:30 p.m.
- Once polling places and ballot materials are packed up and sealed precinct officials bring their ballots and supplies to one of 74 designated check-in centers located throughout the County. Usually between 9:30 - 10:30 p.m.
- Sheriff's Deputies transport all ballot materials (regular, VBM, and provisional) from the check-in centers via helicopter or by patrol vehicle to RR/CC Norwalk headquarters. Ballots come in from as far away as Lancaster, Palmdale and Catalina Island.
- Once deputies deliver the ballot materials to Norwalk sealed ballot boxes are unsealed, inspected and prepared for processing and tabulation.
- Ballots are moved into the tabulation center on a flow basis. RR/CC reader operators load the ballot cards onto certified card readers.
- There are 18 tabulation stations, each with two card readers, for a total of 36 card readers.
- Because there is no specific order of processing/counting, ballots from locations closer to Norwalk are co-mingled with ballots from more distant destinations. Therefore, ballots from locations close to Norwalk are not necessarily counted first.
- Between 10:30 - 11:30 p.m. a large number of ballots begin to arrive at RR/CC headquarters.

Thousands of dedicated individuals are involved in the ballot transport, preparation and tabulation. Los Angeles County is the largest county electoral jurisdiction in the United States.





Semi-Final Official Election Night Tally

Campaigns and political parties are frequently surprised on the day after a major election when they learn that there are several hundred thousand ballots countywide remaining to be counted. Typically, up to 20% of ballots cast are not included in the Election Night tally. This section explains the logistics of Election Night ballot tabulation and subsequent ballot tabulation that occurs in the days/weeks following the election. State law requires each election jurisdiction to complete an official audit called a “canvass” during the 28 days after the election. When the canvass is completed, the Secretary of State certifies the results.

There are three categories of ballots which may not be processed on Election Night:

- Vote by Mail ballots
(those turned in at voting locations and those received by mail just before or on Election Day)
- Provisional ballots voted at the polls
- Ballots with write-in votes

NOTE: All valid ballots in the above categories are counted prior to official certification of the results.





Semi-Final Official Election Night Tally

Vote By Mail Turned In To Polling Locations:

Many Vote by Mail voters wait until the last minute to make their voting choices and then drop off their ballots at a polling place or at RR/CC headquarters on Election Day. We receive these ballots very late on Election Night. All Vote by Mail ballots must be pre-processed before they are counted. We must verify every Vote by Mail voter's signature prior to opening the Vote by Mail ballot envelopes to remove the ballots in preparation for counting.

Provisional Ballots

Provisional ballots are issued at the polls when a voter's name is not listed in the poll roster, or when our records indicate the voter was already sent a Vote by Mail ballot. Provisional ballots are sealed in special envelopes at the polls and must be individually researched and verified at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office before ballots are counted or rejected in accordance with election laws. Once a provisional voter's eligibility to vote is verified, the ballot is counted.

Ballots with Write-In votes

When a voter chooses to vote for a write-in candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, that ballot cannot be counted on Election Night. Each ballot containing a write-in vote must be individually reviewed to determine whether or not the write-in vote is for a qualified write-in candidate and whether or not the voter overvoted (i.e. voted for a candidate on the ballot and also voted for a write-in candidate for the same office). When an overvote occurs, neither vote can be counted; although the rest of the ballot selections will be counted. Due to the individual scrutiny involved, no portion of any ballot containing a write-in vote is counted on Election Night. (Vote tallies for write-in candidates are not available until the conclusion of the official canvass because each ballot containing a write-in vote must be set aside for manual review.)





1% Manual Tally Audit

By law, a random sample of ballots from every election must be manually tallied to verify the voting system count. A minimum of all votes cast in one percent (1%) of the precincts is included in this process. The sample must include all contests and measures on the ballot. The Automatic Manual Tally is open to the public. (E.C. 15360)

Summary

Supplemental ballot counting of Vote by Mail, provisional and ballots with write-in votes occurs in sequential order after the election but before certification of official results (i.e. all Vote by Mail ballots must be verified and cleared prior to verifying provisional ballots in order to ensure there are no duplicates among these categories). These ballots are not segregated by district prior to counting. Therefore, the number of outstanding ballots for any specific electoral district is unknown until after these ballots are tabulated.

California law requires election authorities to complete and certify results within 28 days. This provision of the law recognizes the complexity of completing the ballot count and conducting a thorough audit of the election results to ensure accuracy.

Supplemental ballot counting begins at 2:00 p.m. every Friday and Tuesday throughout the canvass period. The first update of the count will begin on Friday, November 5 at 2:00 p.m. We anticipate the majority of the outstanding Vote by Mail ballots will be included by the Tuesday, November 16 update. Due to the extra research required to validate provisional ballots, these ballots are usually the last to be tallied prior to the completion of the official canvass. Please note that 2:00 p.m. time indicates the start of ballot tabulation. Depending on the number of ballots to be tabulated updated results may not be available until half past the hour.

Candidates and the public are invited to observe supplemental ballot counting and the manual tally of ballots from the randomly selected 1% of the voting precincts. After Election Night, the schedule of supplemental ballot counting will also be posted on the entrance door of our office in Norwalk and on our website www.lavote.net.

We realize it is difficult for candidates/campaigns involved in close contests to wait and know the results of the election. The legally mandated processes described above are utilized to ensure that every vote is counted and included in the official final election returns.





Three Voting Options

The range of voting options available to Los Angeles County voters to cast a ballot in the November 2, 2010 General Election include:

1) Vote By Mail:

As of January 1, 2008, with the passage of Assembly Bill 1243, California's absentee voting program was renamed "Vote by Mail." The new name is intended to better reflect voters' rights with respect to voting by mail. In California, all registered voters have the option to vote by mail, regardless of whether they are going to be 'absent' on Election Day. They also have the option of becoming a Permanent Vote by Mail voter by checking off the appropriate box on the Vote by Mail application. This provides the voter with the added convenience of automatically receiving a Vote by Mail ballot every election. The last day to apply for a Vote by Mail ballot is seven (7) days prior to the election.

The following provides a list of remedies if you applied for a Vote by Mail ballot and have not received it within a week after mailing your application.

- Call the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office to request a replacement Vote by Mail ballot
- Vote at the Registrar's Office during the Vote by Mail period (from 29 days prior to the election through Election Day)
- Vote at your designated neighborhood polling location
- To be counted, all voted Vote by Mail ballots must be mailed in time to be received by the Registrar's Office by 8:00 p.m. on November 2; or
- Voted Vote by Mail ballots that have not been returned can be dropped off at any polling place in the County no later than 8:00 p.m on Election Day.

A voter may authorize their spouse or a designated family member to return their voted ballot to any polling place in the County or to the Registrar's Office. Under special circumstances a voter may request an emergency Vote by Mail ballot beginning October 4 through Election Day, November 2nd. For additional information regarding this service or any questions regarding Vote by Mail voting, call the Document Receipt and Vote by Mail Section at (562) 466-1323 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or go online to www.lavote.net.





2) In Person Early Voting:

Traditionally, thousands of voters walk into our Norwalk office to apply for and pick up a Vote by Mail ballot. The volume is especially high during the week prior to a major election. In-person Early Voting will be available Monday thru Friday during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the weekends of October 23-24 and October 30-31 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

3) Voting At The Polls:

Polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. A voter's polling place location is listed on back cover of their sample ballot. If a voter is unable to find their sample ballot, They may find their polling location on our website www.lavote.net, or by calling the department at 800-815-2666.





Requesting A Recount

Who can request a Recount?

Any voter of the state may file a request. (E.C. 15620)

Timing of Request

The request must be filed within five (5) calendar days after the completion of the official canvass. The canvass is complete when the elections official signs the Certification of the Election Results. (E.C. 15620)

Exceptions: For statewide contests, the request must be filed within five (5) calendar days beginning on the 29th day after the election.

Notice of recount

- A notice stating the date and place of the recount will be posted by the elections official at least one day prior to the recount and the following person will be notified in person or by telegram. (E.C. 15628)
- All candidates for the office being recounted.
- Authorized representatives for gubernatorial candidates.
- Proponents of any initiative of referendum or persons filing ballot arguments for or against any initiative, referendum or measure to be recounted.
- Secretary of State if the recount is for candidates for any federal or state office, delegates to a national convention, or any state measure.
- A copy of the results of any recount conducted shall be posted conspicuously in the office of the elections official.

For a current cost breakdown for manual tally, please contact the Election Coordination Section at (562) 462-2626





November 2, 2010 Statewide General Election Scheduled Tally Updates

The following provides the canvass schedule of events for supplemental ballot counting.

Friday, November 5th - 2:00 p.m.
1st Ballot Counting Update

Tuesday, November 9th - 2:00 p.m.
2nd Ballot Counting Update

Friday, November 12th - 2:00 p.m.
3rd Ballot Counting Update

Tuesday, November 16th - 2:00 p.m.
4th Ballot Counting Update

Friday, November 19th - 2:00 p.m.
5th Ballot Counting Update

Monday, November 22nd - 2:00 p.m.
6th Ballot Counting Update

Wednesday, November 24th - 2:00 p.m.
(If needed).

Friday, November 26th - 10:00 a.m.
(If needed).

*Indicates time update begins; process continues until complete and results are posted.

Board of Supervisors declares official results Tuesday, November 30, 2010.



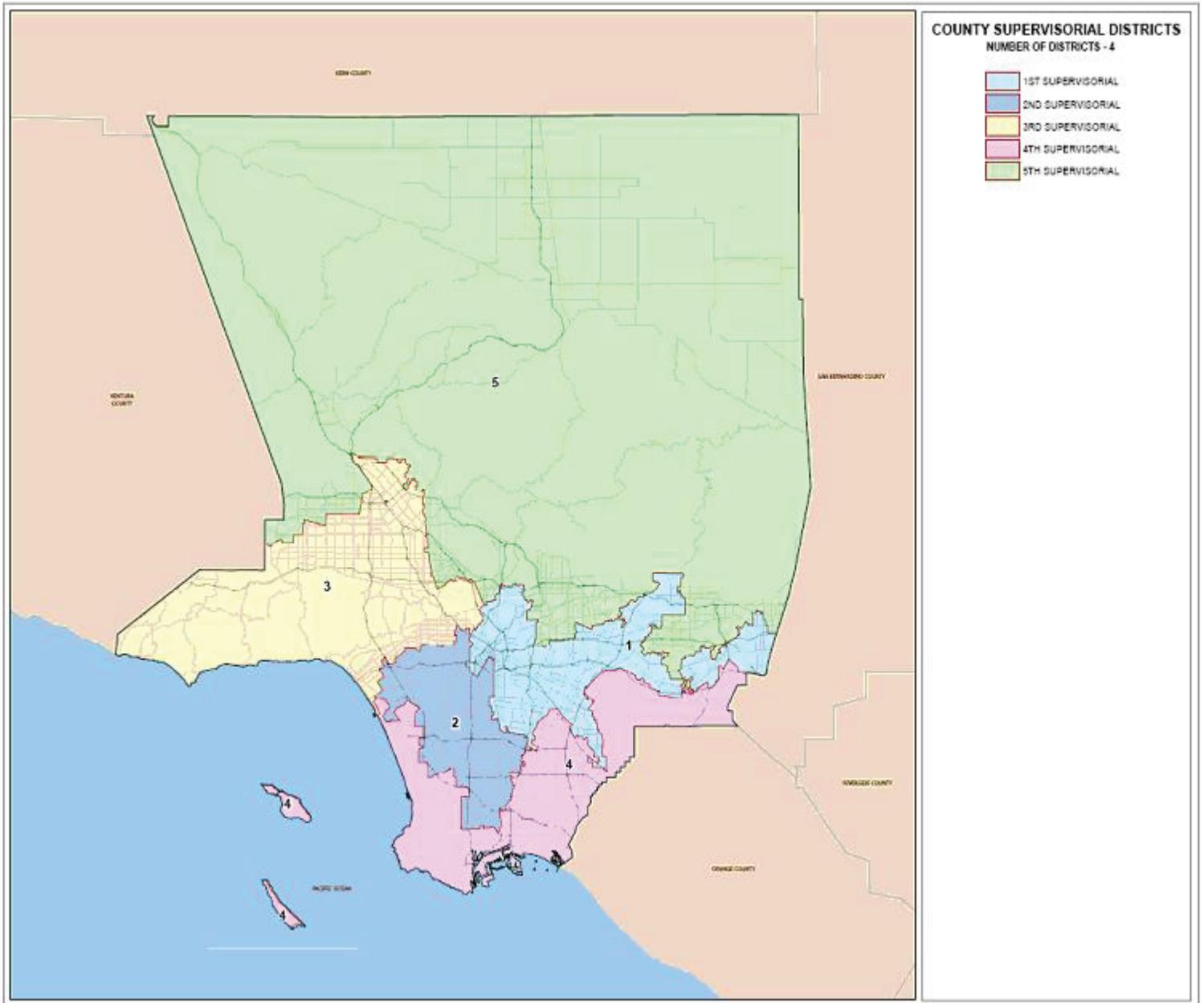


Los Angeles County District Maps



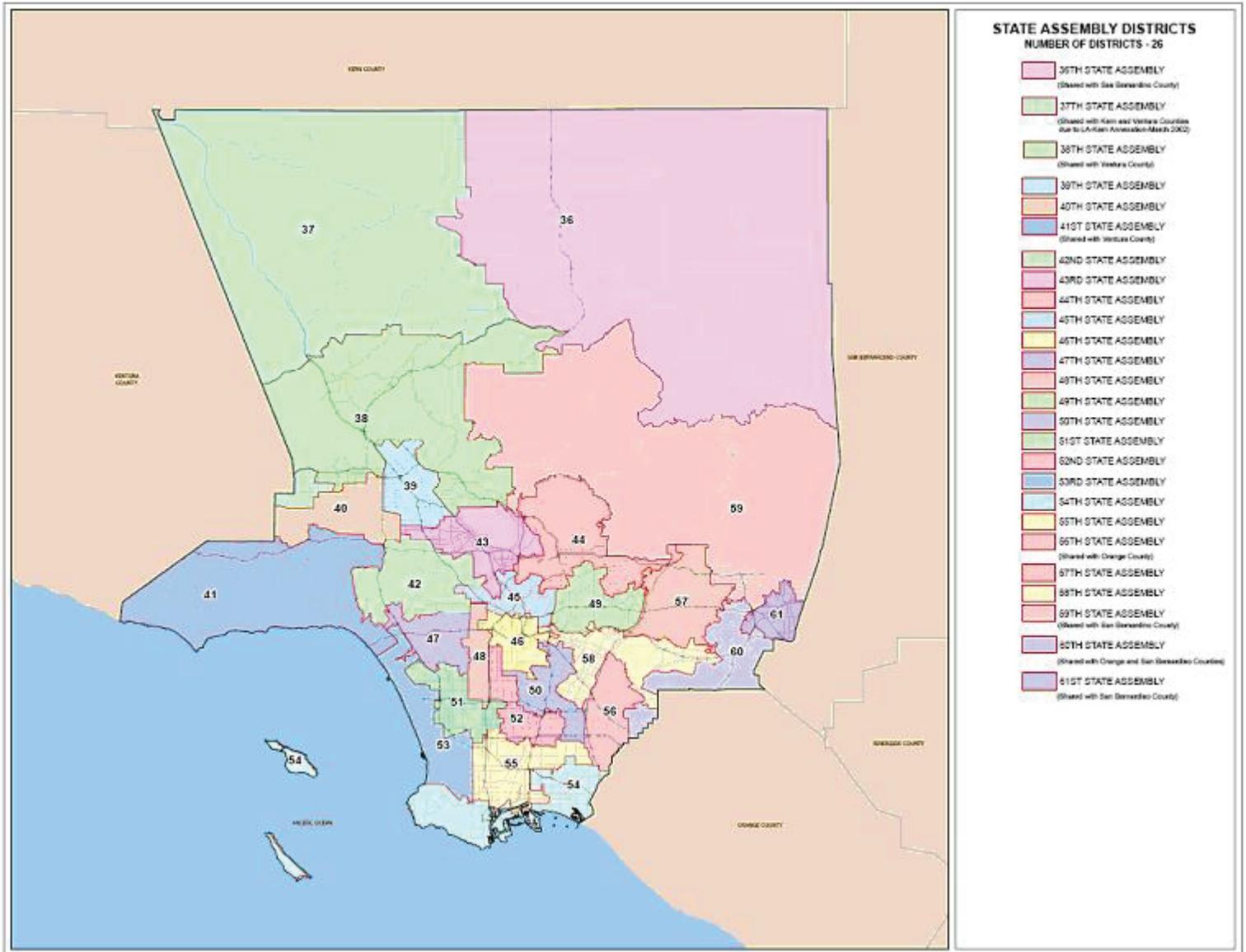


Los Angeles County County Supervisorial Districts



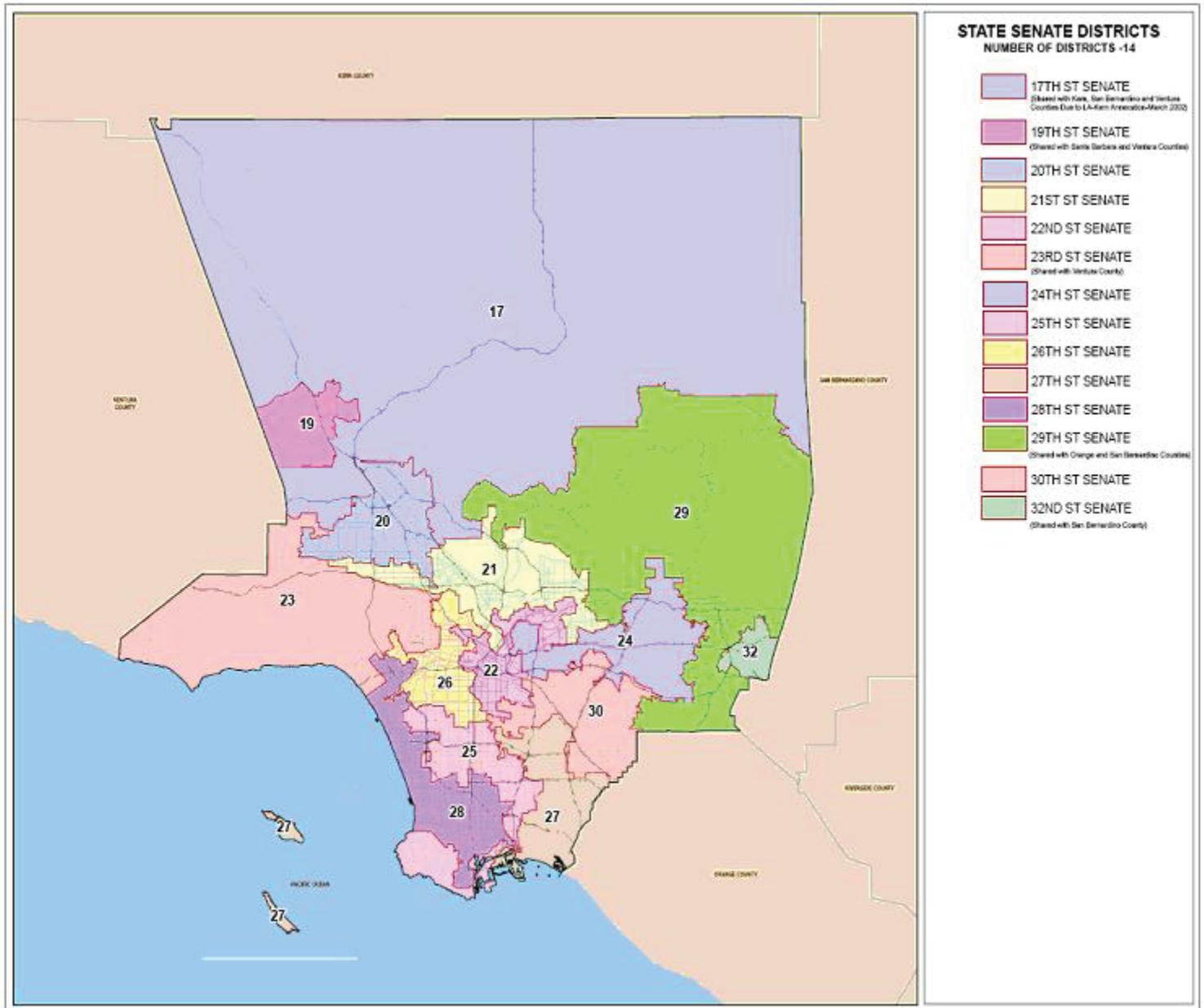


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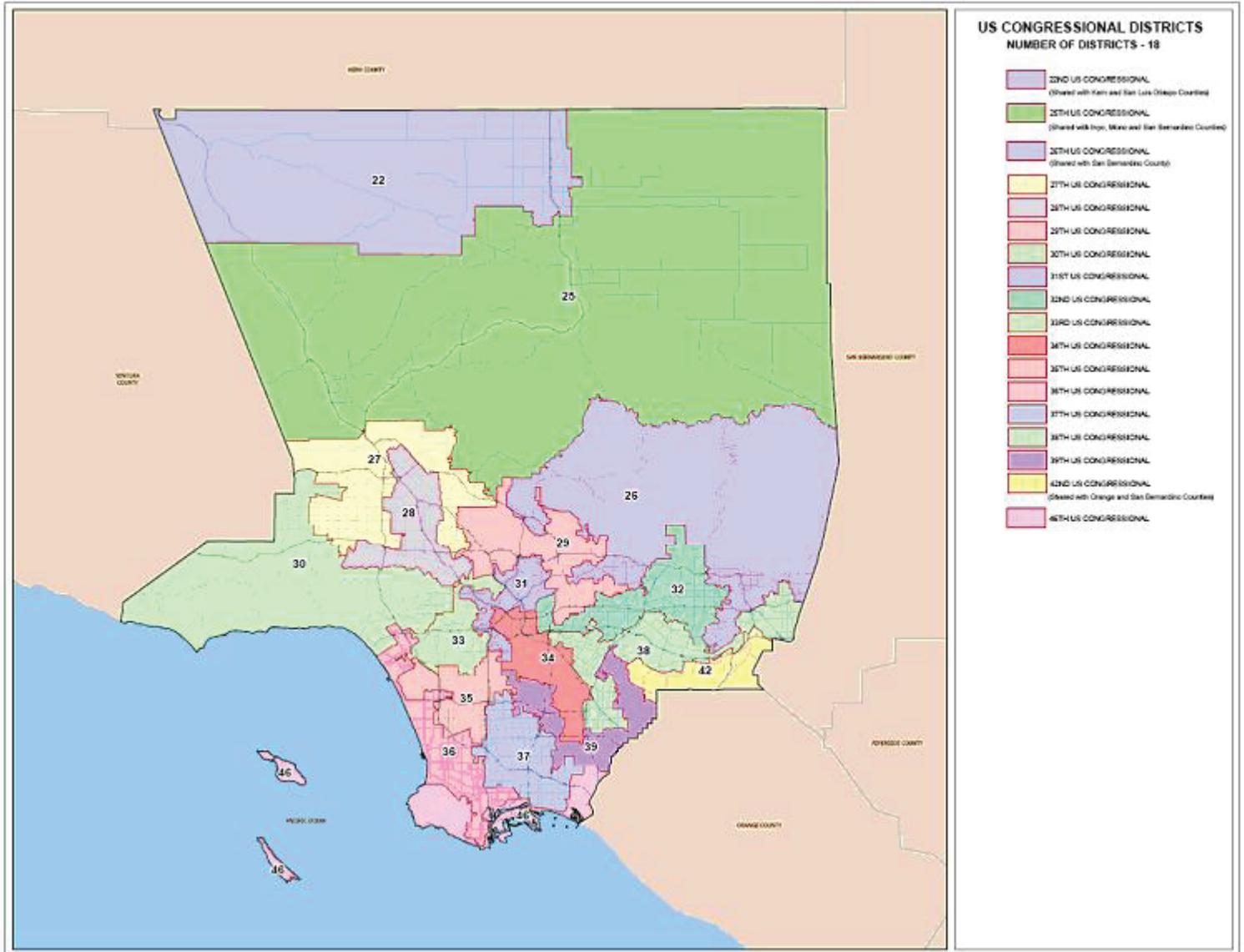


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