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EARLY VOTING AND VOTE BY MAIL UPDATE

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan announced that overwhelming numbers of voters have been taking advantage of the extended hours the RR/CC has made available for early voting.

Logan said, "Since the weekend of October 25 when extended hours began, more than 14,000 voters, an average of approximately 2,000 voters per day over 7 days, have arrived at the RR/CC, many armed with their sample ballots, ready to cast their votes. We expect the numbers to increase this weekend when extended hours continues Saturday, Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, November 3, the office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m."

"With such large numbers of voters wishing to vote early at the RR/CC, voters are experiencing lines and, at times, significant wait times. Each day we have made marked efforts in improving the efficiency of moving voters through the process. However, for those who will be at the RR/CC to vote early this weekend and Monday, we ask that they bear in mind that each voter's registration must be manually verified prior to issuing them a ballot to ensure that each voter receives the correct ballot for their voting districts," Logan emphasized.

Unprecedented numbers have been experienced during this election, not only in the number of newly registered voters and in those voters who have taken advantage of early voting, but also in the number of voters requesting to vote by mail. Of the over 4.3 million voters registered, to date more than 1 million have requested a vote by mail ballot. This is an increase of close to 235,000 beyond the record of 765,000 mail ballot requests set in 2004.

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Logan said, "The workload is tremendous and staff has worked diligently to process the myriad vote by mail ballot requests. Although the final mailing of vote by mail ballots was sent today, voters receiving them between now and Election Day should be aware that there is likely not sufficient time to return them by mail to be received by the RR/CC by Election Day. To ensure ballots are received in time for counting, voters should turn their ballot in by 8 p.m. Election Day, November 4, at any L.A. County polling place or to the RR/CC Headquarters in Norwalk at 12400 Imperial Hwy."

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