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REGISTRAR RECOMMENDS VOTING DURING NON-PEAK HOURS TO AVOID LINES AND WAIT TIMES AT THE POLLS

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan stressed today that voters may face lines at the polls on Tuesday and suggested voters consider voting at times other than early morning and late afternoon. “We are expecting record turnout in this historic election,” Logan said. “Voters with flexible schedules might want to visit their polling places between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. or from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.”

Polling places in Los Angeles County are open Tuesday from 7:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. Traditionally, a high percentage of voters go to the polls before and after traditional work hours on Election Day, while retirees and students and those with flexible working hours visit during off-peak hours. National trends show spikes in polling place attendance immediately after polls open and just after 5:00 P.M. through poll closing at 8:00 P.M.

In anticipation of heavy turnout, the Registrar’s office has increased the number of poll booths and poll workers in each of its 4,394 polling locations. They have recruited and trained over 26,000 poll workers to process voters and will place a minimum of seven polling booths at each location. RR/CC field staff is deployed throughout the County to ensure adequate supplies are available and to support the polling process.

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Still, record turnout will likely result in longer lines and wait times for voters. Logan encouraged voters to remain patient as poll workers ensure each qualified registered voter who visits the polls up until 8:00 P.M. is able to cast his or her ballot and have that ballot counted. He stated, "It is our mission to provide efficient and effective service to all registered voters, no matter what the turnout is on November 4th."

Final figures for Los Angeles County reflect 4,318,849 registered voters, breaking the previous record of 4,075,037 voters during the 2000 General Election. More than 19,000 voters have voted in person at the RR/CC headquarters in Norwalk and more than 900,000 have been issued vote by mail ballots leading up to Tuesday's election. Logan does not predict voter turnout but noted "all indications are that we will experience record setting participation when voters head to the polls on Election Day."

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