



**Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Fact Sheet
December 11, 2007
55th State Assembly District Special Primary Election**

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) will be conducting the 55th State Assembly District Special Primary Election on December 11, 2007. The Special Election is being held to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in the State Assembly. The seat was formerly held by Laura Richardson who resigned after being elected to congress in the 37th Congressional District.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Ballot Groups:	1
Precincts:	208
Election Night Check in Centers:	5
Precinct Officers:	1,040
Voting Hours:	7 a.m - 8 p.m.
Voter Registration:	*170,817
Translations:	Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino and Japanese
Election Cost Estimate:	\$1.3 million

*As of November 26, 2007

ABSENTEE/VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

The period to request an absentee ballot by mail ends on December 4, 2007. Under special circumstances, a voter may request an emergency absentee ballot beginning Wednesday, December 5 through Election Day, December 11 at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's headquarters in Norwalk. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Absentee Voter Section at (562) 466-1323 weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. As of November 26, 2007, 9,098 voters have been mailed an absentee ballot.

VOTES NEEDED TO ELECT CANDIDATE

If any candidate receives a majority of all votes cast at the December 11, 2007 Special Primary Election he or she shall be declared elected and the Special General Election shall not be held.

If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast at the Special Primary Election, the name of the candidate of each qualified political party who receives the most votes cast for all candidates of that party shall be placed on the Special General Election ballot on February 5, 2008 as the candidate of that party. (E.C. § 10706)

TERM OF OFFICE

The unexpired term ends on December 1, 2008.

BALLOTS AND VOTING SYSTEM

All voting will take place using InkaVote ballots. All ballots, whether cast at the voting precincts on Election Day or absentee/by mail, will be centrally counted on the MTS system at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's headquarters in Norwalk. Additionally, InkaVote Plus voting equipment will be available at all 208 voting precincts on Election Day to provide 1) error-detection for all voters, i.e. allowing voters the opportunity to correct a mistake, such as voting for too many candidates in a race, to be alerted prior to casting the ballot, and 2) an audio voting option for voters with visual impairments and/or voters who prefer translation assistance in designated languages.

***Facts about* InkaVote Plus Voting System**

- Tested and approved by Federal Election Authorities (March 2006)
- Tested and certified by California Secretary of State (April 2006)
- Used successfully for all Los Angeles County elections since November 2006

InkaVote Plus Voter Advantages:

- √ Prevents voters from casting blank ballots
- √ Prevents overvotes (more selections than a contest allows)
- √ Provides an audio option for:
 - Voters with visual impairments
 - Voters who prefer translation assistance

California's Secretary of State is currently re-examining voting systems. The InkaVote Plus system is involved in the review which should be completed shortly. The InkaVote Plus system is not used for counting votes in Los Angeles County (all votes are counted at the Registrar's headquarters on a central tally system).

OFFICIAL BALLOT

STATE ASSEMBLY
55TH DISTRICT
SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

DECEMBER 11, 2007
County of Los Angeles

STATE ASSEMBLY 55TH DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DECEMBER 11, 2007		
FILL IN BUBBLE WITH MARKER → 		
(Unexpired Term Ending December 1, 2008)		
Vote for One		
WARREN FURUTANI Community College Boardmember	Democratic →	<input type="radio"/>
MERVIN LEON EVANS Author/Management Consultant	Democratic →	<input type="radio"/>
MIKE GIPSON Teacher's Representative/Councilman	Democratic →	<input type="radio"/>
CHARLOTTE SADIYAH GIBSON Nurse	American Independent →	<input type="radio"/>
HERB PETERS Retired Aerospace Engineer	Libertarian →	<input type="radio"/>

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