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REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK RELEASES PRELIMINARY NON-PARTISAN BALLOT REVIEW AND SAMPLE FINDINGS

Acting Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan today announced preliminary findings of the Review and Analysis of a sample set of non-partisan ballots cast in the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election in response to a Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor instruction to conduct the report. "One important item that we would like to immediately address is that all non-partisan ballots cast for statewide measures were counted and included in the preliminary vote tally," said Logan. Additionally, results from the non-partisan ballot review shows over 140,000 of the 189,438 non-partisan ballots cast on February 5, were cast correctly.

The review and analysis of a statistically relevant sampling of non-partisan ballots cast in 48 precincts was conducted to quickly quantify the occurrence of non-partisan voters who more likely than not intended to cross-over and cast a ballot for a Democratic or American Independent Party Presidential candidate – and to differentiate those ballots from those where the voter clearly elected to vote an exclusively non-partisan ballot.

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“The results do, however, indicate that more than two thirds of all non-partisan voters executed their votes appropriately. Despite this finding, it is undoubtedly clear that Los Angeles County must find a remedy for simplifying its cross-over voting procedures before the upcoming June 3, 2008 Statewide Primary Election,” stated Logan. “I will call upon voters, pollworkers and stakeholders alike to join the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in identifying the most effective and least confusing method of achieving this remedy.”

The complete Non-Partisan Ballot Review and Analysis is available on the RR/CC website, www.lavote.net.

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