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Local and Municipal Consolidated Elections



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Message from the Registrar of Voters



October 15, 2013

Dear Voter,

The electorate in Los Angeles County accounts for more than one out of every four registered voters in California. On Tuesday, November 5, 2013, nearly 1.75 million registered voters in Los Angeles County will have an opportunity to help strengthen our democracy by voting in the Local and Municipal Consolidated Elections (LAMCE).

This media kit provides a detailed overview of the upcoming election in Los Angeles County. The goal of the media kit is to provide important statistics on the size and complexity of the County's electorate, the election and the ballot.

As the largest and most diverse County electoral jurisdiction in the nation, staging an election across 4,000 square miles and in 12 different languages requires a high level of coordination. The staff of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) is fully committed to providing voters with fair, accessible and transparent election services.

We look forward to continuing our commitment and working with you to ensure that every eligible voter has an opportunity to exercise their fundamental right to an independent and secure voting experience.

For more information regarding Los Angeles County elections, please consult our website at www.lavote.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean C. Logan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dean C. Logan
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk



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Dean C. Logan
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Media and Communications Services

About

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Media and Communications Section is committed to providing members of the public and news media with timely and clear information regarding the RR/CC and its services.

Interview & Filming Requests

Please contact Elizabeth Knox in the Media and Communications Section to make interview and filming arrangements. This must be done before arriving to RR/CC office locations or polling places to coordinate interviews or filming. To make a request, call Elizabeth Knox, Public Information Officer, at (562) 462-2726 or (562) 462-2648.

Election Night Results and Information

Election Night results are available at www.lavote.net. The first press bulletin with initial Vote by Mail ballot results will be issued after 8 p.m. As precinct ballots arrive during the evening, updated cumulative results will be available and posted on the website.

Election Night Results are Always Unofficial

The state of California allows 28 days to complete and certify final election results. All ballots cannot be counted on Election Night. Check the Calendar of Events on our website for tentative dates of certified and final official results.



Filming & Photography at the Polls

Election Day is an exciting time for everyone! Reporters, broadcast journalists and all sorts of media representatives are expected to visit the polls to take photos and videos of voting activity. All types of media outlets are welcome to cover a polling place with consent from the Public Information Office.



The media can take photos or videos of:



- The exterior of voting booths, which usually shows a flag on its walls.
- Voters and/or pollworkers with their permission. Reporters can interview voters for exit polls at least 25 feet away from the door of the polling place.
- Precinct ballot readers in operation, as long as ballot votes are not shown.
- Pollworkers, sheriffs and other County employees processing and/or transporting the ballots in bags, carts and government vehicles.



The media cannot take images or film footage of:



- The inside of voting booths, where voters and ballots are visible.
- Voter's voted ballot before it is deposited in the ballot box because voters are guaranteed privacy of their votes.
- Anything that can obstruct or disrupt the voting process while taking images or film footage. For example, a camera cannot block a voter from voting and a camera flash cannot be used.

Obtaining Media Information

For members of the media requiring additional information, please contact the Media and Communications Services at (562) 462-2726 or (562) 462-2648. The media can also contact Elizabeth Knox, the Public Information Officer, at eknox@rrcc.lacounty.gov.

Statistical Overview

Los Angeles County Profile

General Statistics



Total Population
Los Angeles County

9,962,789
(2012 estimate)



Voting Age Citizens
18 Years and Over

7,416,397
(2010 Estimate)



Native Born
Voting Age Citizens

6,189,309
(2010 Estimate)



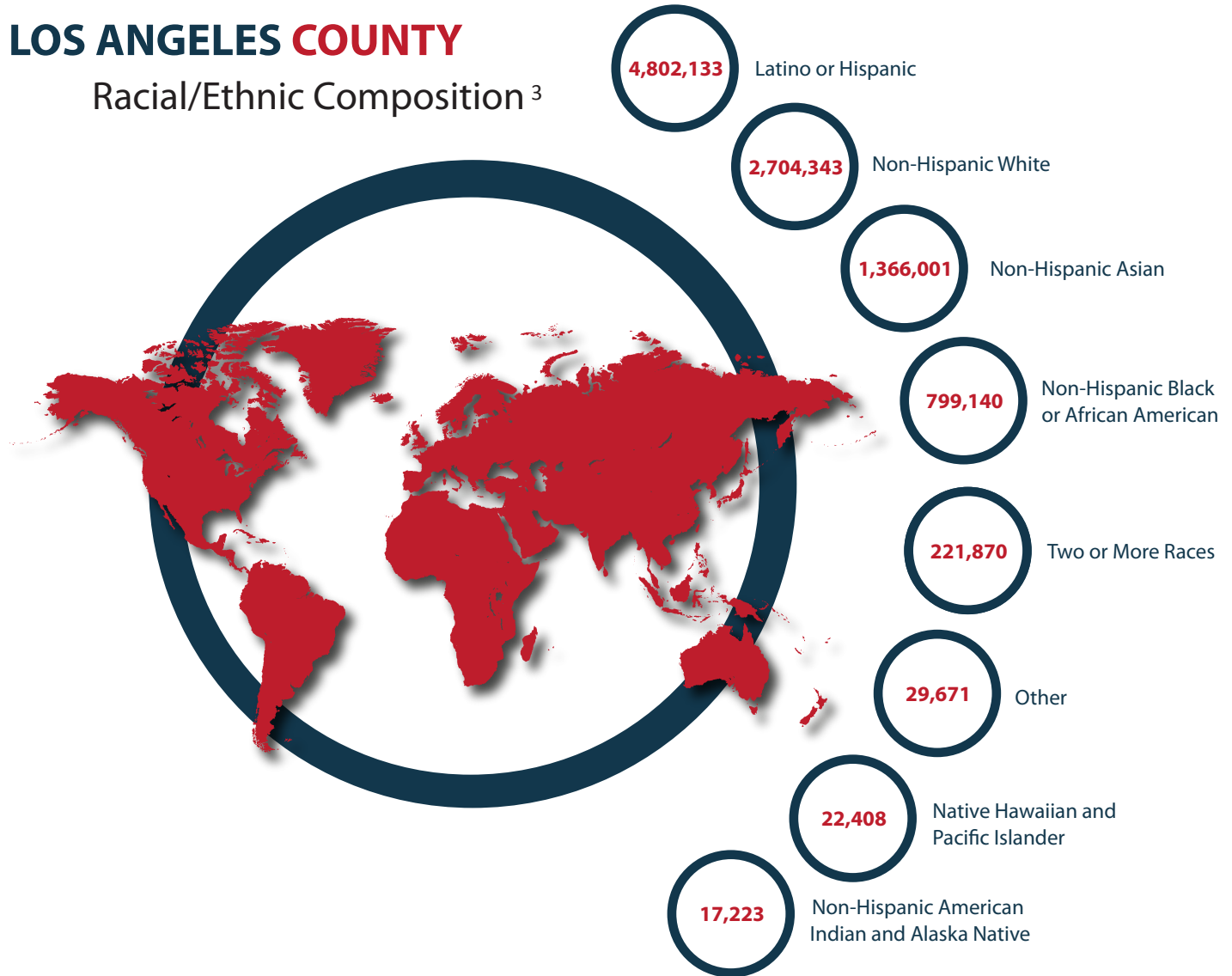
Naturalized
Voting Age Citizens

1,558,091
(2010 Estimate)

1. U.S. Census Bureau, American FactFinder
http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community_facts.xhtml

2. 2007-2011 5-Year American Community Survey
http://www.census.gov/rdo/data/voting_age_population_by_citizenship_and_race_cvap.html

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
Racial/Ethnic Composition ³



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
Languages Supported

English **Spanish** **Thai**
Chinese **Korean** **Vietnamese** **Gujarati*** **Bengali*** **Hindi**
Tagalog/Filipino **Khmer/Cambodian** **Japanese**

*Spoken language assistance provided at polling locations for these Asian Indian languages when available.

3. 2012 American Community Survey (1-year estimates)
http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/state_census_data_center/american_community_survey/#ACS2012x1

Statistics at a Glance

About This Election

This election is to fill offices and vote on measures affecting municipal, school and special district jurisdictions in Los Angeles County.

Election Profile



Registered Voters

1,744,216



Vote by Mail Voters

514,024



Military Voters

4,968



Overseas Voters

2,374



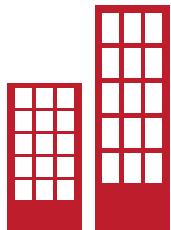
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Total Candidates



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Local Measures



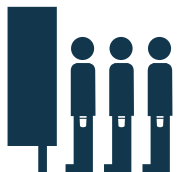
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Offices



960

Election Precincts



839

Polling Places



5,000

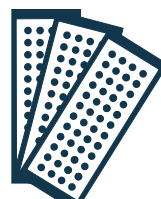
Pollworkers

*Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm



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Active Districts

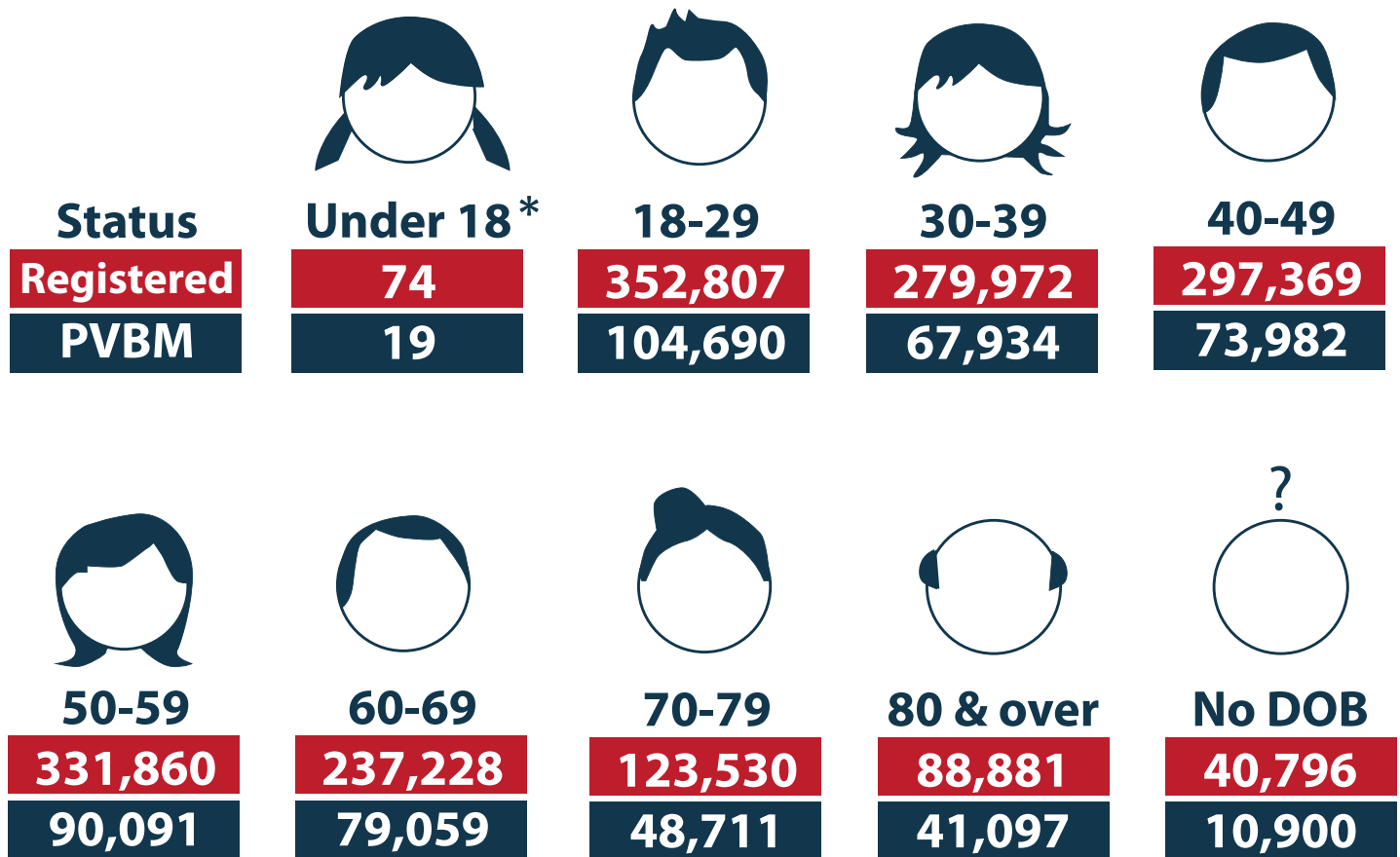


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Ballot Groups

Voter Registration Statistics

Registered voters and Permanent Vote by Mail (PVBM) voters by age ranges



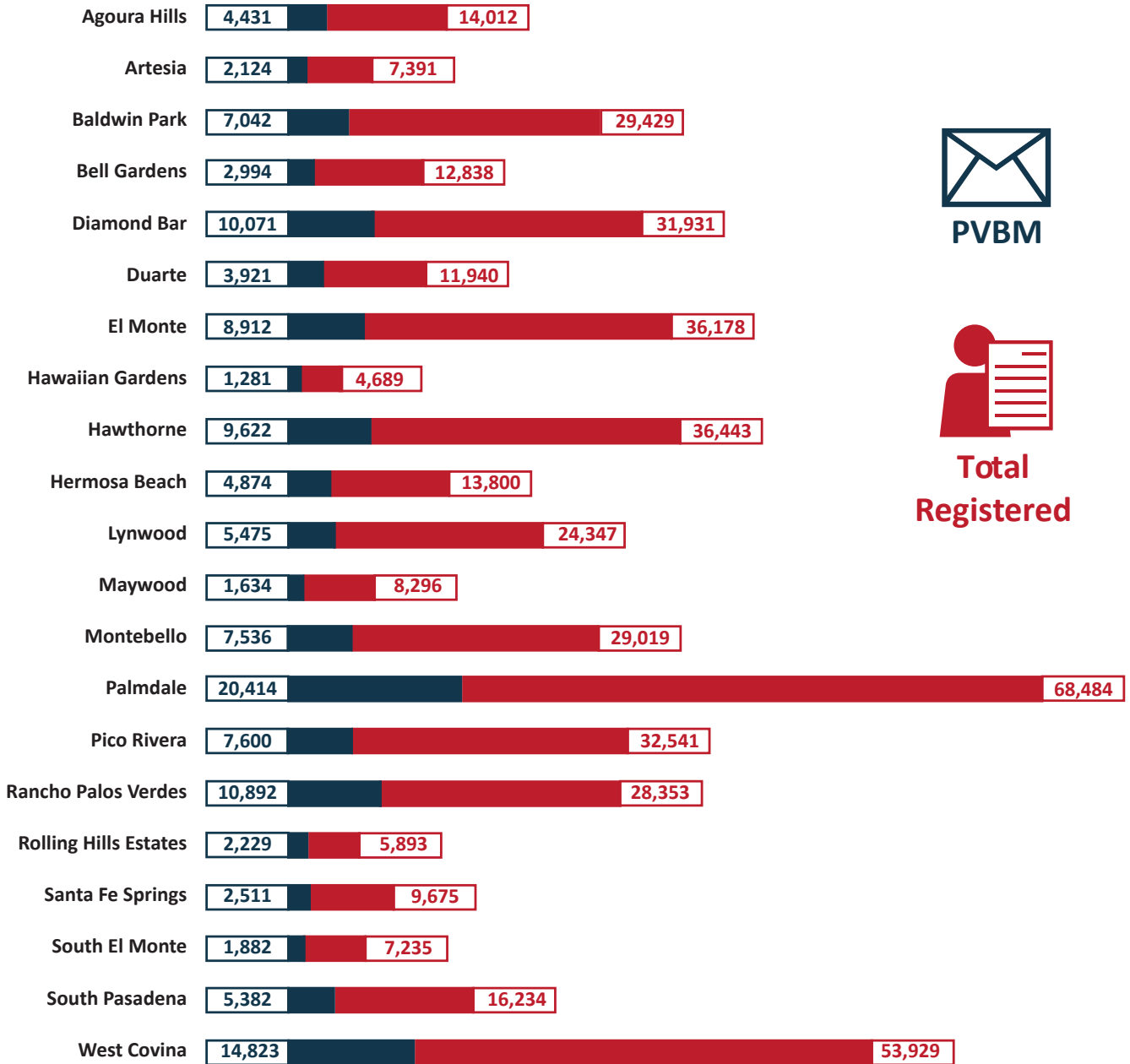
Totals



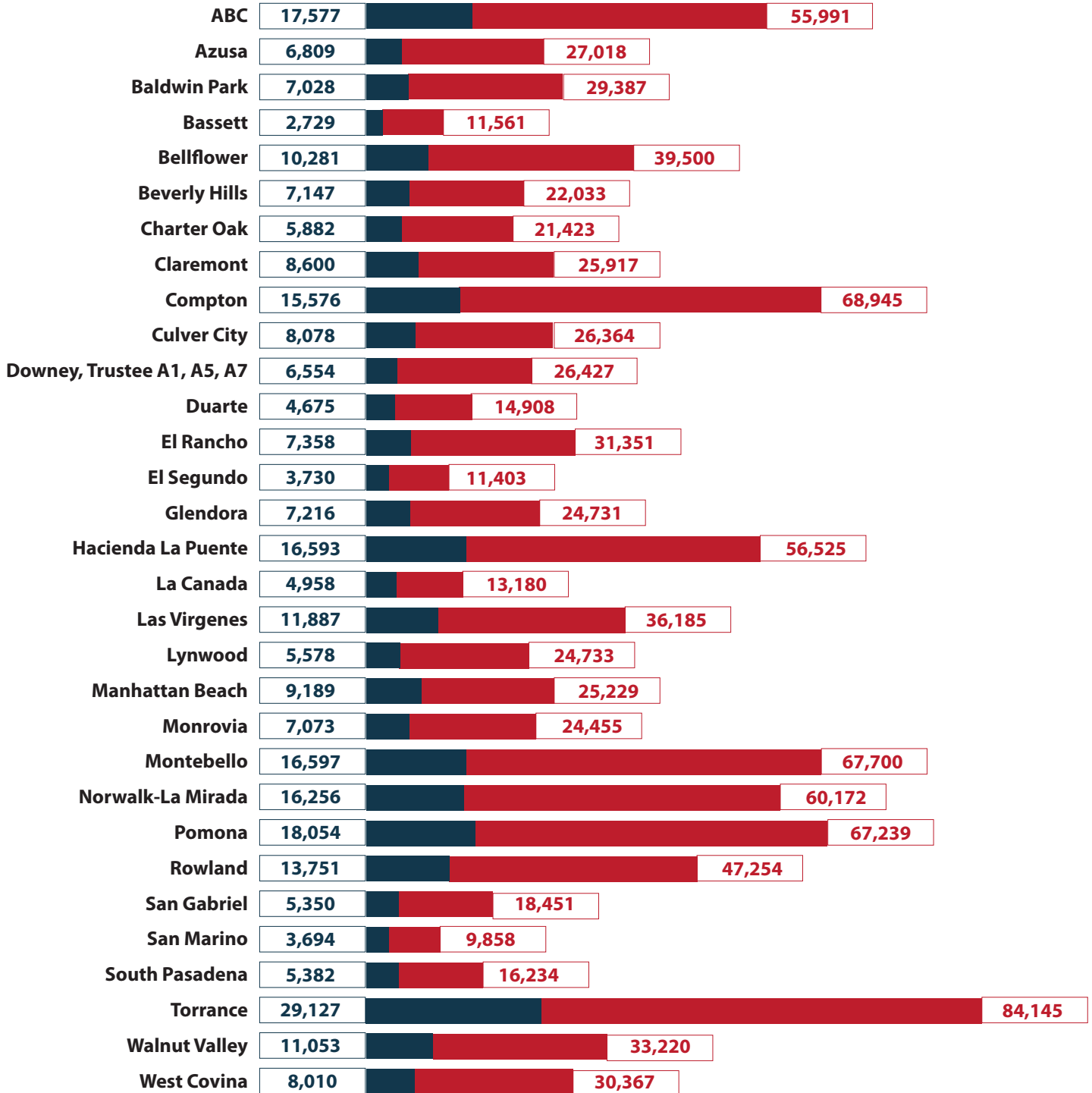
*Registrations for 17.5 year olds are accepted. Registrations are activated for these voters on their 18th birthday.
 Note: Figures as of September 26, 2013

Incorporated Cities

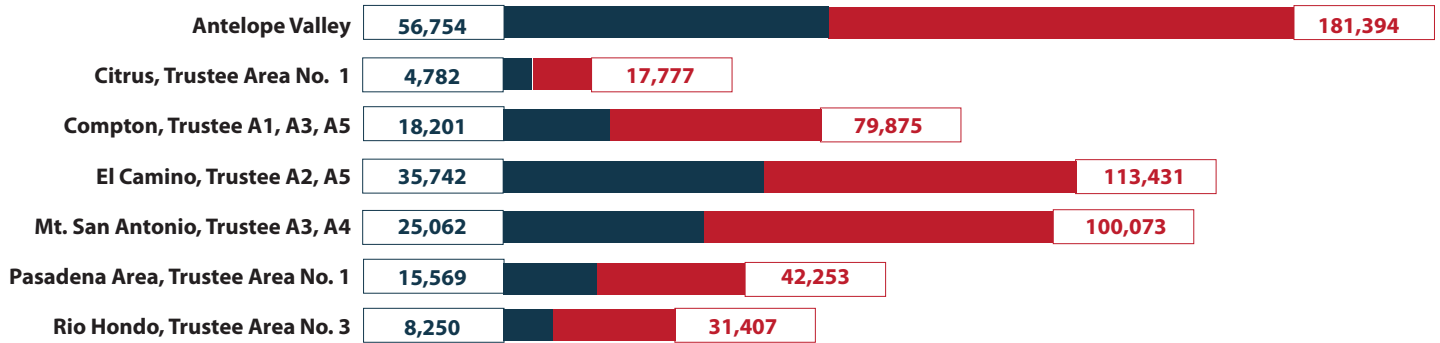
Registered voters and Permanent Vote by Mail voters by areas



Unified School Districts



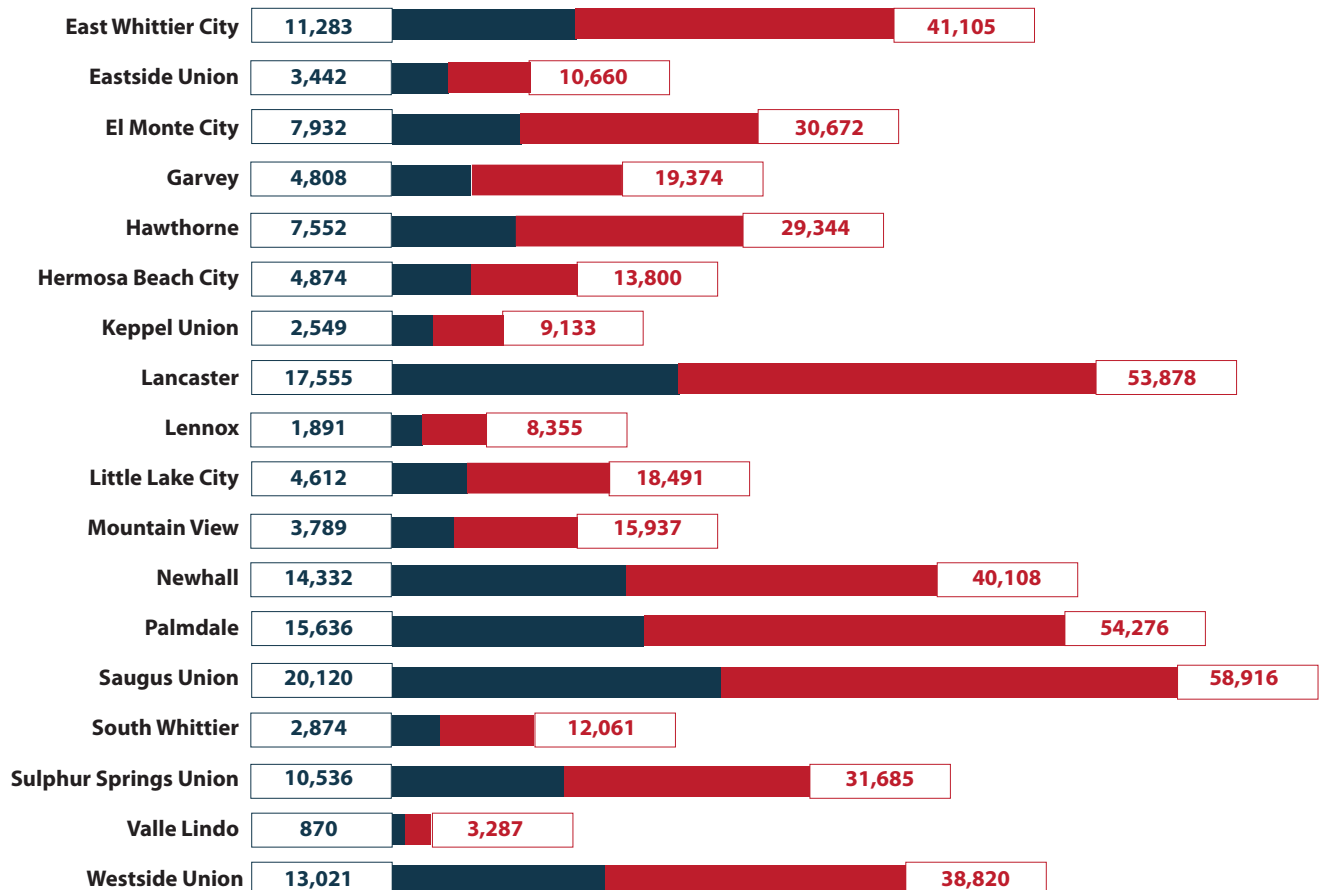
Community College Districts

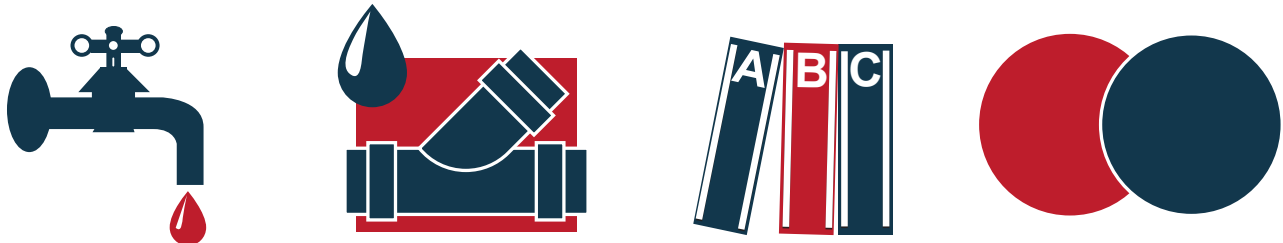


High School Districts

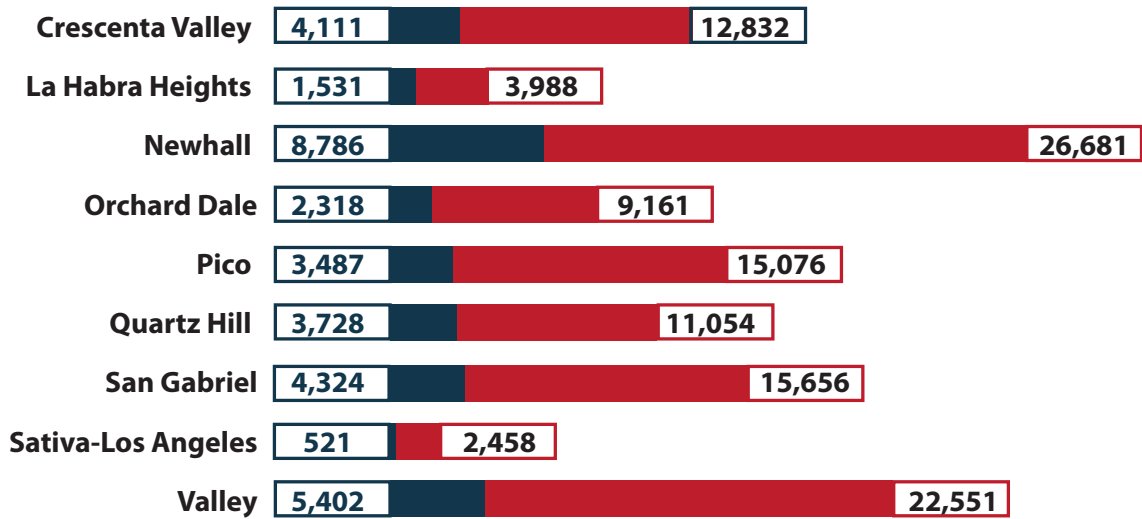


Elementary School Districts





County Water Districts



Irrigation Districts



Library Districts



PVBM

Annexation Districts

(Reorganization for the Proposed Formation)



Total Registered

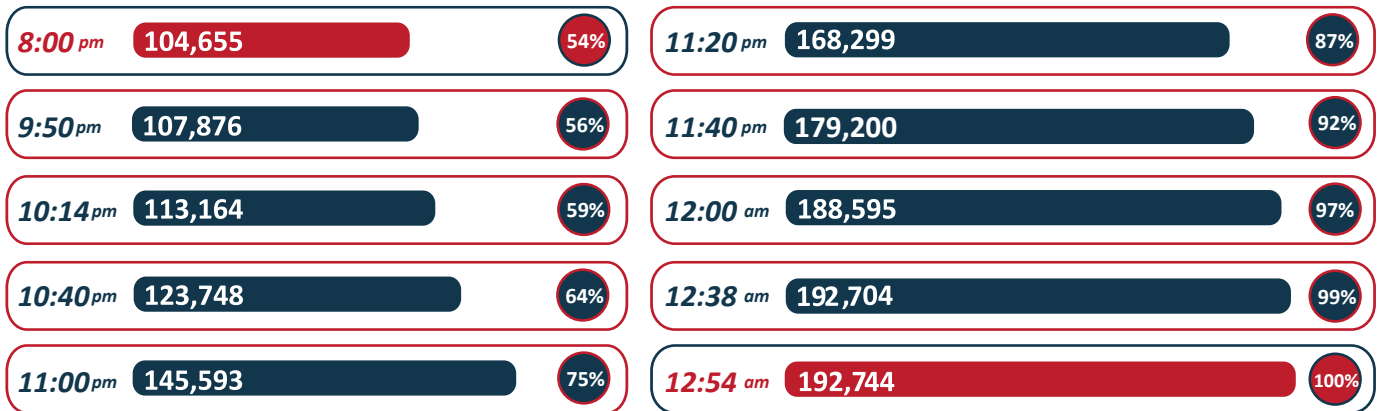
Ballot Processing Trends

Election Night Ballot Process

2011 Local & Municipal Consolidated Election

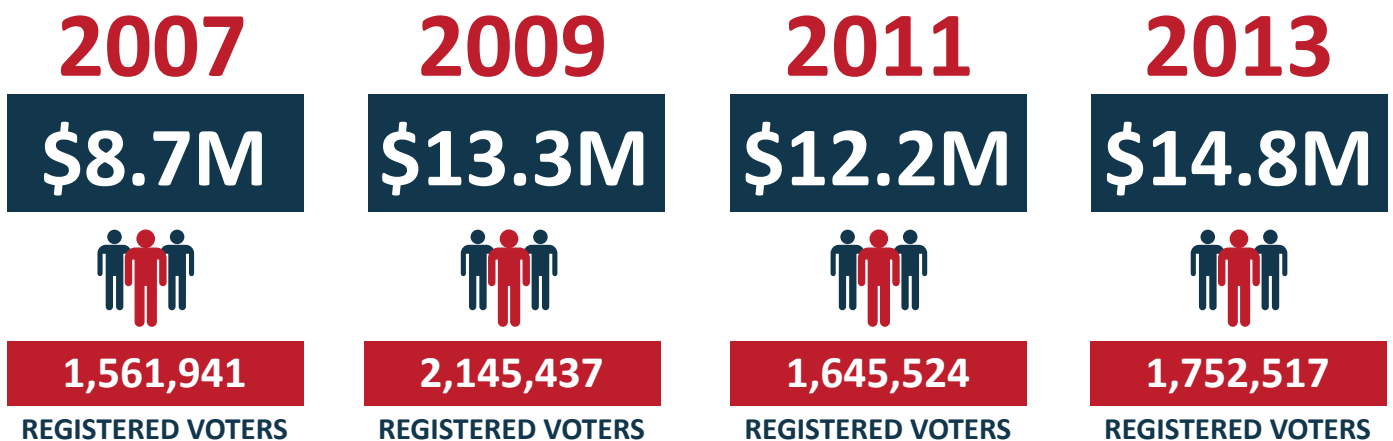


The following provides statistical information on the rate of ballot tabulation for the 2011 Local & Municipal Consolidated Election.



Historical Election Costs

Below are the total costs of conducting consolidated elections in Los Angeles County.



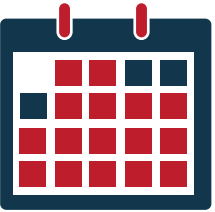
Voting Options

Vote by Mail (VBM)



- Apply for a VBM ballot using the application printed on the back of your sample ballot or online at www.lavote.net.
- When you receive your VBM ballot, mark it and insert it into the envelope provided. Make sure you complete all required information.
- Return your VBM ballot by mail before Election Day or drop it off at any polling location on Election Day.

Vote Early



- Registered voters can begin to vote up to 29 days before Election Day on weekdays from 8am to 5pm.
- Registered voters can also vote on weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on these dates: October 26, October 27, November 2 and November 3.
- Early voting takes place at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk main office located at 12400 Imperial Hwy., Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Vote at a Polling Place



- Check in and sign the Roster of Voters.
- The pollworker will give you an official ballot and direct you to a voting booth.
- Step into the booth and cast your vote. If needed, the pollworker can show you how to use the voting equipment to cast your vote.
- When you finish voting, insert your ballot into the Precinct Ballot Reader (PBR). The PBR checks your ballot for errors.

We provide numerous election services for voters with specific needs. Contact Voters with Specific Needs Project Coordinator Julia Keh by phone at (562) 462-2754 or by email at jkeh@rrcc.lacounty.gov.

Finalizing the Official Vote Tally (Canvass)

Vote by Mail Ballots Turned in at Polling Locations

Many VBM voters drop off their ballots at a polling place or at RR/CC headquarters on Election Day. The RR/CC receive these ballots very late on Election Night. All VBM ballots must be pre-processed before they are counted. The RR/CC must verify every VBM voter's signature before opening the VBM ballot envelope 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 on the poll roster, there is uncertainty about party affiliation or when records indicate the voter was already sent a VBM ballot. Provisional ballots are sealed in special envelopes at the polls and must be individually researched and verified at the RR/CC'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 the Write-In vote is for a qualified Write-In candidate and whether the voter over-voted (example: voted for a candidate on the ballot and also voted for a Write-In candidate for the same office). When an over-vote occurs, neither vote can be counted, 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 is processed and tallied manually.)**

1% Manual Tally Audit

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

Summary

Ballot counting after Election Night includes VBM, Provisional, Write-In, and damaged ballots. These ballots are processed and counted during the Official Election Canvass period.

Counting of VBM, Provisional and Write-In votes occurs in sequential order after the election, but before certification of official results. For example, all VBM ballots must be verified and cleared before verifying Provisional ballots to ensure no duplicates among these categories. These ballots are not segregated by district before counting. Therefore, the number of outstanding ballots for any specific electoral district is unknown until after these ballots are tabulated.

California state 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.

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 be posted on the entrance door of the RR/CC headquarters in Norwalk and on the RR/CC website at www.lavote.net.

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

Election Canvass Schedule

Key Dates

Thursday, November 7

The canvass of election returns shall commence no later than the first Thursday following the election. (E. C. §§ 10547 and 15301)

Monday, November 25

The RR/CC is tentatively scheduled to certify the election results. (E. C. §§ 10550 and 15372)

Tuesday, November 26

The Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled to declare the election results official.

*For additional election key dates, visit www.lavote.net.









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Results**
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Tentative Tally Update Schedule

Outstanding ballot counting takes place throughout the canvass period. We anticipate the majority of the outstanding VBM ballots to be included in the fourth update on Monday, November 18.

Due to the additional research required to validate Provisional ballots, these ballots are usually the last to be tallied before the completion of the official canvass. Please note that the 8 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.

Ballot Counting Updates

 2013 NOV. 8	First Counting Update	1 pm	 2013 NOV. 19	Fourth Counting Update	1 pm
 2013 NOV. 12	Second Counting Update	1 pm	 2013 NOV. 22	Fifth Counting Update	1 pm
 2013 NOV. 15	Third Counting Update	1 pm	 2013 NOV. 26	Sixth Counting Update <i>(If necessary)</i>	1 pm

Public Observation

The ballot counting process is open to public observation. Download the Election Observer Panel Plan at www.lavote.net to learn more.

Please note that scheduled times represent the start of ballot processing and are subject to change.

Election results will be updated and posted after ballot processing is completed. For updated election results, visit www.lavote.net.

Requesting a Recount

Who Can Request a Recount?

Any voter of the state may file a request. (E.C. § 15620). For more information, visit www.lavote.net for a brochure.

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 twenty-ninth (29th) day after the election.

Notice of Recount

A notice as to the date and place of recount will be posted by an elections official and shall notify the following persons of it in person or by any regulated overnight mail service. (E.C. § 15628).

Notices are issued to the following parties:

- All candidates for the office being recounted.
- Authorized representatives for gubernatorial candidates, if the race for gubernatorial delegates is to be recounted.
- 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 more information, please contact the Election Coordination Section at (562) 345-3183.





MISSION

Serving Los Angeles County by providing essential records management and election services in a fair, accessible and transparent manner.

OUR VALUES



FAIRNESS

We will treat each and every customer in a respectful and friendly manner and we will offer them the best service possible

OUR VALUES



TRANSPARENCY

We offer access to information about our processes and actively pursue community and stakeholder involvement in our key decisions



ACCESSIBILITY

We strive to be available to the public and to meet their inquiries with accurate and courteous responses

GOALS



Customer Service



Election Services and Records Management



Fiscal Responsibility



Staff Development



GOALS

Promote the transparency, accuracy and accessibility of information through quality customer service and the effective use of information technology.

Develop and maximize leading edge and innovative solutions that foster accountable and accessible election services and public records.

Enhance organizational effectiveness and achieve efficiencies by streamlining and improving business processes.

Develop employee recognition programs and professional training opportunities that promote a qualified and diverse workforce.

OUR VISION

Offering many vital services to its residents and acting as an employer for nearly 1,000 full-time employees. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk seeks to fulfill its mission by offering quality service and efficient results while providing its employees with a safe and prosperous work environment.



Records Maintained
210 Million



Business Names Filed
125,000



Birth Certificates
596,000



Registered Voters
Over 4.8 Million



Marriage Licenses
75,000



Population Nearly
10 Million

