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**GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 5, 1996**

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NOVEMBER 5, 1996 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION

MEDIA KIT/FACT SHEET

This packet of material is designed to provide information about the Presidential General Election to be held on November 5, 1996. It also serves as a guide to election night operations at 12400 Imperial Highway, City of Norwalk.

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Projected Voter Turnout Information (310) 462-2726
(Telephone number for media use only. Projected turnout reports (based on phone calls to sample precincts) will be issued each hour on the half-hour from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.)

Semi-Official Election Results (310) 462-1323
Preliminary absentee voting results will be available at approximately 8:30 p.m. After the initial precinct bulletin and as ballots are processed, semi-official results will be available approximately every 20 minutes until all precincts have reported. *Election results will also be continuously updated and displayed on the Internet election night at <http://www.co.la.ca.us/rovelec/main.htm>.*

Election Results on Wednesday, 11/6 (310) 466-1310
From 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NEWS COVERAGE, ELECTION RESULTS, AND PRESS BULLETINS

The election night news center is located in the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office. Department staff will be on hand to assist in news coverage. The first press bulletin with semi-official absentee ballot results will be issued about 8:30 p.m.

California state law allows between 21-28 days for the conduct of the official canvass of final election results. **Results released on election night are incomplete and semi-official.** Absentee ballots returned election day along with provisional ballots issued at polling locations are processed during the official canvass to allow sufficient time for signature verification and to establish eligibility. Provisional ballots are issued when a person's qualifications to vote cannot be immediately established. As a result, close contests may not be determined until the official canvass is completed and certified election results are released. (See pages 28 and 29 for memo sent to candidates regarding incomplete ballot counting election night).

Additional Information Concerning Election Results

On Wednesday afternoon, November 6, the Election Information Section will have intercounty election results for portions of districts which are outside Los Angeles County. Shared districts for this election are:

United States Representative

24th - Shared with Ventura County

39th - Shared with Orange County

41st - Shared with Orange and San Bernardino Counties

Additional Information Concerning Election Results (Cont'd)

State Senate

17th - Shared with Inyo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties

19th - Shared with Ventura County

State Assembly

38th - Shared with Ventura County

61st - Shared with San Bernardino County

Water Agency

Castaic Lake Division #3 - Shared with Ventura County

Results broken down by city and community may be obtained in the Election Information Section beginning about noon on Wednesday, November 6. Copies of the semi-official precinct by precinct statement of votes cast will be available Thursday afternoon November 7, at approximately 2 p.m.

A final press bulletin will be prepared upon completion of the official vote canvass. State law allows between 21-28 days for completion of the official canvass. We anticipate completion of the canvass by November 26, 1996 (21 days after the election).

SPEED OF BALLOT COUNTING ELECTION NIGHT - HISTORICAL TRENDS

On election night, ballots from all 5,632 voting precincts are brought to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's headquarters in Norwalk for tabulation. After the polls close the precinct officials must complete the paperwork to balance the number of ballots cast with the number of voters signing in, the number of remaining unvoted ballots, etc. Most precincts complete this function between 9-9:30 p.m. Then precinct officials from the 5,632 precincts bring their ballots and supplies to one of 75 designated check-in centers located throughout the County. From these locations Sheriff's deputies transport the voted ballots, via helicopter or by car, to Norwalk.

After arrival in Norwalk, the ballots must be checked-in and inspected prior to counting. For the first time, volunteers will be assisting with this process (see page 30 for details). Once inspected, the ballots are moved into the computer room where operators process the punch card ballots on one of 14 counting stations. Ballot counting capacity at peak periods is as high as 350,000 ballots per hour.

Thousands of individuals are involved in the logistics of ballot transport, preparation and tabulation in L.A. County which is the largest electoral jurisdiction in the U.S. in terms of the number of registered voters and voting precincts. Historically for countywide elections,

SPEED OF BALLOT COUNTING ELECTION NIGHT - HISTORICAL TRENDS

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approximately 40% of the ballots are counted by midnight on election night. The following chart provides statistical information on the speed of ballot tabulation.

1992 GENERAL ELECTION			1994 GENERAL ELECTION			1996 PRIMARY ELECTION		
TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%	TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%	TIME	BALLOTS COUNTED	%
Midnight	974,579	37.02	Midnight	655,993	34.43	Midnight	611,728	49.07
1:00 am	1,509,169	57.33	1:00 am	1,064,965	55.89	1:00 am	975,040	78.21
2:00 am	1,991,298	75.64	2:00 am	1,418,935	74.47	2:00 am	1,234,896	99.05
3:00 am	2,540,526	96.50	3:00 am	1,807,589	94.87	3:00 am	1,246,384	99.97
3:24 am	2,632,616	100.00	3:40 am	1,905,364	100.00	3:45 am	1,246,711	100.00

VOTER REGISTRATION STATISTICS

In Los Angeles County, final voter registration figures for the November 5 General Election are as follows:

		Percentage
Democratic	2,084,994	54.05
Republican	1,174,039	30.43
American Independent	59,759	1.55
Green	13,608	.35
Libertarian	15,848	.41
Natural Law	30,676	.80
Peace and Freedom	22,389	.58
Reform	21,635	.56
Miscellaneous	13,855	.36
Decline to State	421,002	10.91
TOTAL REGISTRATION	3,857,805	100.00

(For historical voter registration and voter turnout see page 27.)

ABSENTEE BALLOT TRENDS - TIMES WHEN COUNTED

The following chart provides the number of absentee ballots counted beginning election day and the number processed and updated during the official canvass period.

1992 GENERAL ELECTION		1994 GENERAL ELECTION		1996 PRIMARY ELECTION	
DATE	# ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED	DATE	# ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED	DATE	# ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED
11/03	211,566	11/08	151,211	03/26	171,651
11/09	83,326	11/14	94,647	03/29	54,175
11/12	60,100	11/17	82,272	04/01	24,531
11/16	29,525	11/21	35,786	04/04	6,599
11/19	4,278	11/22	7,168	04/09	340
		11/23	949	04/11	63
		11/25	644		
TOTAL	388,795		372,677		257,359

PRECINCT OFFICERS AND POLLING PLACES

Polling Places	5,632
Precinct Officers	27,425
(average of 5 per polling place)	

Polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

THE ELECTION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Forty-one (41) jurisdictions are participating in the elections being conducted by Los Angeles County, including the federal, state and county governments, 15 cities, 3 judicial, 9 school, 2 water agency, 5 municipal water, 1 water replenishment, 2 health care and 1 recreation and park districts.

In addition to the presidential contest, candidates for United States Representative, State Senate (odd-numbered districts only), Member of the Assembly, non-partisan judicial and local offices. The voters will also vote on 15 state propositions and various local measures.

THE ELECTION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY (Cont'd)

The following chart summarizes the number of measures, candidates and offices involved in this election.

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Number of Measures</u>	<u>Candidates For Election</u>	<u>Number of Offices</u>
Federal	0	73	18
State	15	81	32
County	3	4	2
15 Cities	21	33	12
3 Judicial Districts	0	6	3
9 School Districts	7	9	6
2 Water Agency Districts	0	8	4
5 Municipal Water Districts	0	43	13
1 Water Replenishment District	0	9	2
2 Health Care Districts	0	24	7
1 Recreation and Park District	0	3	2
TOTAL	46	293	101

VOTES REQUIRED TO ELECT CANDIDATES

Partisan Offices..... The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in a general election is elected to fill the office.

Non-Partisan Offices..... A majority of votes cast (50 percent plus one vote) is required to elect a candidate in a primary election. When a candidate is elected at the primary election, the office shall not appear on the ballot at the general election. If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes are placed on the ballot for a runoff in the general election.
(County & Judicial)

Non-Partisan Offices..... The candidate receiving the highest number of votes is elected to the office. If two or more candidates are to be elected, those candidates equal in number to the number to be elected, receiving the highest number of votes, are elected.
(City & Misc. Districts)

Write-In Candidates

For Partisan Office..... To appear on the ballot for the general election, a qualified write-in candidate must receive the highest number of votes at the primary election for that office and receive not less than 1% of the votes cast for the office at the last preceding general election in which the office was filled.

SUMMARY OF PARTISAN CANDIDATES ON BALLOT

NUMBER OF CANDIDATES

OFFICE	DEM	REP	AI	GRN	LIB	N/L	P&F	REF	TOTAL
President	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
United States Representative (Districts 24-39, 41)	17	17	2	2	15	8	4	0	65
State Senator (Districts 17-29) Odd-numbered only	7	7	0	0	2	1	1	0	18
Member of the Assembly (Districts 36, 38-61)	25	23	0	0	9	4	2	0	63
TOTAL NUMBER PARTISAN CANDIDATES	50	48	3	3	27	14	8	1	154

CANDIDATES, VOTING PRECINCTS, & REGISTRATION BY PARTISAN OFFICE

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATES</u>	<u>VOTING PRECINCTS</u>	<u>REGISTRATION</u>
President	8	5,632	3,857,805
United States Representative <u>District #</u>			
*24	5	392	253,569
25	4	432	306,091
26	4	250	182,912
27	5	418	295,835
28	3	452	294,622
29	5	482	344,353
30	5	173	148,588
31	3	275	186,439
32	4	407	268,762
33	3	151	113,561
34	4	357	234,853
35	3	306	210,420

*Shared District

CANDIDATES, VOTING PRECINCTS, & REGISTRATION BY PARTISAN OFFICE (Cont'd)

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATES</u>	<u>VOTING PRECINCTS</u>	<u>REGISTRATION</u>
United States Representative (Cont'd)			
<u>District #</u>			
36	4	519	343,650
37	2	318	213,643
38	4	432	280,506
*39	3	164	101,411
*41	4	104	78,590
State Senator			
<u>District #</u>			
*17	2	281	200,453
*19	2	171	120,697
21	3	530	376,050
23	5	687	468,153
25	2	412	288,154
27	2	631	398,049
29	2	567	381,072
Member of the Assembly			
<u>District #</u>			
36	2	281	200,453
*38	3	171	120,697
39	2	159	107,457
40	4	213	151,657
41	5	352	239,078
42	4	335	229,075
43	3	193	165,377
44	3	337	210,673
45	2	120	102,100
46	2	79	65,671
47	3	295	192,022
48	1	190	121,008
49	2	185	130,385
50	2	108	79,425
51	2	217	154,087
52	2	195	134,067

*Shared District

CANDIDATES, VOTING PRECINCTS, & REGISTRATION BY PARTISAN OFFICE (Cont'd)

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATES</u>	<u>VOTING PRECINCTS</u>	<u>REGISTRATION</u>
Member of the Assembly (Cont'd)			
<u>District #</u>			
53	2	345	236,322
54	2	335	211,743
55	2	196	138,000
56	3	296	186,306
57	2	194	124,022
58	3	235	155,260
59	2	302	200,895
60	2	265	180,177
*61	3	34	21,848

*Shared District

SUMMARY OF NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES ON BALLOT

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CANDIDATES</u>
Superior Court Judge	2
Municipal Court Judge	4
District Attorney	2
Supervisor	2
Board of Trustees	4
Board of Education	5
City Council	31
Rent Control Board	2
Board of Directors	87
TOTAL NUMBER NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES	139

CANDIDATES, VOTING PRECINCTS, & REGISTRATION BY NON-PARTISAN OFFICE

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATES</u>	<u>VOTING PRECINCTS</u>	<u>REGISTRATION</u>
Superior Court Judge <u>Office #</u> 58	2	5,632	3,857,805
Municipal Court Judge Citrus #1	2	284	186,952
East Los Angeles #2	2	91	62,498
District Attorney	2	5,632	3,857,805
Supervisor <u>District #</u> 4	2	1,353	879,798
Board of Trustees Santa Monica Community College District	4	87	70,079
Board of Education <u>School District</u> Santa Monica-Malibu Unified	5	87	70,162
City Council Alhambra, District #3	3	51	31,530
Commerce	2	7	4,568
Downey, District #1	2	14	9,076
Downey, District #3	3	21	11,302
Downey, District #5	4	75	43,270
Hawthorne	4	39	28,169
Santa Monica	13	66	57,284
Rent Control Board Santa Monica	2	66	57,284
Board of Directors Antelope Valley Health Care	6	168	121,006
*Antelope Valley Health Care	4	168	121,006

*Unexpired term ending 01/04/99

CANDIDATES, VOTING PRECINCTS, & REGISTRATION BY NON-PARTISAN OFFICE (Cont'd)

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATES</u>	<u>VOTING PRECINCTS</u>	<u>REGISTRATION</u>
Board of Directors (Cont'd)			
Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency, Division #6	2	19	13,504
Beach City Health District	14	116	79,181
Castaic Lake Water Agency			
<u>Division #</u>			
1	2	40	27,686
2	2	39	27,067
*3	2	45	32,428
Central Basin Municipal Water District			
<u>Division #</u>			
1	4	175	111,809
4	6	120	82,413
5	2	195	129,229
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District			
<u>Division #</u>			
1	3	13	7,896
4	2	11	7,536
Three Valleys Municipal Water District			
<u>Division #</u>			
2	3	49	33,542
4	3	56	40,707
6	3	43	26,661
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District			
<u>Division #</u>			
2	5	118	77,379
3	5	105	66,033
4	3	107	66,947
Water Replenishment District of Southern California			
<u>Division #</u>			
2	3	543	359,302
5	6	426	280,532

*Shared District

CANDIDATES, VOTING PRECINCTS, & REGISTRATION BY NON-PARTISAN OFFICE

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<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATES</u>	<u>VOTING PRECINCTS</u>	<u>REGISTRATION</u>
West Basin Municipal Water District			
<u>Division #</u>			
3	2	154	105,009
5	2	98	68,880
Westfield Recreation & Park District	3	1	583

ROTATION OF CANDIDATES' NAMES ON BALLOT

Placement and Rotation of Names

The placement of names on the ballot is governed by a random alphabetical drawing which was held by the Secretary of State and Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk on August 15. As required by state law, the names of candidates for certain offices are rotated on the ballot as follows:

<u>OFFICE</u>	
President/ Vice President	Candidates' names are arranged in accordance with the alphabetical drawing beginning with the first Assembly District in the state. Thereafter, for each succeeding Assembly District, the candidate's name appearing first is placed last; the order of the other names remains unchanged.
United States Representative	Candidates' names are arranged in accordance with the alphabetical drawing beginning with the lowest numbered Assembly District in the Congressional District. Thereafter, for each succeeding Assembly District, the candidate's name appearing first is placed last; the order of the other names remains unchanged.
Superior Court Judge & District Attorney	Candidates' names are arranged in accordance with the alphabetical drawing beginning with the lowest numbered Assembly District in the county. Thereafter, for each succeeding Assembly District, the candidate's name appearing first is placed last; the order of the other names remains unchanged.
Other Offices	No rotation.

QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>QUALIFICATIONS</u>	<u>TERM</u>
President/ Vice President	A native-born citizen of the United States, at least 35 years of age and 14 years a resident within the United States.	4 years beginning at Noon January 20, 1997. The President is limited to two full terms in office.
United States Representative	A registered voter at the time nomination papers are issued; 25 years of age or older; and a citizen of the United States for at least 7 years.	2 years beginning at Noon January 3, 1997.
State Senator	A registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued. (May not have served for two terms or more in the State Senate since November 6, 1990.)	4 years beginning December 2, 1996.
Member of State Assembly	A registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued. (May not have served for three terms or more in the State Assembly since November 6, 1990.)	2 years beginning December 2, 1996.
Judge of the Superior Court	A person must have been a member of the State Bar or served as judge of a court of record in the State 10 years immediately preceding selection to Superior Court.	6 years beginning January 6, 1997.

QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE (Cont'd)

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>QUALIFICATIONS</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Judge of the Municipal Court	A resident eligible to vote in County 54 days prior to election or appointment. Must have been a member of the State Bar or served as a judge of a court of record in the State for 5 years immediately preceding election to Municipal Court.	6 years beginning January 6, 1997
Member, Board of Supervisors	A registered voter of the district for at least 30 days prior to deadline to file nomination documents.	4 years beginning at Noon December 2, 1996
District Attorney	A registered voter of the jurisdiction at the time nomination documents are issued. Must have been admitted to practice before the California Supreme Court.	4 years beginning at Noon December 2, 1996
Director - Health Care District	Each director shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued.	4 years beginning December 6, 1996
Director - Municipal Water District	Each director shall be a registered voter of the division at the time nomination documents are issued.	4 years beginning at Noon January 6, 1997.
Director - Recreation and Park District	Each director shall be a registered voter of the district at the time nomination documents are issued or an owner of real property within the district and a registered voter in the state.	4 years beginning at Noon November 29, 1996.

QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE (Cont'd)

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>QUALIFICATIONS</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Director - Water Agency Antelope Valley- East Kern	Each director shall be a registered voter of the division at the time nomination documents are issued.	4 years beginning at Noon January 6, 1997.
Director - Water Agency Castaic Lake	Each director shall be a registered voter of the division at the time nomination documents are issued. Each director at large shall be a registered voter of the agency.	4 years beginning at Noon January 6, 1997.
Director - Water Replenishment District	Each director shall be a registered voter of the division at the time nomination documents are issued.	4 years beginning at Noon January 6, 1997.

MEASURES APPEARING ON BALLOT

**VOTES
REQUIRED**

STATE MEASURES

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| 204 | SAFE, CLEAN, RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY ACT. This act provides for a bond issue of nine hundred ninety-five million dollars (\$995,000,000) to provide funds to ensure safe drinking water, increase water supplies, clean up pollution in rivers, streams, lakes, bays, and coastal areas, protect life and property from flooding, and protect fish and wildlife and makes changes in the Water Conservation and Water Quality Bond Law of 1986 and the Clean Water and Water Reclamation Bond Law of 1988 to further these goals. Fiscal Impact: General Fund cost of up to \$1.8 billion to pay off both the principal (\$995 million) and interest (\$776 million). The average payment for principal and interest over 25 years would be up to \$71 million per year. | MAJORITY |
| 205 | YOUTHFUL AND ADULT OFFENDER LOCAL FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 1996. This act provides for a bond issue of seven hundred million dollars (\$700,000,000) to provide funds for the construction, renovation, remodeling, and replacement of local juvenile and adult correctional facilities. Fiscal Impact: General fund costs of \$1.25 billion to repay principal and interest, with annual payments averaging \$50 million for 25 years. Unknown costs, potentially millions of dollars annually, to counties to operate new facilities. | MAJORITY |
| 206 | VETERANS' BOND ACT OF 1996. This act provides for a bond issue of four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) to provide farm and home aid for California veterans. Fiscal Impact: General Fund cost of about \$700 million to pay off both the principal (\$400 million) and interest (about \$300 million) on the bonds, with an average annual payment for 25 years of about \$28 million to retire this debt; costs offset by payments from participating veterans. | MAJORITY |
| 207 | ATTORNEYS. FEES. RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE. FRIVOLOUS/LAWSUITS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Except as allowed by laws in effect on January 1, 1995, prohibits restrictions on the right to negotiate amount of attorneys' fees. Prohibits attorneys from charging excessive fees. Authorizes court to impose sanctions for filing frivolous lawsuit or pleading. Fiscal Impact: Unknown, but probably not significant, net fiscal impact on state and local governments. | MAJORITY |

MEASURES APPEARING ON BALLOT (Cont'd)

**VOTES
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STATE MEASURES

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| 208 | CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND SPENDING LIMITS. RESTRICTS LOBBYISTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Limits campaign contributions to \$500 statewide elections, \$250 large districts, \$100 smaller districts. Incentives for voluntary spending limits. Prohibits lobbyist contributions. Fiscal Impact: Costs of up to \$4 million annually to state and local governments for implementation and enforcement; unknown, but probably not significant, state and local election costs. | MAJORITY |
| 209 | PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION OR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT BY STATE AND OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Generally prohibits discrimination or preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education, and contracting. Fiscal Impact: Could affect state and local programs that currently cost well in excess of \$125 million annually. Actual savings would depend on various factors (such as future court decisions and implementation actions by government entities). | MAJORITY |
| 210 | MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Increases the state minimum wage for all industries to \$5.00 per hour on March 1, 1997, and to \$5.75 per hour on March 1, 1998. Fiscal Impact: Unknown impact on government revenues. Annual wage-related costs to state and local governments of \$120 million to \$300 million (depending on federal action), partly offset by net savings, in the low tens of millions, in health and welfare programs. | MAJORITY |
| 211 | ATTORNEY-CLIENT FEE ARRANGEMENTS. SECURITIES FRAUD. LAWSUITS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Prohibits restrictions on attorney-client fee arrangements, except as allowed by laws existing on January 1, 1995. Prohibits deceptive conduct by any person in securities transactions resulting in loss to retirement funds, savings. Imposes civil liability, punitive damages. Fiscal Impact: Probably minor net fiscal impact on state and local government. | MAJORITY |

MEASURES APPEARING ON BALLOT (Cont'd)

**VOTES
REQUIRED**

STATE MEASURES

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| 212 | CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND SPENDING LIMITS. REPEALS GIFT AND HONORARIA LIMITS. RESTRICTS LOBBYISTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Repeals gift honoraria limits. Limits contributions to \$200 in state and \$100 in other campaigns. Imposes spending limits. Prohibits lobbyist contributions. Fiscal Impact: Costs of up to \$4 million annually to state and local governments for implementation and enforcement; unknown, but probably not significant, state and local election costs. Increases state revenues about \$6 million by eliminating tax deduction for lobbying. | MAJORITY |
| 213 | LIMITATION ON RECOVERY TO FELONS, UNINSURED MOTORISTS, DRUNK DRIVERS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Denies recovery of all damages to convicted felons for crime-related injury. Denies recovery of noneconomic damages (e.g., pain, suffering) to drunk drivers, if convicted, and most uninsured motorists. Fiscal Impact: Probably minor net fiscal impact on state and local government. | MAJORITY |
| 214 | HEALTH CARE. CONSUMER PROTECTION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Regulates health care businesses. Prohibits discouraging health care professionals from informing patients or advocating treatment. Requires health care businesses to establish criteria for payment and facility staffing. Fiscal Impact: Increased state and local government costs for existing health programs and benefits, probably in the tens to hundreds of millions of dollars annually. | MAJORITY |
| 215 | MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Exempts from criminal laws patients and defined caregivers who possess or cultivate marijuana for medical treatment recommended by a physician. Provides physicians who recommend use shall not be punished. Fiscal Impact: Probably no significant fiscal impact on state and local governments. | MAJORITY |

MEASURES APPEARING ON BALLOT(Cont'd)

**VOTES
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STATE MEASURES

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| 216 | <p>HEALTH CARE. CONSUMER PROTECTION. TAXES ON CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Regulates health care businesses. Prohibits discouraging health care professionals from informing patients. Prohibits conditioning coverage on arbitration agreement. Establishes nonprofit consumer advocate. Imposes taxes on corporate restructuring. Fiscal Impact: New tax revenues, potentially hundreds of millions of dollars annually, to fund specified health care. Additional state and local government costs for existing health programs and benefits, probably tens to hundreds of millions of dollars annually.</p> | MAJORITY |
| 217 | <p>TOP INCOME TAX BRACKETS. REINSTATEMENT. REVENUES TO LOCAL AGENCIES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Retroactively reinstates highest tax rates on taxpayers' with taxable income over \$115,000 and \$230,000 (current estimates) and joint taxpayers with taxable incomes over \$230,000 and \$460,000 (current estimates). Allocates revenue from those rates to local agencies. Fiscal Impact: Annual increase in state personal income tax revenues' of about \$700 million, with about half the revenues allocated to schools and half to other local governments.</p> | MAJORITY |
| 218 | <p>VOTER APPROVAL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXES. LIMITATIONS ON FEES, ASSESSMENTS, AND CHARGES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires a majority of voters to approve increases in general taxes. Requires property-related assessments, fees, charges be submitted to property owners for approval. Fiscal Impact: Short-term local government revenue losses of more than \$100 million annually. Long-term local government revenue losses of potentially hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Comparable reductions in spending for local public services.</p> | MAJORITY |

MEASURES APPEARING ON BALLOT (Cont'd)

**VOTES
REQUIRED**

COUNTY MEASURES (Registration: 3,857,805)

- A NEIGHBORHOOD AND REGIONAL PARK, RECREATION AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS; FUNDING. To improve the safety of neighborhood and regional parks and recreation areas for children and families, prevent gangs, remove graffiti, build senior centers, protect and restore park and beach lands and Santa Monica Bay, shall an additional assessment within the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District be authorized, the assessment method be amended, and expenditure of District revenues for all authorized purposes of the District be permitted, only in accordance with the District's resolution? MAJORITY
- B CONDUCT OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS FOR COUNTY OFFICES. Shall the ordinance enacting Chapter 2.190 of the Los Angeles County Code to provide limits on the campaign contributions and expenditures of county officeholders and candidates for county offices be adopted? MAJORITY
- C CHARTER AMENDMENT. Authorize the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to establish and designate by ordinance, after a public hearing, unclassified senior executive positions in County agencies and departments, with a total number of such new unclassified positions County-wide not to exceed 1/4 percent of the total County workforce or up to 1/2 percent, if approved by a four-fifths vote of the Board of Supervisors. MAJORITY

LOCAL MEASURES

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (Registration: 1,958,407)

- AA The Los Angeles Community College District agrees to be bound by this vote: Shall the District levy its Landscaping and Lighting assessment of up to \$12 annually per single-family parcel (more for other parcels) for purposes including adding/improving lighting on campuses to decrease crime; reconstructing deteriorating roads, walkways, wall/fences to make campuses secure; repairing unsafe physical education facilities used by students and the public; improving landscaping drainage to prevent flooding; and constructing related facilities? ADVISORY ONLY

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (Registration: 1,655,975)

- BB Shall the Los Angeles Unified School District incur a bonded indebtedness of \$2,400,000,000, with an interest rate not to exceed that allowed by law, for the following purposes: Health and safety repairs and improvements to 15,000 classrooms in more than 800 deteriorating school buildings, including upgraded electrical wiring, plumbing, campus security and air conditioning; earthquake retrofitting; asbestos removal; computer technology; new and factory built classrooms to reduce class sizes; with no money for administrators' salaries? 2/3 VOTE

***VOTES
REQUIRED**

MEASURES APPEARING ON BALLOT (Cont'd)

LOCAL MEASURES

AGOURA HILLS CITY (Registration: 12,595)

- L Shall an ordinance of the City of Agoura Hills be adopted authorizing the City Council to establish the rate of the transient occupancy tax at a rate not to exceed twelve percent (12%) of the rent charge for a hotel room? MAJORITY

ARCADIA CITY (Registration: 27,007)

- M Shall the Ordinance, which amends Section 25g of the Land Use Element of the 1990 Arcadia General Plan to preclude any use other than horse racing in the "horse racing" designation, except by a majority vote of the people, be adopted? MAJORITY

ARTESIA CITY (Registration: 6,191)

- N Shall Ordinance 537 be adopted to validate and reenact the utility users tax at a rate not to exceed 2%? MAJORITY

AVALON CITY (Registration: 1,939)

- O Shall the business license tax ordinance requirement that the City turn over all business license taxes to the Chamber of Commerce be changed to require that all of these tax revenues go into the City's General Services Fund? 2/3 VOTE

- P Shall the business license tax ordinance requirement that the City turn over all business license taxes to the Chamber of Commerce be changed to split these tax revenues evenly (50/50) between the City's General Services Fund and the Chamber of Commerce? MAJORITY

- Q Shall the business license tax ordinance be amended to increase the base rate business license tax from \$93.75 to \$120 and apply the base rate to businesses engaged in the transient rental of rooms and units be adopted? 2/3 VOTE

BASSETT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (Registration: 8,885)

- R Shall the Merit System for school employees not requiring certification qualifications, as provided for in Article 6, commencing with Section 45240, of Chapter 5 of Part 25, of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Education Code of the State of California, and which has been in operation for at least five years, be terminated by the Bassett Unified School District of Los Angeles County on December 15, 1996. 4,443 VOTES

*Information obtained from respective city clerk.

MEASURES APPEARING ON BALLOT (Cont'd)

***VOTES
REQUIRED**

LOCAL MEASURES

CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (Registration: 23,146)

- T To provide needed fire, health and safety improvements such as: earthquake retrofitting, fire alarms, roof repairs, asbestos removal, sewage and drainage repairs and increased lighting; to integrate computer technology; to upgrade deteriorating school classrooms and grounds; to construct and acquire school sites and facilities; and to provide for long term capital improvements districtwide, shall the Culver City Unified School District be authorized to issue up to \$40,000,000 in bonds to bear interest at rates not exceeding the statutory maximum? 2/3 VOTE

DOWNEY CITY (Registration: 43,270)

- U Shall numerous sections of the Charter of the City of Downey be amended, as specifically set forth in Charter Amendment No. 10, to make certain textual changes to the Charter, to update the Charter to conform to changes in State law applicable to charter cities, to change certain procedures for the conduct of City business, and to clarify certain Charter provisions? MAJORITY

HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (Registration: 45,816)

- W Shall the merit (civil service) system for school employees not requiring certification qualifications, as provided for in Article 6 (commencing with Section 45240) of Chapter 5 of Part 25, of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Education Code of the State of California, and which has been in operation for at least five years, be terminated by the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District of Los Angeles County on December 1st, 1996? 22,908 VOTES

INGLEWOOD CITY (Registration: 44,019)

- X Shall various election provisions of the Inglewood City Charter be amended in order to bring them into conformity with changes in State law and remove ambiguities relating thereto? MAJORITY
- Y Shall various provisions of the Inglewood City Charter be amended to more explicitly set forth the duties of the Mayor and City Council and to establish a method for determining the compensation therefor? MAJORITY

*Information obtained from respective city clerk.

MEASURES APPEARING ON BALLOT (Cont'd)

***VOTES
REQUIRED**

LOCAL MEASURES

LONG BEACH CITY (Registration: 197,975)

- Z Shall the Long Beach City Council be authorized to finance a 911 Emergency Response System by the issuance of up to \$30,000,000 in special tax bonds, the levy of an annual special tax, and the establishment of an annual appropriations limit, all in respect of its Community Facilities District No. 4, as set forth in its Resolution Nos. C-26059 and C-26060? 2/3 VOTE

LOS ANGELES CITY (Registration: 1,402,675)

- D FIRE AND POLICE PENSIONS-SURVIVING SPOUSES. Shall the Charter be amended to change the definition of a qualified surviving spouse so that such spouse will not lose his or her pension benefit on remarriage? MAJORITY
- E APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY ETHICS COMMISSION; SELECTION OF THE COMMISSION PRESIDENT. Shall the City of Los Angeles Charter be amended to provide that the Mayor, City Attorney, Controller, President of the Council and President Pro Tem of the Council will each appoint a member to the City Ethics Commission, and that the Commission will choose its own President and Vice President? MAJORITY
- F CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM-RULES CONCERNING MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS, VESTING AND ADMINISTRATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS. Shall the Charter be amended to permit the City Employees' Retirement System (CERS) to automatically refund or vest retirement contributions upon termination of employment, eliminate cost of living reductions from members' contributions, remove the guardianship requirement for a natural or adoptive parent and administer supplemental or alternative retirement plans? MAJORITY
- G AUTHORIZE THE CITY COUNCIL TO PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER TO OFFER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES INSIDE OR OUTSIDE CITY AND NEGOTIATE ELECTRIC RATE CONTRACTS. Shall the City of Los Angeles Charter be amended to permit the Department of Water and Power to engage in any lawful business enterprise inside or outside the City that does not interfere with providing water and power to its customers and negotiate electric rate contracts? MAJORITY

*Information obtained from respective city clerk.

MEASURES APPEARING ON BALLOT (Cont'd)

LOCAL MEASURES

LOS ANGELES CITY (Cont'd)

- I ESTABLISHING UNIFORM STREAMLINED SALE AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS PROCEDURES FOR, AND REQUIRING PERIODIC INDEPENDENT SURVEYS OF, PROPRIETARY DEPARTMENTS. Shall the City of Los Angeles Charter be amended to establish uniform streamlined procedures for the sale and issuance of bonds by, and to require periodic independent surveys of the business and property of, the Harbor Department and the Departments of Water and Power and Airports? MAJORITY
- J CIVIL SERVICE EXEMPTIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES. Shall the City of Los Angeles Charter be amended to allow the City Council to exempt from civil service up to 15 positions in the Department of Water and Power and up to 150 persons in other City departments combined for management or professional services where vacancies cannot be filled through civil service and requirements for each position are established by Council by 2/3 vote? MAJORITY
- K CITY-WIDE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES ASSESSMENT. Shall an ordinance be adopted creating a city-wide assessment district to provide for increased funding for the acquisition and improvement of parks, recreation and community facilities for use by children and others city-wide, through an assessment on real property at a levy of approximately \$25 million yearly for 30 years? MAJORITY

PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (Registration: 22,585)

- S Shall the Paramount Unified School District incur bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$23,100,000 with an interest rate not to exceed the maximum rate allowed by law in order to build new schools, repair and rehabilitate schools built over 30 years ago including the repair and replacement of existing plumbing, wiring, and security systems, and to provide for computers, science, and technology laboratories at schools throughout the District so long as no bond monies are used for administrative salaries? 2/3 VOTE

RANCHO PALOS VERDES CITY (Registration: 27,994)

- CC Shall Ordinance CC be adopted to validate and continue the collection of the existing 3% utility users tax? MAJORITY

*Information obtained from respective city clerk.

MEASURES APPEARING ON BALLOT (Cont'd)

LOCAL MEASURES

SAN MARINO CITY (Registration: 8,204)

DD Shall Ordinance No. 096-1099 be adopted to reenact and validate the collection of the utility user tax at a rate not to exceed 6%? **MAJORITY**

SANTA MONICA CITY (Registration: 57,284)

EE Shall the City of Santa Monica incur general obligation bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of not to exceed \$29.5 Million for the acquisition and construction of a Public Safety Building and certain related parking, street, utility and other improvements. **2/3 VOTE**

SIERRA MADRE CITY (Registration: 7,601)

FF Shall Ordinance No. I-96-1 entitled "An ordinance of the people of Sierra Madre, validating, re-enacting and extending indefinitely a utility user tax at the same rate currently set forth in Chapter 3.36 (Ordinance No. 1100) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code" be adopted? **MAJORITY**

WHITTIER SCHOOLS COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT (Registration: 29,472)

GG In order to repair aging schools and reduce overcrowding in the Whittier City School District, shall the Whittier Schools Community Facilities District finance the following projects through a levy on property as identified in Resolution No. 9697-R-2: repair and rehabilitate existing classrooms, replace outdated heating and cooling systems, rewire classrooms for modern technology and acquire and construct new classrooms and facilities, so long as: i) the levy, as initially set, does not increase the total amount of levies and assessments currently collected in the District and ii) senior citizens may request an exemption from the levy? **2/3 VOTE**

*Information obtained from respective city clerk.

HISTORICAL VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTER TURNOUT INFORMATION PRESIDENTIAL AND GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS

ELECTION YEAR	REG.	DEM.	REP.	A.I.	GREEN	LIB.	NL	P & F	RFM	MISC.	DECLINE TO STATE	TURNOUT	TURNOUT %	
Presidential Primary	3/96	3,620,677	1,945,759 (53.74%)	1,130,664 (31.23%)	53,004 (1.46%)	12,108 (1.33%)	14,739 (1.41%)	35,921 (1.99%)	20,795 (1.57%)	24,205 (1.67%)	11,815 (1.33%)	371,667 (10.27%)	1,346,358	37.18%
Gubernatorial General	11/94	3,665,868	2,037,899 (55.59%)	1,162,889 (31.72%)	49,158 (1.34%)	11,641 (1.32%)	14,854 (1.41%)		18,833 (1.51%)		11,942 (1.33%)	358,652 (9.78%)	2,147,678	58.58%
Gubernatorial Primary	6/94	3,550,877	1,952,955 (55.00%)	1,135,792 (31.99%)	49,832 (1.40%)	12,180 (1.34%)	14,899 (1.42%)		19,791 (1.56%)		11,746 (1.33%)	353,682 (9.96%)	1,128,308	31.77%
Presidential General	11/92	3,744,096	2,061,025 (55.05%)	1,211,010 (32.34%)	50,511 (1.35%)	11,782 (1.31%)	15,468 (1.41%)		20,681 (1.55%)		12,483 (1.33%)	361,136 (9.65%)	2,831,077	75.61%
Presidential Primary	6/92	3,338,914	1,801,052 (53.94%)	1,152,096 (34.51%)	37,215 (1.11%)	11,346 (1.34%)	13,368 (1.40%)		19,763 (1.59%)		8,189 (1.25%)	295,885 (8.86%)	1,612,673	48.29%
Gubernatorial General	11/90	3,487,180	1,902,797 (54.57%)	1,233,739 (35.38%)	33,728 (1.97%)		12,664 (1.36%)		16,555 (1.47%)		8,564 (1.25%)	279,133 (8.00%)	1,925,811	55.22%
Gubernatorial Primary	6/90	3,402,509	1,867,425 (54.88%)	1,195,247 (35.13%)	33,078 (1.97%)		12,086 (1.36%)		16,245 (1.48%)		7,439 (1.22%)	270,989 (7.96%)	1,283,079	37.70%
Presidential General	11/88	3,767,094	2,090,442 (55.49%)	1,314,490 (34.89%)	36,480 (1.97%)		13,042 (1.35%)		15,162 (1.40%)		7,092 (1.19%)	290,386 (7.71%)	2,733,229	72.55%
Presidential Primary	6/88	3,418,191	1,901,392 (55.66%)	1,188,728 (34.74%)	33,244 (1.97%)		12,719 (1.37%)		14,951 (1.44%)		5,397 (1.16%)	261,760 (7.66%)	1,585,837	46.42%
Gubernatorial General	11/86	3,543,382	1,965,052 (55.46%)	1,249,160 (35.25%)	33,780 (1.95%)		14,808 (1.42%)		13,880 (1.39%)		6,137 (1.17%)	260,567 (7.35%)	2,125,838	59.99%
Gubernatorial Primary	6/86	3,385,207	1,898,052 (56.07%)	1,175,335 (34.72%)	32,331 (1.96%)		14,686 (1.43%)		13,280 (1.39%)		6,243 (1.18%)	245,280 (7.25%)	1,307,146	38.61%
Presidential General	11/84	3,662,766	2,091,169 (57.09%)	1,229,333 (33.56%)	36,414 (1.99%)		17,657 (1.48%)		13,652 (1.37%)		6,357 (1.17%)	268,184 (7.32%)	2,705,966	73.87%
Presidential Primary	6/84	3,236,714	1,879,697 (58.07%)	1,050,099 (32.44%)	31,955 (1.99%)		17,558 (1.54%)		12,582 (1.39%)		6,401 (1.20%)	238,422 (7.37%)	1,595,801	49.30%
Gubernatorial General	11/82	3,300,239	1,928,193 (58.43%)	1,052,761 (31.90%)	32,578 (1.99%)		21,220 (1.64%)		13,175 (1.40%)		6,718 (1.20%)	245,594 (7.44%)	2,301,004	69.72%
Gubernatorial Primary	6/82	3,070,961	1,784,313 (58.10%)	988,370 (32.18%)	29,824 (1.97%)		20,553 (1.67%)		12,152 (1.40%)		6,664 (1.22%)	229,085 (7.46%)	1,626,332	52.95%
Presidential General	11/80	3,262,932	1,898,256 (58.18%)	1,053,861 (32.30%)	31,147 (1.95%)		24,699 (1.76%)		12,087 (1.37%)		7,228 (1.22%)	235,654 (7.22%)	2,498,064	76.55%
Presidential Primary	6/80	2,986,846	1,757,445 (58.84%)	973,385 (32.59%)	22,465 (1.75%)		22,870 (1.77%)		10,202 (1.34%)		6,335 (1.21%)	194,124 (6.50%)	1,916,660	64.17%
Gubernatorial General	11/78	3,090,768	1,869,113 (60.47%)	994,858 (32.19%)	17,167 (1.56%)				8,433 (1.27%)		8,399 (1.27%)	192,798 (6.24%)	2,122,733	68.87%
Gubernatorial Primary	6/78	2,888,324	1,733,404 (60.01%)	953,016 (33.00%)	14,706 (1.51%)				7,274 (1.25%)		7,178 (1.25%)	172,748 (5.98%)	2,140,054	74.09%
Presidential General	11/76	3,138,209	1,892,970 (60.32%)	1,029,522 (32.81%)	12,991 (1.41%)				8,330 (1.27%)		8,158 (1.26%)	188,238 (5.93%)	2,544,733	81.08%
Presidential Primary	6/76	2,787,431	1,668,225 (59.78%)	956,666 (34.42%)	8,553 (1.31%)				6,441 (1.23%)		7,230 (1.26%)	142,316 (5.10%)	1,985,851	71.24%
Gubernatorial General	11/74	3,286,898	1,925,811 (58.59%)	1,127,428 (34.30%)	13,615 (1.41%)				13,970 (1.43%)		14,268 (1.43%)	191,808 (5.84%)	2,057,734	62.60%
Gubernatorial Primary	6/74	3,197,078	1,854,824 (58.02%)	1,121,954 (35.09%)	13,645 (1.43%)				14,087 (1.44%)		15,036 (1.47%)	177,532 (5.55%)	1,652,878	51.69%
Presidential General	11/72	3,613,450	2,075,753 (57.40%)	1,268,728 (35.10%)	17,897 (1.50%)				21,799 (1.60%)		23,758 (1.70%)	205,515 (5.70%)	2,906,597	80.43%
Presidential Primary	6/72	3,223,825	1,863,213 (57.80%)	1,145,172 (35.50%)	18,685 (1.60%)				22,605 (1.70%)		19,705 (1.60%)	154,445 (4.80%)	2,210,152	68.93%
Gubernatorial General	11/70	3,116,095	1,753,229 (56.26%)	1,193,254 (38.29%)	29,256 (1.94%)				14,128 (1.45%)		3,758 (1.12%)	122,472 (3.93%)	2,352,697	75.52%
Gubernatorial Primary	6/70	2,922,493	1,630,950 (55.80%)	1,141,843 (39.08%)	32,057 (1.09%)				13,201 (1.45%)		1,597 (1.05%)	102,845 (3.52%)	1,792,201	61.32%
Presidential General	11/68	3,130,962	1,742,928 (55.67%)	1,218,994 (38.87%)	43,383 (1.38%)				21,071 (1.67%)		46,705 (1.49%)	59,881 (1.91%)	2,700,170	86.24%
Presidential Primary	6/68	2,909,410	1,616,884 (55.57%)	1,137,168 (39.09%)	44,531 (1.53%)				25,928 (1.89%)		35,353 (1.21%)	49,546 (1.70%)	2,075,661	71.34%
Gubernatorial General	11/66	3,111,516	1,791,629 (57.58%)	1,215,417 (39.06%)							39,437 (1.26%)	65,033 (2.09%)	2,475,142	79.55%
Gubernatorial Primary	6/66	2,969,155	1,722,827 (58.02%)	1,150,728 (38.32%)							33,324 (1.12%)	62,276 (2.09%)	1,904,321	64.13%
Presidential General	11/64	3,137,194	1,828,459 (58.28%)	1,202,132 (38.76%)							35,340 (1.12%)	71,263 (2.27%)	2,789,323	88.91%
Presidential Primary	6/64	2,741,286	1,562,967 (57.01%)	1,095,067 (39.95%)							23,034 (1.84%)	60,218 (2.19%)	1,942,660	70.86%



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REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

October 25, 1996

TO: All Candidates - November 5, 1996 General Election

FROM: Conny McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk *DMC*

INCOMPLETE BALLOT COUNTING ELECTION NIGHT

Candidates are frequently surprised on the day after a major election when they learn that there are more than 200,000 ballots countywide remaining to be counted. These uncounted ballots may leave some close races hanging in the balance. This memo is provided as a courtesy to explain the logistics of election night ballot counting and follow-up ballot tabulation which occurs in the days following the election.

There are three categories of ballots which cannot be processed election night:

- ◆ Absentee ballots turned in at the polls
- ◆ Provisional ballots
- ◆ Write-in ballots

ABSENTEE BALLOTS TURNED IN AT THE POLLING PLACES

Many absentee voters wait until the last minute to make their voting choices and then drop their absentee ballots off at polling places on election day. We receive these ballots very late on election night. All absentee ballots must be pre-processed before they are counted—this includes verifying every absentee voter's signature prior to opening the absentee ballot envelopes to remove the ballots in preparation for counting.

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Provisional ballots are voted at the polls when a voter's registration is in question, or when our records indicate the voter was already sent an absentee ballot. Provisional ballots are sealed in special envelopes at the polls and must be individually researched and verified at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office before ballots are counted or rejected in accordance with election laws.

WRITE-IN BALLOTS

When a voter chooses to vote for a write-in candidate not printed on the ballot, every race and measure on that ballot cannot be counted election night. Each ballot containing a write-in vote must be individually reviewed to determine whether or not the write-in vote is for a qualified/unqualified write-in candidate and whether or not the voter overvoted (i.e. voted for a candidate on the ballot and also voted for a write-in candidate for the same office). When an overvote occurs, neither vote can be counted for that one office, although the rest of the ballot selections will be counted. All ballots containing write-in votes must be set aside election night for later manual review of each individual ballot. Therefore, no portion of any ballot containing a write-in vote will be counted election night.

SUMMARY

Supplemental ballot counting of absentee, provisional and write-in ballots will occur in the days following the election. Based on past trends, the number of ballots remaining to be counted after election night is anticipated to exceed 200,000 countywide for this election. These ballots are not broken down by district prior to counting; therefore, the number of outstanding ballots by any specific district will be unknown until the computer tallies these ballots. Our staff will be working double shifts to prepare these ballots for tabulation.

California law permits between 21-28 days to complete the final official results (canvass) of the election. 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. Part of the canvass process is a manual count of ballots representing 1% of the 5,632 voting precincts selected at random, including all candidates and measures on the ballots in the selected precincts. This process verifies the accuracy of the computer count.

Supplemental ballot counting will take place on Friday, November 8 and on Monday, November 11. We anticipate the majority of the outstanding absentee ballots will be included by the November 11 update. Due to the extra research required to validate provisional ballots, these ballots will be counted during the official canvass which we project will be completed by November 26. Candidates and any members of the public may observe supplemental ballot counting and the manual tally of ballots from 1% of the voting precincts.

We realize it is difficult for candidates/campaigns involved in close races to wait days and sometimes weeks to know whether or not they won or lost the election. However, we hope that the reasons for the delays have been explained in this memo.

If you have additional questions, please call me.

cc: Media List

WHAT'S NEW - 1996 GENERAL ELECTION

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has developed the following new programs to promote the accessibility of voter information and to encourage participation in the election process.



"I VOTED" STICKERS

To increase voter participation and express pride in the voting process, persons voting at the 5,632 polling locations throughout Los Angeles County will receive "I VOTED" stickers. It is anticipated that voters will appreciate receiving the sticker and by wearing them will encourage others in the community to participate in the election process.

"700 ELECTION NIGHT VOLUNTEERS"

In an effort to reduce expenditures and simultaneously promote community involvement in the election process, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has developed an innovative program to utilize volunteers to replace paid workers in the processing of ballots on election night. As many as 700 volunteers have been recruited to assist with various election night functions, such as ballot receipt, unpack, and inspection at our Norwalk Headquarters facility.

We have experienced an overwhelming response to the program from various local high schools, colleges and service organizations. Teachers at California High School in Whittier assisted with the recruitment of 280 students and teachers. Additionally, Cerritos High School teachers were able to recruit 191 students from history, civic and government classes. Other schools represented in the program include Whittier College, Rio Hondo College, and El Rancho and Norwalk High Schools. To encourage participation, high school teachers offered extra credit for assisting with this valuable community service. Other volunteer organizations represented include L.A. County Retired Persons Association, Norwalk Republican Women's Association and L.A. County Management Council.

"ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS AND OTHER INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET"

How to access information on polling locations and other valuable election information has been available on the Internet at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Home Page since March 1996 at <http://www.co.la.ca.us/regrec/main.htm>. Voters may also use the web site location to take a "virtual tour" to learn more about the duties and responsibilities of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office. Voters who do not have access to the Internet may contact their public library or City Clerk's office as most now have access to this service.

For the first time, election results for all L.A. County candidate races and ballot measures will be available on the Internet on election night at <http://www.co.la.ca.us/rovelec/main.htm>. The web site will have updated returns approximately every 20 minutes on election night beginning with absentee voting totals at about 8:30 p.m. (See page 31 for our Home Page on the Internet.)

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