Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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TO: Supervisor Hilda Solis, Chair
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

Sachi A. Hamai, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROVISIONAL VOTING

At the Board of Supervisors meeting of June 14, 2016, Supervisor Solis instructed the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) to review the testimony submitted by Mr. Brice Miller related to his concern about provisional voting and whether his provisional ballot was counted. Mr. Miller is registered as a Permanent Vote by Mail (VBM) voter.

If the roster indicates a voter was issued a VBM ballot and they do not have a VBM ballot to surrender, they must be issued a provisional ballot. Since Mr. Miller did not bring his VBM ballot to the polling location to surrender he was required to vote provisionally. This is an important safeguard to ensure that a voter does not vote both at the polls and return a voted ballot through the mail. Unfortunately, under current voting systems and processes, there is no way around this on Election Day; however the future implementation of a vote center model will enable us to address this issue on a real-time basis and issue voters in this situation a regular ballot.

In regard to Mr. Miller's other concern, we were able to confirm that his provisional ballot was counted. Over 230,000 provisional ballots were counted by the Department during the June Primary. Due to the strong public concern about this particular issue, the Department sent a postcard to every voter whose provisional ballot was counted to proactively notify them of this.

If you have any questions or require further information on this matter, please feel free to contact me at (562) 462-2716.

c: Lori Glasgow, Executive Officer
Brice Miller