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ELECTION STATUS UPDATE – JUNE 2, 2026 STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION

This report is to inform the Board of our preparation and operations for the June 2, 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election. This election status update supports the Department's ongoing commitment to fair, accessible, and transparent election services. There are approximately 5.89 million registered voters for this election.

Vote by Mail

The Department completed the initial mailing of Vote by Mail (VBM) ballots to all active registered voters on Monday, May 4. The Department issued 5,902,944 VBM ballots as of June 1 and 872,903 have been returned. The close of registration was on Monday, May 18, and all voters who registered by the deadline were mailed a VBM ballot. The last day to request a VBM ballot or replacement VBM ballot was Wednesday, May 26. The Department encourages VBM as the safest and most convenient voting option and we ask voters to return those early to ensure timely receipt and processing.

Multiple VBM resources are available on our [website](#). Voters may request to receive their VBM ballot and materials in English and 18 additional languages. Voters may sign up for "[Where's My Ballot?](#)" to track their ballot and request a replacement VBM ballot. The [Ballot Drop Box Locator Tool](#) assists voters in finding a drop-off location to return their ballot on or before 8:00 p.m. on June 2.

Additionally, the Department has promoted messaging to voters, if they are choosing to return their ballots by mail, to put the ballots in the mail early to ensure on-time delivery and receipt. The Department is monitoring the current situation with the Federal government and Executive Orders targeting VBM options. As of the time of this report,

there are no changes to our processes or procedures when processing VBM ballots. Ballots must be received or postmarked by Election Day to be counted. Any ballots received within 7 days of the election will be processed if postmarked by Election Day or earlier. Voting by mail remains the most popular voting option for Los Angeles County voters.

Vote by Mail Ballot Return Options

Voters have three options for returning their VBM ballot:

- (A) Ballot Drop Box: There are 424 Ballot Drop Box locations for this election and they opened on April 30. The majority of Ballot Drop Boxes are available 24 hours a day. Voters may return their VBM ballot at any Ballot Drop Box up to 8:00 PM on Election Day. Ballots are retrieved from Ballot Drop Boxes daily by authorized County staff. A list of the six Ballot Drop Box locations closest to a voter's address was included in the VBM packet. The Ballot Drop Box Locator Tool assists voters with finding a location and is available on our [website](#).

- (B) United States Postal Service (USPS): Voters may return their VBM ballot by mail using the postage-paid return envelope provided in their VBM packet. VBM ballots returned through USPS must be received on or before Election Day. Based on California law, VBM ballots returned with a postmark on or before Election Day and received within 7 days following the date of the election are legally valid for the election.

- (C) Vote Center: Voters may return their voted ballot at any Vote Center. Vote Centers are open daily from May 23 through June 1 between 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, and on Election Day, 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM. A postcard listing the Vote Center locations nearest a voter's residence is mailed to every registered voter. The Vote Center Locator Tool assists with finding a location and is available on our [website](#).

Vote Centers

A total of 645 Vote Centers located across the County are open and available for this election. Vote Centers are open daily from 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM before Election Day and 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM on Election Day. The [Vote Center Locator Tool](#) assists voters in finding a location of their preference and includes driving directions and a wait time indicator.

The first 122 Vote Centers opened on Saturday, May 23. The Department successfully opened an additional 523 Vote Centers on Saturday, May 30, bringing the total Vote Centers to 645. We observed a steady increase in voter turnout at Vote Centers over

the weekend, with 75,421 voters checked in. These check-ins include 2,003 Conditional Voter Registrations and Provisional ballots.

A Vote Center Mailer listing the nearest 11-day location and the three nearest 4-day locations to a voter's residence was mailed to all registered voters. The mailer includes information on how voters can expedite their in-person experience by using the Quick Check-In Code provided in the Sample Ballot or by pre-marking their selections using the Poll Pass, as well as options for returning VBM ballots. This mailing was completed on May 18.

Emergent Issues

The Department responded to an incident involving fire damage to ballots inside a Ballot Drop Box at the Department of Public Social Services – Civic Center. This damage was discovered during our routine ballot retrieval process. Preliminary information indicates this was an isolated incident, and damage was limited to a small number of ballots returned between the previous pickup. A police report was filed with the Los Angeles Police Department, and we are taking steps to identify voters impacted by this incident. These voters will be contacted to provide them with information and, where necessary, arrange for replacement ballots.

The Department takes all incidents involving election operations and materials seriously and will report, refer, and fully cooperate with law enforcement and other appropriate authorities when warranted. State and federal laws provide criminal penalties for individuals who intentionally tamper with ballots, election materials, voting equipment, or election facilities.

Voter Turnout

Voter turnout in this election continues to be higher than similar elections at this point. As of May 31, 14.6% of voters have participated in this election compared to 11.51% in the 2022 Gubernatorial Primary election. The early returns are positive, and we continue to encourage voters to return their VBM ballots early to ensure they are counted in a timely manner. The table below details the current overall turnout by method.

| Method | Votes |
|---------------|--------------|
| Vote Centers | 75,421 |
| Vote by Mail | 872,903 |
| Total | 948,324 |

There is the potential for significant turnout at Vote Centers, which may result in lines on Election Day. We are prepared to respond to increased demand with additional capacity through our contingency resources and staffing reserves.

Election Results Reporting

The official election tally will begin on June 2 at 8:00 PM at the Los Angeles County Ballot Processing Center in the City of Industry. The election results update schedule is as follows:

- Ballot Tabulation Begins: June 2 at 8:00 PM
- Vote by Mail ballots processed on or before Election Day: 8:15 PM – 8:30 PM
- Vote Center ballots cast before Election Day: 8:30 PM – 8:45 PM
- Vote Center ballots cast on Election Day: 9:30 PM – Until Complete

The remaining ballots will be processed and tallied during the Official Canvass Period. Subsequent election results updates will include VBM ballots returned on Election Day, and those postmarked by Election Day and received up to 7 days after Election Day.

The Canvass Update Schedule is as follows:

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| | - | - | June 3 | June 4 | June 5 | June 6 |
| June 7 | June 8 | June 9 | June 10 | June 11 | June 12 | |
| | - | June 16 | - | June 18 | - | |
| | - | - | June 24 | - | June 26 | |

Additional election updates may be added if required. The Department is scheduled to certify the election results on Friday, June 26.

Mobile Vote Centers and Voting in Jails

Mobile, Flex, and Pop-Up Vote Centers are deployed across the County. The Department has scheduled 42 Mobile Vote Center events at a mix of large-scale, high-traffic events and locations. 71 Flex Vote Center events are scheduled to deliver voting services, focused on geographically isolated voters, seniors, voters with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, justice-involved, and underserved communities. The Voting in Jails Program will be conducted leveraging our Flex Vote Centers at all County detention facilities in partnership with the Sheriff's Department.

For contingency purposes, 5 Pop Up Vote Center teams are deployed across the County. These teams respond to service disruptions at Vote Centers and allow the Department to quickly restore voting services. Mobile and Flex Vote Center teams serve as contingency resources on Election Day, increasing our contingency capacity to twenty teams. These teams can be deployed as needed to assist with a variety of issues such as equipment failure, staffing challenges, and expanding capacity at high turnout Vote Centers.

Additional Mobile Vote Center resources are being deployed to serve voters in the areas impacted by the Eaton and Palisades fires.

Election Media Campaign and Community Engagement

The Department's voter education and outreach campaign has entered the final phase of the June 2 Statewide Direct Primary Election, with focused messaging encouraging voters to vote early, return Vote by Mail ballots, and utilize the many voting options available throughout Los Angeles County. Current outreach efforts emphasize Official Ballot Drop Boxes, Vote Centers, Vote by Mail return options, and key Election Day reminders.

The RR/CC recently updated and redistributed its multilingual community engagement toolkit with the latest "Get Out The Vote" (GOTV) materials and outreach assets. The toolkit provides community-based organizations, County partners, universities, service providers, and stakeholder networks with ready-to-use multilingual voter education resources to support trusted, community-based voter outreach efforts.

On May 27, the RR/CC participated in a community press conference in South Los Angeles alongside trusted community partners, including AltaMed and SELA Collaborative, to promote civic participation and reinforce the connection between civic engagement and community well-being. The event supported continued outreach to historically underserved and low-propensity voter communities.

The Department continues to actively monitor news coverage, social media activity, and emerging narratives to identify and respond to election-related misinformation and disinformation. Concurrently, the RR/CC is conducting ongoing English and Spanish-language media interviews with regional, local, hyperlocal, and multilingual outlets to ensure voters remain informed about voting options, Election Day operations, ballot processing, and what to expect after Election Day.

Services for Fire-Impacted Areas and Voters

Over a year later, the devastating impacts of the Eaton and Palisades Fires continue to be felt by Los Angeles County residents. The Department continues efforts to assist voters in fire-impacted areas and provide them with the information and services they need to vote. A page on our [website](https://www.lavote.gov/recovery) has been created <https://www.lavote.gov/recovery> to provide critical information on voter registration, including adding a temporary mailing address, receiving notices when a temporary change of address is filed with the United States Postal Service, and accessing vital records.

In the lead up to the election, our voter education and outreach teams have been onsite in the Palisades and Altadena areas on a weekly basis, and we continue direct contact with voters registered in the fire zones.

The Department's paid advertising and outreach campaign began on May 1. A portion of that campaign is dedicated specifically to outreach to these voters, including print and radio elements. This campaign continues through Election Day and reflects our commitment to clearing barriers to voting.

New Election Laws for 2026

The legislative landscape for elections remains dynamic. On May 27, Governor Newsom signed SB 73: Elections (Cervantes) into law. This legislation aims to protect California elections from interference and intimidation by strengthening existing election safeguards. The requirements of this bill are as follows:

- The California Attorney General will provide guidance on how to respond to law enforcement requests to access areas where official election activities, such as voting and ballot counting, take place.
- Law enforcement is prohibited from interfering with election operations.
- Law enforcement may not access, disrupt, modify, or take possession of rosters or voting lists unless authorized by a court order.
- Law enforcement can support elections in their official capacity, assuming there is no objection from the California Attorney General or Secretary of State.
- Law enforcement is prohibited from taking possession of voting equipment or certified voting technology.

This bill was passed with urgency and took effect after the Governor signed it. During the press conference, the Governor indicated that this bill was the first of other bills intended to safeguard California Elections.

The Department has prepared to ensure election operations align with the new election laws passed in 2025. The following laws are brought to the Board's attention:

AB 5 (Berman) Elections: official canvass

This bill requires the elections official to finish counting all ballots and release the results on or before the 13th day following the election. Exceptions for certain ballot categories are allowed, and any extensions must be filed with the California Secretary of State.

The Department has taken steps to ensure our ability to meet the deadline for completing ballot counting including strategic increases in staffing levels, additional training, preparations for additional as-needed staffing, and continuing the use of a night shift. Additional ballot processing equipment and resources will be implemented before the general election, when we expect a larger turnout.

It is important to note that even with compliance with AB 5, valid ballots will remain to be processed and counted leading up to and through the date of certification, June 26. Additionally, State Law allows ballot curing through the day before the final returns are certified.

AB 287 (Lackey) Elections: polling places and vote centers

This was a county-sponsored bill that requires public buildings serving as Vote Centers to provide accessible parking, curbside voting parking spaces, and space for the storage of election equipment and materials.

By making accessible parking and curbside voting spaces a statutory requirement, this bill has better equipped the Department in negotiating with locations during Vote Center recruitment. This strengthened negotiating position improved our ability to offer accessible parking and curbside voting for Los Angeles County voters.

AB 1392 (Sharp-Collins) Elections: voter registration information: elected officials and candidates

This bill protects the residence address, telephone number, and email address of federal, state, or local elected officials or candidates from being disclosed through voter registration records, except under specified conditions.

The Department worked diligently to ensure the new program was implemented in time for the June Statewide Direct Primary election. Currently, there are 637 candidates and 107 elected officials whose records have been made confidential under AB 1392. The Department has reminded participating candidates and elected officials of the impact that confidentiality status will have on voting in-person. New legislation was introduced in 2026 to amend and clarify provisions in AB 1392, and the Department will continue to monitor and adjust accordingly.

Election Resource Liaisons

In response to emerging risks and the potential for disruptions where traditional local law enforcement response may be limited, the Department has initiated a new program, the Election Resource Liaisons (ERLs) program, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations (HRC). This program provides an additional, non-law-enforcement layer of support focused on de-escalation, voter protection, and maintaining safe voting environments.

The Department and HRC have expanded and improved the ERL Program for the June Election. Approximately 50 ERLs have been deployed across Los Angeles County since May 30. These teams are strategically assigned to areas identified as having a higher likelihood of potential disruption based on research conducted by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. ERLs are trained to engage and de-escalate situations, including those involving federal law enforcement agents, observers, protesters, and anyone engaged in electioneering or whose actions may disrupt voting operations or impact voting access.

Election Observer Program

The Department conducts an extensive *Election Observer Program* as part of our commitment to open and transparent elections. The Election Observer Program provides an opportunity for public observation of election processes to maintain integrity, encourage participation, and build voter confidence. Election Observers are provided with access to Vote Centers, Check-in Centers, and the Ballot Processing Center to observe voting and election procedures.

Observable activities occurring at the Ballot Processing Center are:

- Logic and accuracy testing of the voting system to conduct a central count of Vote by Mail (VBM) and in-person ballots.
- VBM operations (incoming ballots, Automated signature verification, data processing, ballot extraction, remakes, Ballot preparation for tally).
- Processing provisional and conditional ballots received at the Vote Center.
- Ballot transportation and delivery at a Check-in Center.
- Ballot intake, preparation, and storage.
- Vote tally and reporting on Election Night.
- Post-election canvassing and retention of election materials.

The Election Observer Program at the Ballot Processing Center began on Monday, May 4 and runs through June 26, the tentative date for the certification of the election results. Election observers are encouraged to check the public schedule of events on the Public Observation [page](#) and must comply with all Election Observer Panel Plan Rules and Guidelines.

Departmental Contacts

Contact Information for Voters

Phone: (800) 815-2666
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Resources for Media/Communications Deputies

[Election Results](#)
[Fact Sheets](#)
[Press Releases](#)
[Community Voter Toolkit](#)

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Election Contact

We appreciate the partnership with your offices in serving Los Angeles County voters and enabling them to exercise their fundamental right to vote. Your Board has been provided with election contacts to assist in resolving any issues during this election.

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has published a [Community Voter Toolkit](#) with ready-to-use content to equip County departments, local jurisdictions, and community partners to effectively reach and engage voters.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (562) 462-2716 or email dlogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov. Your staff may also contact Adrian Avelar, Manager of Policy and Program Compliance, at (562) 345-8372 or aavelar@rrcc.lacounty.gov for any additional information or assistance.

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