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LA COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL RELEASES “GENERAL VOTING SYSTEM PRINCIPLES”

Most Significant Overhaul of County Voting Systems Since 1968

Today, the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) moved one step closer to improving voting systems in Los Angeles County. The RR/CC released a set of General Voting Systems Principles as part of its work through the Voting System Assessment Project (VSAP). The project, and release of these principles mark an unprecedented shift in voting systems acquisition to a more transparent and customer-oriented process with strong citizen participation. “These principles will help guide the County to select and implement a voting system that voters trust is accessible, accurate and secure and that will help provide the highest level of customer service,” said Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan.

The fourteen principles establish and communicate a set of core values that reflect the diverse needs and preferences of Los Angeles County voters. The principles were informed by voters and stakeholders through data collected from a countywide survey and a series of focus groups. Based on that data, the principles were drafted in collaboration with an advisory committee comprised of experts and advocates from the elections, voting integrity and civil rights communities. The principles address important values critical to a fair, accessible, and transparent electoral process. These include: transparency, flexibility, integrity and ease of use.

“The committee worked closely with RR/CC leadership in crafting these principles and ensuring that voter needs were reflected,” said Virginia Mosqueda, Director of Civic Engagement of the California Community Foundation and Chair of the VSAP Advisory Committee. “The richness of Los Angeles County comes from its breadth of diversity and size, the varied perspectives and

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experiences that the committee brings to the table helped shape a set of principles that could better guide Los Angeles County in meeting the diverse needs of its current and future voters,” added Mosqueda.

“The release of the General Voting System Principles marks an important milestone in the County’s efforts to procure a new voting system for Los Angeles County,” said Logan. “The principles will guide our efforts to prepare a recommendation regarding the type of voting system and an associated acquisition strategy.”

The County’s voting system has been in use since 1968, undergoing modernization upgrades to replace aging technology and comply with new regulations over the years. The VSAP – a multi-year project – is the most significant effort to overhaul the County’s aging voting technology since 1968.

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About the Voting System Assessment Project (VSAP)

The vision of the VSAP is to identify and implement a new voting system in a transparent and participatory manner that takes into account the needs and expectations of current and future Los Angeles County voters.

About the VSAP Advisory Committee

The 16 member VSAP Advisory Committee was established in response to a motion adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in September 2010, establishing a more participatory approach to the acquisition and implementation of a new county voting system.

Members include: Evan Bacalao: National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials; Jane Barnett: Republican Party of Los Angeles County; Eric Bauman: Los Angeles County Democratic Party; Kathay Feng: California Common Cause; Carolyn Fowler: Election Protection Board; Ron Hasson: Beverly Hills/Hollywood NAACP; Jaclyn Tilley Hill: Quality and Productivity Commission, Los Angeles County; Mimi Kennedy: Progressive Democrats of America; June Lagmay: City of Los Angeles; Juana Laur: City Clerks Association of California; Eugene Lee: Asian Pacific American Legal Center; Justin Levitt: Loyola Law School; Nancy Mahr: League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County; Virginia Mosqueda: California Community Foundation; Hillary Sklar: Disability Rights California; and Bryce Yokomizo: California State College Northridge.

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