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## **RECEIPT OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS**

2017 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles City Clerk Holly L. Wolcott announced today that the Office of the City Clerk would like to ensure that every voter who requested a Vote-By-Mail (VBM) ballot is in receipt of his or her ballot.

As a result of a mailing address irregularity, a small group of VBM ballots may have been sent to incorrect addresses for the May 16, 2017 General Municipal Election. Therefore, we have taken immediate action to remedy this issue by voiding the erroneously mailed ballots, contacting the voters involved, and re-issuing ballots to affected voters at their correct addresses.

We encourage any voter who requested a VBM ballot and has not yet received one, to contact our office immediately.

As a reminder, ballots must be received no later than the close of polls (8:00 p.m.), on Election Day, May 16, 2017; however, we will accept a VBM ballot received within three days after Election Day if the ballot was postmarked on or before Election Day.

We regret any confusion or inconvenience caused by this mailing address irregularity. We remind voters that their voter registration is intact and has not been compromised. We value each voter's right to cast a ballot, and we appreciate their understanding and cooperation as we correct this irregularity. Voters are asked to call us at (213) 978-0444 if they have not yet received their ballot or if they have any questions.

The Office of the City Clerk administers elections for the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), and the Los Angeles Community College District. The City's next regularly scheduled General Municipal Election (runoff) will be May 16, 2017 (for Los Angeles City Council and LAUSD races). More information can be found on the City Clerk's election website at: <u>clerk.lacity.org/elections</u>.

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