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# NEWS RELEASE

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## SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC OBSERVATION EVENTS: OFFICIAL CANVASS 2017 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

**LOS ANGELES** – Los Angeles City Clerk Holly L. Wolcott announced that the Official Canvass of the May 16, 2017 General Municipal Election commenced today. An Election Canvass must be performed after every City election pursuant to the City Charter and must be completed within 28 days. The canvass consists of a tally of all Vote-By-Mail (VBM), Provisional, and other ballots not included in the final Election Night bulletin, as well as a comprehensive audit of all the results. Through canvass activities, we will ensure the accuracy of the election results and that all eligible voters had their vote counted. A thorough canvass is a core component of our mission of administering fair, accurate, and transparent elections.

Canvass activities are open to the media, candidates, and the public. They are scheduled through the final Certification of the Election, which must be completed on or before June 13, 2017. All canvassing activities listed below will take place at Piper Technical Center, Space 375, located at 555 Ramirez Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

**Vote-By-Mail (VBM) Verification and Inspection:** VBM Verification and Inspection began Wednesday, May 17, 2017; both processes will continue until completion.

**Voter Roster Reconciliation:** Roster Reconciliation will begin Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. and will continue until completion.

**One Percent Manual Tally:** The legally-required manual count of ballots from a randomly selected one percent (1%) of all precincts will begin on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. This process involves hand counting these ballots and comparing the hand count results with the computer tallied results to verify the accuracy of the City's ballot tabulation equipment. Representatives from the City Clerk's Office will begin by explaining to observers the random selection process. The precincts to be tallied will then be randomly selected followed by the commencement of the manual recount, which will continue until completion.

**Provisional Ballot Review and Inspection:** The review of Provisional Envelopes will begin Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. and will continue until completion. Ballot Inspection of Provisional Ballots will begin on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and continue until completion.

**Certified Results:** The final tally of Provisional and VBM ballots will be conducted at the conclusion of the canvass and will be included in the certified results, which will be issued no later than Tuesday, June 13, 2017, in accordance with the City's Election Code.

If you are interested in observing any of these activities or require further information or assistance, please contact the Office of the City Clerk - Election Division between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (213) 978-0444 or toll-free at (888) 873-1000.

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