



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For Media Inquiries: Kimberly Briggs
(213) 978-3281
Kimberly.Briggs@lacity.org

VOTE-BY-MAIL IMPORTANT DATES 2013 GENERAL MUNICIPAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS

LOS ANGELES (April 15, 2013) — City Clerk June Lagmay would like to remind voters of important dates pertaining to the Vote-By-Mail (VBM) process for the 2013 General Municipal and Special Elections to be held on May 21, 2013.

First and Last Day to Apply for a VBM ballot

Those who intend to vote in the 2013 General Municipal and Special Elections may submit an application for a VBM ballot beginning Monday, April 22, 2013. All applications must be received by the Election Division **no later than Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.** Applications can be mailed to the Office of the City Clerk - Election Division, 555 Ramirez St., Space 300, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or faxed to the Election Division's VBM Section at (213) 978-0611 or (213) 978-0612.

Applications for a VBM ballot can be found on the back cover of the Official Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet which is mailed to all registered voters. Applications are also available on the Election Division website in English and the following languages: Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.

Voters may also receive a VBM ballot in person at the Election Division office beginning on Monday, April 22, 2013 through Monday, May 20, 2013.

California State law gives all registered voters the option to vote by mail regardless of whether or not they anticipate being "absent" on Election Day. A voter who is not currently a permanent VBM voter must submit an application in order to receive a VBM ballot for a particular election.

Returning Voted VBM Ballots

Voters who choose to mail in their VBM ballot must do so early enough to ensure that it arrives in the Election Division office no later than **by the close of polls (8:00 p.m.) on Election Day, May 21, 2013.** A postmarked date is not considered valid. Voters who cannot mail their VBM ballots in time may drop off their ballot at any polling place or at the Election Division office by the close of polls on Election Day.

In-person Voting in Election Division Office

Voting in the Election Division office begins Monday, April 22, 2013 and continues through Monday, May 20, 2013.

