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**SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC OBSERVATION EVENTS: OFFICIAL CANVASS**  
**2013 GENERAL MUNICIPAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS**

**LOS ANGELES** (May 22, 2013) — City Clerk June Lagmay announced today that the final unofficial bulletin for the 2013 General Municipal and Special Elections was released at approximately 3:00 a.m. this morning. The final bulletin included the tally of a total of 380,108 votes cast in the 13 races that were contested at this election. It was the culmination of our extensive effort to coordinate the work of close to 8,000 Election Day workers to recover the ballots from 1,601 at-polls precincts and return them through 38 collection depots and five helipads to Piper Technical Center to be counted.

The Election Division will now commence the Official Canvass of the May 21, 2013 City of Los Angeles General Municipal and Special Elections. Pursuant to the City Charter, this canvass must be completed within 21 days. The canvass consists of a tally of all Vote-By-Mail (VBM) and provisional ballots not included in the final 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 11, 2013. All canvassing activities listed below will take place at Piper Technical Center, Space 375, located at 555 Ramirez Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

**VBM Verification and Inspection**

VBM Verification began on April 23, 2013 and Inspection began on May 14, 2013; both processes will continue until completion.

**Voter Roster Reconciliation**

Roster Reconciliation will begin on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.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 Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 9:00 a.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 - Election Division 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 Ballots, Review and Inspection**

The review of Provisional Envelopes will begin on Friday, May 24, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. and will continue until completion. Ballot Inspection of Provisional Ballots will begin on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. and continue until completion.

**Write-In Ballot Canvass for Council District 6 Special Election**

The Write-In Ballot Canvass includes ballots that contain handwritten write-in votes for candidates who were not listed on the ballot. These ballots are checked and verified prior to counting. The Write-In Ballot Canvass for both VBM ballots and at-polls ballots will take place on Friday, May 31, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. and continue until completion. In this election, there are only certified write-in candidates for the Council District 6 race.

**Certified Results**

The final tally of Provisional ballots 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 11, 2013, 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.

The Office of the City Clerk - Election Division administers elections for the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and the Los Angeles Community College District. More information can be found on the Election Division's website at <http://clerk.lacity.org/Elections/>.

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