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# VOTE-BY-MAIL IMPORTANT DATES

## **COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION**

**LOS ANGELES** (June 17, 2013) — City Clerk June Lagmay would like to remind voters of important dates pertaining to the Vote-By-Mail (VBM) process for the Council District 6 Special Runoff Election to be held on July 23, 2013.

## First and Last Day to Apply for a VBM ballot

Those who intend to vote in the Council District 6 Special Runoff Election may submit an application for a VBM ballot beginning Monday, June 24, 2013. All applications must be received by the Election Division **no later than Tuesday, July 16, 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. If you are a permanent VBM voter, you need not complete an application; you will receive a VBM ballot automatically.

Applications for a VBM ballot can be found on the back cover of the Official Sample Ballot, 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, June 24, 2013 through Monday, July 22, 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, July 23, 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, June 24, 2013 and continues through Monday, July 22, 2013.

## VBM Envelope Verification, Ballot Inspection, and Tally

Starting on Tuesday June 25, 2013, the public is welcome to observe the VBM envelope verification process which will commence upon receipt of VBM ballots. Additionally, public inspection of VBM ballots (i.e., preparation for the tally) will begin on Sunday, July 20, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 6:00 p.m. and will continue until 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Tuesday, July 23, 2013. The actual tally of VBM ballots will begin the afternoon of July 23, 2013, Election Day. The results of this tally will not be released until after the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. that evening.

All activities described will take place at: Piper Technical Center

555 Ramirez Street, Space 375

Los Angeles, CA 90012

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: <a href="http://clerk.lacity.org/Elections">http://clerk.lacity.org/Elections</a>.

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