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# SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC OBSERVATION EVENTS: OFFICIAL CANVASS

2015 PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION

LOS ANGELES (March 4, 2015) — City Clerk Holly L. Wolcott announced that the Official Canvass of the March 3, 2015 Primary Nominating Election commenced today. An Election Canvass must be performed after every City election pursuant to the City Charter, and further, 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 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 March 24, 2015. 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 and Inspection began Wednesday, March 4, 2015; both processes will continue until completion.

# **Voter Roster Reconciliation**

Roster Reconciliation will begin Thursday, March 5, 2015 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 Tuesday, March 10, 2015 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'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 Friday, March 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. and will continue until completion. Ballot Inspection of Provisional Ballots will begin on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 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, March 24, 2015, 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 administers elections for the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and the Los Angeles Community College District. The City's next regularly scheduled municipal election will be May 19, 2015 (for Los Angeles City Council and LAUSD races). More information can be found on the City Clerk's election website at: <a href="http://clerk.lacity.org/elections/">http://clerk.lacity.org/elections/</a>.

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