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REDISTRICTING STATUS REPORT

The purpose of this memo is to provide your offices with an update on redistricting and provide additional information related to upcoming activities and timelines. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has a specific role in the upcoming redistricting actions and activities.

As you are aware, several redistricting activities have taken place at the local, State, and Federal levels related to the 2020 census. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted these processes in ways we have not seen before. Timelines have been affected primarily due to delays in the delivery of data. These delays have compressed the schedule for upcoming activities, and the margin for error is limited. More context about the compressed timeline is referenced in the Comparative History section of this report. It is important to note that any legal challenges to final maps released by jurisdictions will substantially impact RR/CC processes and our ability to prepare for the upcoming 2022 elections. We have begun working with County Counsel on contingency plans to mitigate the impact of potential delays.

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Role

Under SB 958, the RR/CC supported the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) application process. The 60 most qualified applicants were selected through this process out of a pool of 533 qualified applicants.

The RR/CC is responsible for updating census tracts and district boundaries in Los Angeles County. It is important to note that because RR/CC's responsibility spans beyond the five Supervisorial districts, having the time to work with local jurisdictions with varied levels of technical expertise and mapping capabilities to ensure the accuracy of boundaries is critical to the integrity of the redistricting process.

In addition, RR/CC works with candidates to ensure they understand the boundaries of their districts, and in some cases, the determination of their incumbent status. The RR/CC will complete a new data synchronization process as part of redistricting. This process ensures that local election data affected by redistricting is synchronized with VoteCal, the statewide voter registration database.

Redistricting and Election Preparation Activities

The following is a prospective timeline of key milestones in the redistricting and election preparation process.

- January 3, 2022 – In lieu of filing fee period starts for all offices except BOS and Charter Cities
- January 12, 2022 – In lieu of filing fee starts for County Board of Supervisor candidates
- February 10, 2022 – Last date statewide “maps” can be challenged (45 days from California CRC certification)
- February 14, 2022 – March 11, 2022 – Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Period
- February 25, 2022 – RR/CC redistricting process complete for the Primary Election
- March 1, 2022 – Date school district offices elected by areas must adjust boundaries
- April 17, 2022 – Last date council for General Law cities can adopt City Council offices elected by district boundaries
- April 17, 2022 – Last date governing board can adopt Special District office boundaries by division

Legislative Changes

Senate Bill 594 was signed into law on September 27, 2021 and adjusted various California Elections Code sections to address the delay in census data due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The changes included the following:

- Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization candidates do not need to reside in district to be issued nomination documents for an office but must live in district upon filing nomination documents for those offices;
- The in lieu filing period for all candidates, except County Board of Supervisors and Charter City candidates, begins on January 3, 2021;
- Establishes operative dates for updated redistricting maps; and
- House of Representative, State Senate State Assembly and Board of Equalization candidates may not use “incumbent” designation.

SB 594 Text and Analyses:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB594

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB594#

Comparative History

The redistricting timeline has been compacted due to delays in the process caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. These delays - as well as recent changes to the law and legal challenges - have pushed back critical dates and shortened the amount of time RR/CC has for upcoming activities. The table below illustrates the extent to which critical dates have been pushed back between redistricting for the 2020 and 2010 census.

Milestone	2010 Census	2020 Census
First Primary Election Date after Census	June 5, 2012	June 7, 2022
Congress, State Senate and Assembly, and BOE final boundary approval deadline	August 15, 2011	December 27, 2021
County Supervisorial districts final boundary adoption deadline	October 31, 2011	December 15, 2021 (by midnight)

Election Calendar for 2022

There are three local elections and two countywide elections scheduled for the 2022 election calendar. Please see the attached detailed election schedules for the list of participating jurisdictions.

- March 8 – City of Temple City General Municipal Election
- April 12 – Vernon City General Municipal Election
- April 12 – City of Lancaster General Municipal Election
- June 7 – Statewide Direct Primary Election
- November 8 – General Election

Receipt and Processing of CRC Boundaries

Final boundaries for the Supervisorial Districts will be delivered to the RR/CC no later than midnight on December 15, 2021. RR/CC will confirm receipt of the boundaries with your Offices and begin processing the data. This process includes many technical steps including but not limited to validation, quality assurance, mapping protocols, precincting, and street index data transfer to our Election Management Systems. This process is expected to take approximately 14 days. We are scheduled to complete this process by December 30, 2021, and subsequently new street index data should be available to your Offices by January 10, 2021. Our office will provide regular updates on the status of this process and will notify your Offices once it is complete.

Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at (562) 462-2716 or your staff my contact Tim McNamara, Assistant Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at (562) 462-2722.

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