



**County of Ventura
COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER**

PHILIP J. SCHMIT
County Clerk and Recorder

To: Candidates, Measure Agencies, Members of the Grand Jury,
League of Women Voters and all Interested Parties

From: Philip J. Schmit, County Clerk and Recorder 

Date: May 2, 2008

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You are hereby invited to observe Election Day activities and to be present in our office on election night to observe the tally of the official ballots and the release of returns for the June 3, 2008, Direct Primary Election.

The following is a rough schedule of events for Election Day:

E-40 thru E-4 The required logic and accuracy tests will be conducted with test ballots and vote simulations to ensure that the ballot counting programs are functioning properly before any voting machines are issued to precincts.

Election Day, June 3, 2008

7:00 a.m. - Polling places throughout the County open for voting.

8:00 p.m. - The 361 precinct polling places will close and precinct boards will commence processing voted ballots, packing supplies, locking up the polling places, and delivering the voted ballots, equipment, memory packs and results cartridges to the pickup points. This should take about one hour, depending upon the number of voters who voted.

8:05 p.m. - The Vote by Mail voter ballots and the 218 mail ballot precincts will be counted and the first semi-official count of the results will be released via the website and at the Central Counting place.
<http://recorder.countyofventura.org/elecoun.htm>

8:30 p.m. - Voted ballots, memory packs and results cartridges from the 56 precincts in the greater Ventura area should start arriving at the Central Counting place. These ballots will be secured, the packs and cartridges from each precinct are then read and a semi-official summary report will be released.

10:00 p.m.- Voted ballots, equipment, memory packs and results cartridges from the 305 to 11:30 p.m. precincts in the outlying areas of the County should start arriving at the Central Counting place. Summary reports will be released approximately every 30 minutes. Upon completion, a final semi-official (election night) summary report will be released.

8:00 a.m. June 4 A semi-official Statement of Votes will be available for review.

The memory packs from the Optech Insights and the results cartridges from the AVC Edge will be read in the Elections Division (Lower Plaza of the Hall of Administration) at the Government Center. The only off-limit areas in the Elections Division are the computer room, the absentee ballot processing area and the warehouse area inside the fence. In addition, we ask that caution be used in the hallway area leading through the warehouse to the loading dock. In the past, observers and visitors have congregated there and inadvertently impeded or blocked workers from processing precinct equipment. If you should have any questions at any location contact the individual in charge, who will be one of our permanent staff members or an individual who has been deputized to perform the duties required.

Voted ballots, equipment, memory packs and results cartridges from precincts are delivered by two of the precinct election officers. In the outlying areas of the County, the election officers take their voted ballots, etc. to area receiving stations (county or city fire stations) where they are picked up by Deputy Sheriffs and/or Deputy County Clerks and brought to the Elections Division.

When the voted ballots, equipment, memory packs and results cartridges arrive, the condition of the materials is noted, the precinct is scanned or checked off, and the container of memory packs and results cartridges is extracted, and given to the Memory Package/Results Cartridge Check-in Board for scanning, opening and preliminary processing. After this step, the packs and cards are delivered to the Computer Room for results upload to the results tally program (WINEDS).

Periodically during the evening, summary reports are printed which include all previously counted results as of the time the reports are printed. Summary reports are printed approximately every 30 minutes and copies are given to the news media and the public. Summary Reports to the Secretary of State are periodically key-entered into a state vote reporting program for state offices.

Election results will also be posted on the internet and updated periodically from 8:00 p.m. to completion of election night. Website address is <http://recorder.countyofventura.org/elecoun.htm>

To give you a perspective of this election, the following contests and measures are contained in different ballot types (styles) throughout the county:

PARTISAN OFFICES

FEDERAL OFFICES

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES

23rd Congressional District, Democratic	elect 1 – 1 candidate
23rd Congressional District, Republican	elect 1 – 1 candidate
24th Congressional District, Democratic	elect 1 – 3 candidates
24th Congressional District, Republican	elect 1 – 2 candidates

LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

17th Senatorial District, Democratic	elect 1 – 1 candidate
17th Senatorial District, Republican	elect 1 – 1 candidate
19th Senatorial District, Democratic	elect 1 – 1 candidate
19th Senatorial District, Republican	elect 1 – 1 candidate
23rd Senatorial District, Democratic	elect 1 – 2 candidates
23rd Senatorial District, Republican	elect 1 – 2 candidates
23rd Senatorial District, Libertarian	elect 1 – 1 candidate
35th Assembly District, Democratic	elect 1 – 1 candidate
35th Assembly District, Republican	elect 1 – 1 candidate
37th Assembly District, Democratic	elect 1 – 2 candidates
37th Assembly District, Republican	elect 1 – 1 candidate
38th Assembly District, Democratic	elect 1 – 1 candidate
38th Assembly District, Republican	elect 1 – 1 candidate
41st Assembly District, Democratic	elect 1 – 1 candidate
41st Assembly District, Republican	elect 1 – 1 candidate

CENTRAL COMMITTEES

Democratic Central Committee, 2nd District	elect 5 – 8 candidates
Democratic Central Committee, 3rd District	elect 5 – 6 candidates
Republican Central Committee, 1st District	elect 5 – 7 candidates
Republican Central Committee, 2nd District	elect 6 – 9 candidates
Republican Central Committee, 3rd District	elect 4 – 3 candidates
Republican Central Committee, 4th District	elect 5 – 6 candidates
Republican Central Committee, 5th District	elect 2 – 3 candidates

NON-PARTISAN OFFICES

COUNTY OFFICES

Judge of the Superior Court, Office No. 5	elect 1 – 2 candidates
County Supervisor, 1st District	elect 1 – 1 candidate
County Supervisor, 3rd District	elect 1 – 2 candidates
County Supervisor, 5th District	elect 1 – 3 candidates

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

County Supervisor, 1st District	elect 1 – 1 candidate
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STATE PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION 98 – EMINENT DOMAIN. LIMITS ON GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Bars state and local governments from taking or damaging private property for private uses. Prohibits rent control and similar measures. Eliminates deference to government in property rights cases. Changes condemnation rules. Fiscal Impact: Increased costs to many governments due to the measure's restrictions. The net statewide fiscal effect, however, probably would not be significant.

PROPOSITION 99 – EMINENT DOMAIN. LIMITS ON GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION OF OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENCE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Bars use of eminent domain to acquire an owner-occupied residence for conveyance to a private person or business entity. Creates exceptions for public works, public health and safety, and crime prevention. Fiscal Impact: No significant fiscal impact on state or local governments.

LOCAL MEASURES

MEASURE "A" – MESA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE

To increase safety, health, welfare and educational effectiveness of the Mesa School site for students, shall the Mesa Union School District be authorized to construct and install school facilities and supporting infrastructure, including the equipping of school facilities, or acquire real property for school facilities by issuing not to exceed \$4,000,000 in bonds at interest rates below legal limits, with annual financial audits, citizens' oversight and no money for administrators' salaries?
(55% of votes cast)

MEASURE "B" – CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS TRAFFIC INITIATIVE MEASURE

Shall the ordinance amending City of Thousand Oaks General Plan and adding a Zoning provision: (1) requiring certain large projects to undergo a comprehensive traffic study using two different methodologies; and (2) requiring the project be submitted for voter approval at a citywide election, if the study concludes that the project's trip generation results in a Level Service of "D" or worse to impacted City roads or intersections before any traffic mitigation be adopted? (simple majority)

MEASURE "C" – OAK PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PARCEL TAX MEASURE

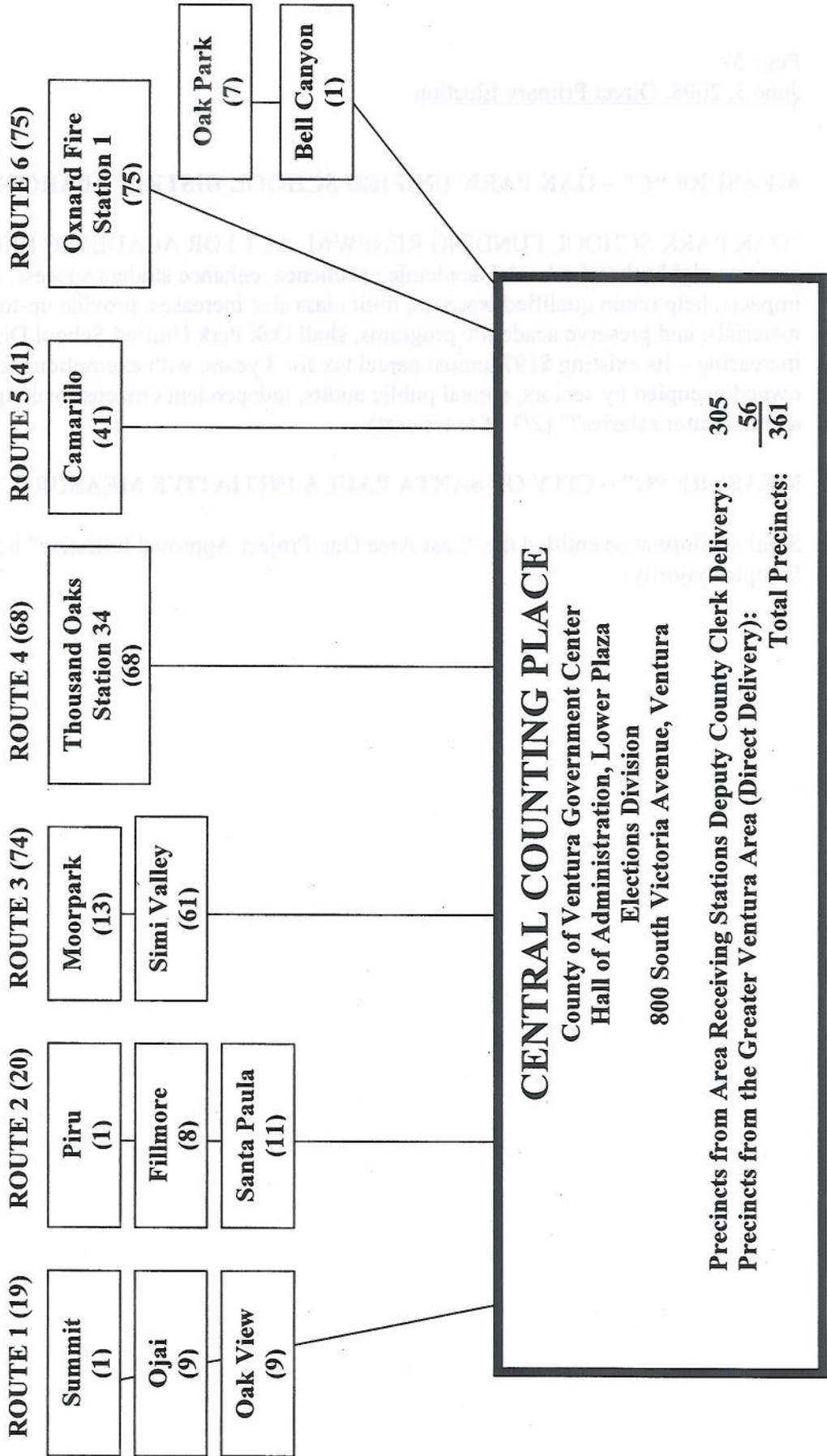
“OAK PARK SCHOOL FUNDING RENEWAL ACT FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE – To protect neighborhood schools’ academic excellence, enhance student success, reduce state budget cut impacts, help retain qualified teachers, limit class size increases, provide up-to-date instructional materials, and preserve academic programs, shall Oak Park Unified School District renew – without increasing – its existing \$197 annual parcel tax for 8 years, with exemptions for homes owned/occupied by seniors, annual public audits, independent citizens’ oversight, and no funds for administrator salaries?” (2/3 of votes cast)

MEASURE "G" – CITY OF SANTA PAULA INITIATIVE MEASURE

Shall an Ordinance entitled the “East Area One Project Approval Initiative” be adopted?
(simple majority)

BALLOT BOX PICK-UP ROUTES

Statewide Direct Primary Election
June 3, 2008



Ballot Processing Area

Elections Division

Lower Plaza

Hall of Administration

Voicing
Equipment
Reception
Board

Memory Pack/
Cartridge Logging
Team



Loading Dock

Ballot and
Equipment
Storage

Memory Pack/
Cartridges
Unpacking &
Check-in Team

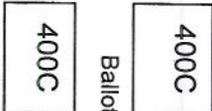
Public Viewing

Absentee Ballot Processing Area



Storage

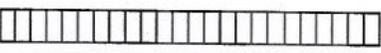
Computer & WIN EDS



Ballot Card Readers



WIN EDS Tabulation



Public Viewing

Absent
Voter
Processing



BALLOT BOX DELIVERY Election Night

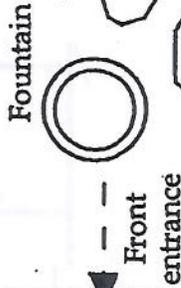
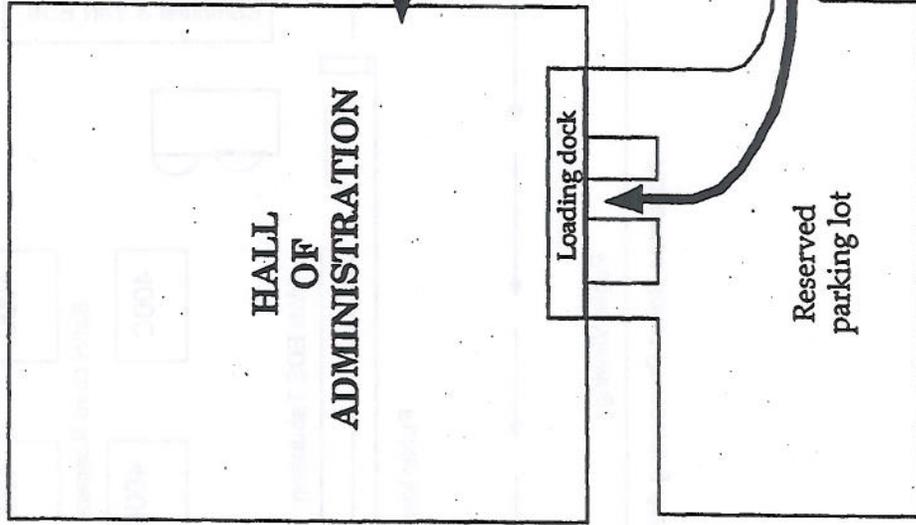
VENTURA COUNTY
GOVERNMENT CENTER
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California



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Santa
Paula
Freeway

Victoria Ave.

To
101
Freeway



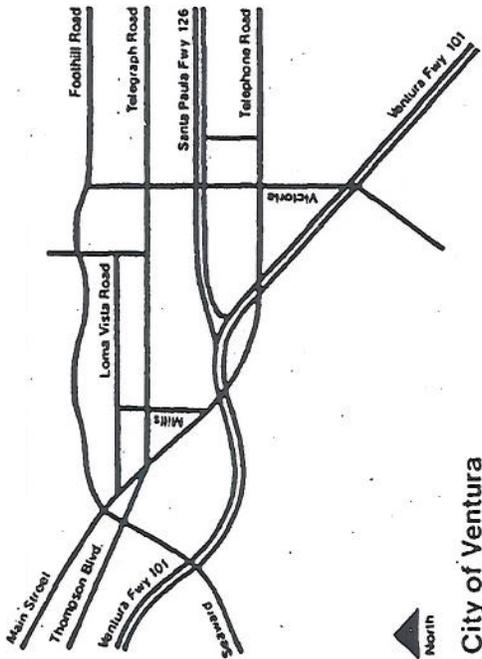
Reserved parking lot

Handicapped and short term parking lot

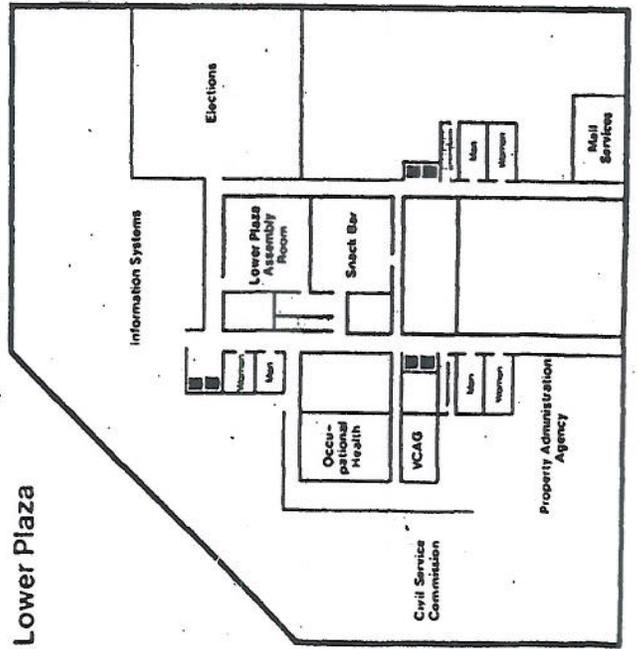
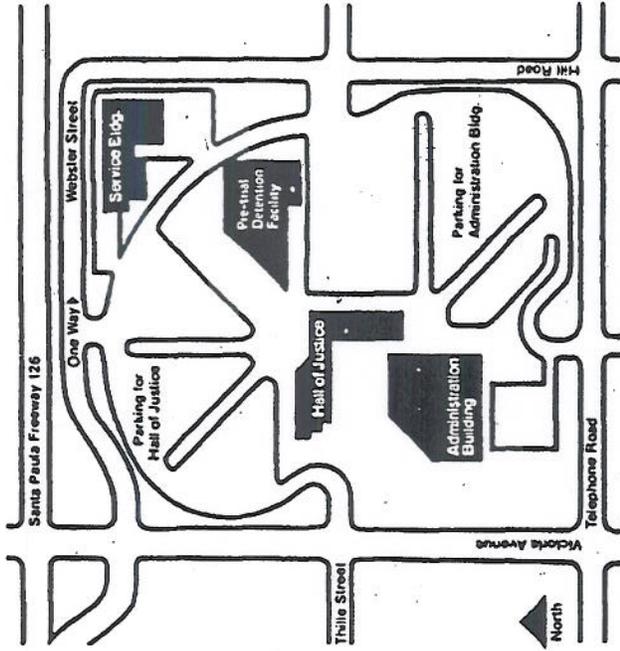
Public parking lot

No public access

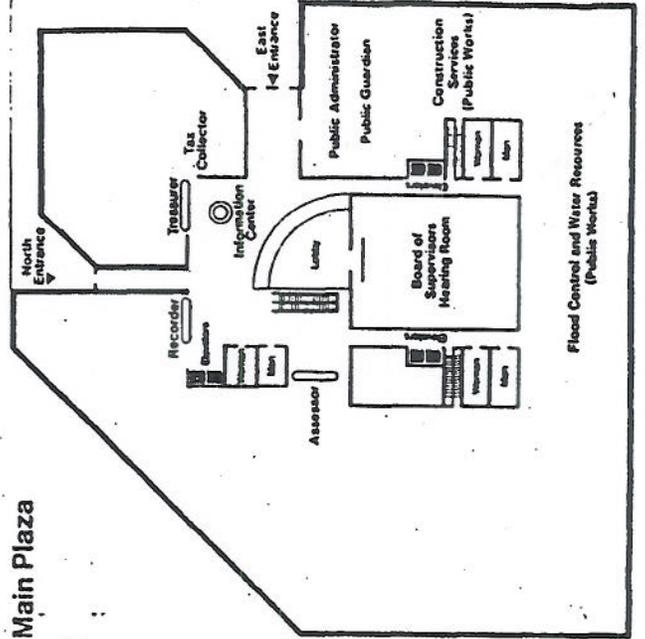
Telephone Road



City of Ventura



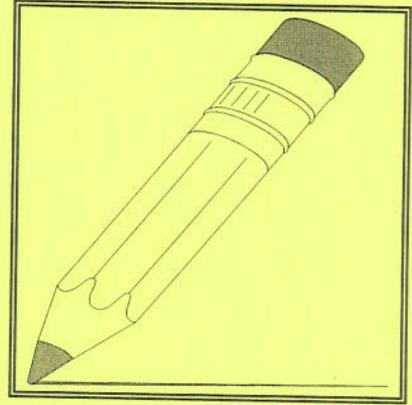
Lower Plaza



Main Plaza

ELECTION OBSERVER QUESTIONNAIRE

STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION
JUNE 3, 2008



Please complete and return to: PHILIP J. SCHMIT, County Clerk
Hall of Administration
Elections Division
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
Proceedings were open to public view as required.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Work flow of ballot processing and tabulation was easy to follow.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Audit trails and controls were exercised and obvious.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Security precautions were apparent but not repressive.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Staff was courteous and helpful under circumstances of the moment.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Overall organization of processing operations was:				
Efficient	_____	_____	_____	_____
Effective	_____	_____	_____	_____
Well-organized	_____	_____	_____	_____

Additional Comments: _____

Name: _____
(Optional)

Telephone Number: _____
(Optional)