

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

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Mark A. Lunn, Clerk Recorder/Registrar of Voters

Date: October 11, 2010

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 November 2, 2010, Gubernatorial General Election.

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

Oct. 4 thru Oct. 28 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, November 2, 2010

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

to 8:00 p.m. The 357 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 192 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/elecounthtm>

8:30 p.m. Voted ballots, memory packs and results cartridges from the 57
to 10:30 p.m. precincts in the greater Ventura area should start arriving at the Central Counting place. The ballots will be secured and the packs and cartridges from each precinct will be read and a semi-official summary report will be released.

10:00 p.m. Voted ballots, equipment, memory packs and results cartridges from
to 11:00 p.m. the 300 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.

November 3
8:00 a.m. 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 Vote By Mail 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 are 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 (WIN/Eds).

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/elecounthtm>

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

STATE OFFICES

Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Controller

elect 1 – 6 candidates
elect 1 – 6 candidates
elect 1 – 6 candidates
elect 1 – 6 candidates

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Treasurer	elect 1 – 6 candidates
Attorney General	elect 1 – 6 candidates
Insurance Commissioner	elect 1 – 6 candidates
State Board of Equalization, 2 nd District	elect 1 – 4 candidates

FEDERAL OFFICES

United States Senator	elect 1 – 6 candidates
23rd Congressional District	elect 1 – 4 candidates
24th Congressional District	elect 1 – 2 candidates

LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

35th Assembly District	elect 1 – 2 candidates
37th Assembly District	elect 1 – 2 candidates
38th Assembly District	elect 1 – 3 candidates
41st Assembly District	elect 1 – 3 candidates

NON-PARTISAN OFFICES

State Superintendent of Public Instruction	elect 1 – 2 candidates
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COUNTY OFFICE

Treasurer-Tax Collector	elect 1 – 2 candidates
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CITY OFFICES

Camarillo City Council Member	elect 3 – 7 candidates
Fillmore City Council Member	elect 2 – 5 candidates
Moorpark City Mayor	elect 1 – 1 candidate
Moorpark City Council Member	elect 2 – 3 candidates
Ojai City Clerk (Short Term)	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Ojai City Council Member	elect 3 – 6 candidates
Oxnard City Mayor	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Oxnard City Council Member	elect 2 – 4 candidates
Port Hueneme City Council Member	elect 3 – 3 candidates

Santa Paula City Council Member	elect 3 – 5 candidates
Simi Valley City Mayor	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Simi Valley City Council Member	elect 2 – 6 candidates
Thousand Oaks City Council Member	elect 3 – 13 candidates

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

Ventura County Board of Education	
Trustee Area #1	elect 1 – 3 candidates
Trustee Area #2	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Trustee Area #4	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Ventura County Community College District	
Trustee Area #2	elect 1 – 3 candidates
Conejo Valley Unified	elect 3 – 5 candidates
El Tejon Unified	elect 2 – 3 candidates
Fillmore Unified	elect 3 – 5 candidates
Moorpark Unified	elect 2 – 3 candidates
Oak Park Unified	elect 3 – 4 candidates
Ojai Unified	elect 3 – 4 candidates
Simi Valley Unified	elect 2 – 4 candidates
Oxnard Union	elect 3 – 5 candidates
Briggs School	elect 3 – 5 candidates
Hueneme School	elect 3 – 4 candidates
Oxnard School	elect 3 – 6 candidates
Pleasant Valley School	elect 3 – 6 candidates
Rio School	elect 3 – 6 candidates
Rio School (Short Term)	elect 1 – 5 candidates

Santa Paula School	elect 3 – 4 candidates
Somis Union	elect 3 – 4 candidates

SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICES

Oxnard Harbor District	elect 3 – 8 candidates
Camarillo Health Care District	elect 2 – 4 candidates
Fillmore-Piru Memorial District	elect 2 – 3 candidates
Conejo Recreation & Park District	elect 3 – 6 candidates
Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District	elect 2 – 3 candidates
Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District	elect 2 – 3 candidates
Ojai Valley Sanitary District	
Division #4	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Division #6	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Carpinteria Sanitary District	elect 2 – 3 candidates
Triunfo Sanitation District	elect 4 – 11 candidates
Castaic Lake Water Agency, At Large	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Division #3	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Calleguas Municipal Water District Division #5	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Casitas Municipal Water District Division #4	elect 1 – 3 candidates

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

City of Fillmore – Council Member
City of Simi Valley – Mayor

Should a candidate qualify as a write-in candidate for an office on the November 2, 2010, Gubernatorial General Election ballot, a list of all qualified write-in candidate names will be available at each polling place to assist the voters.

STATE PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION 19 – LEGALIZES MARIJUANA UNDER CALIFORNIA BUT NOT FEDERAL LAW. PERMITS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO REGULATE AND TAX COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND SALE OF MARIJUANA. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Allows people 21 years old or older to possess, cultivate, or transport marijuana for personal use. Fiscal Impact: Depending on federal, state, and local government actions, potential increased tax and fee revenues in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually and potential correctional savings of several tens of millions of dollars annually.

PROPOSITION 20 – REDISTRICTING OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Removes elected representatives from process of establishing congressional districts and transfers that authority to recently-authorized 14-member redistricting commission comprised of Democrats, Republicans, and representatives of neither party. Fiscal Impact: No significant net change in state redistricting costs.

PROPOSITION 21 – ESTABLISHES \$18 ANNUAL VEHICLE LICENSE SURCHARGE TO HELP FUND STATE PARKS AND WILDLIFE PROGRAMS. GRANTS SURCHARGED VEHICLES FREE ADMISSION TO ALL STATE PARKS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Exempts commercial vehicles, trailers and trailer coaches from the surcharge. Fiscal Impact: Annual increase to state revenues of \$500 million from surcharge on vehicle registrations. After offsetting some existing funding sources, these revenues would provide at least \$250 million more annually for state parks and wildlife conservation.

PROPOSITION 22 – PROHIBITS THE STATE FROM BORROWING OR TAKING FUNDS USED FOR TRANSPORTATION, REDEVELOPMENT, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS AND SERVICES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Prohibits State, even during severe fiscal hardship, from delaying distribution of tax revenues for these purposes. Fiscal Impact: Decreased state General Fund spending and/or increased state revenues, probably in the range of \$1 billion to several billions of dollars annually. Comparable increases in funding for state and local transportation programs and local redevelopment.

PROPOSITION 23 – SUSPENDS IMPLEMENTATION OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL LAW (AB 32) REQUIRING MAJOR SOURCES OF EMISSIONS TO REPORT AND REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS THAT CAUSE GLOBAL WARMING, UNTIL UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 5.5 PERCENT OR LESS FOR FULL YEAR. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Fiscal Impact: Likely modest net increase in overall economic activity in the state from suspension of greenhouse gases regulatory activity, resulting in a potentially significant net increase in state and local revenues.

PROPOSITION 24 – REPEALS RECENT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW BUSINESSES TO LOWER THEIR TAX LIABILITY. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Fiscal Impact: Increased state revenues of about \$1.3 billion each year by 2012-13 from higher taxes paid by some businesses. Smaller increases in 2010-11 and 2011-12.

PROPOSITION 25 – CHANGES LEGISLATIVE VOTE REQUIREMENT TO PASS BUDGET AND BUDGET-RELATED LEGISLATION FROM TWO-THIRDS TO A SIMPLE MAJORITY. RETAINS TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Legislature permanently forfeits daily salary and expenses until budget bill passes. Fiscal Impact: In some years, the contents of the state budget could be changed due to the lower legislative vote requirement in this measure. The extent of changes would depend on the Legislature's future actions.

PROPOSITION 26 – REQUIRES THAT CERTAIN STATE AND LOCAL FEES BE APPROVED BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE. FEES INCLUDE THOSE THAT ADDRESS ADVERSE IMPACTS ON SOCIETY OR THE ENVIRONMENT CAUSED BY THE FEE-PAYER'S BUSINESS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Fiscal Impact: Depending on decisions by governing bodies and voters, decreased state and local government revenues and spending (up to billions of dollars annually). Increased transportation spending and state General Fund costs (\$1 billion annually).

PROPOSITION 27 – ELIMINATES STATE COMMISSION ON REDISTRICTING. CONSOLIDATES AUTHORITY FOR REDISTRICTING WITH ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Eliminates 14-member redistricting commission. Consolidates authority for establishing state Assembly, Senate, and Board of Equalization districts with elected representatives who draw congressional districts. Fiscal Impact: Possible reduction of state redistricting costs of around \$1 million over the next year. Likely reduction of these costs of a few million dollars once every ten years beginning in 2020.

LOCAL MEASURES

Measure "G"

Shall an ordinance of the City of Port Hueneme, California, amending Article V, Chapter 4 of the Port Hueneme Municipal Code replacing the Telephone Users tax regulations with Modern Communication Services tax regulations and reducing the tax rate from 4% to 3.75% be adopted?

Measure "H"

To maintain/improve academic programs including reading, writing, science and math; fund computer technology, music and arts; retain highly qualified teachers and minimize class-size increases; shall Ventura USD raise \$4.5 million per year for four years through a parcel tax at a rate described in the voter pamphlet, provided there is independent citizens' oversight, senior exemptions, and all funds are spent on neighborhood schools and cannot be taken by the State and used elsewhere?

VOTE CANVASS

The election canvass process is an internal audit and is required by State law to ensure the accuracy of election results. California election law allows 28 days to conduct the official canvass of final election results. The canvass period involves a number of different tasks that ensure processing all voted ballots, accounting for all election supplies and equipment utilized during the election, and providing for an audit and reconciliation of election returns.

When the canvass is completed, the Secretary of State certifies all the results. All aspects of the canvass are open for public observation. During the canvass, Vote By Mail and provisional ballots not counted on election night are researched to validate eligibility. Once validated, these additional Vote By Mail and provisional ballots are counted. The canvass concludes with the certification and issuance of official election results.

Listed below are the major components of the official canvass. These components must be performed in a particular order. On the day after the election, Vote By Mail ballots currently in-house and those turned in at the polls are processed and tallied. (This process may take up to 10 days.) As soon as the Vote By Mail ballots are processed, the Vote/No Vote procedure is started which takes about seven days to complete. Once the Vote/No Vote component is completed, the provisional ballots are processed. This process takes approximately seven days. Throughout the canvass the audits are being conducted. The damaged and remade ballots are being reviewed and completed, and the Vote By Mail and poll write-in ballots are being reviewed and tallied.

AUDIT

Roster Reconciliation – Following the close of the polls on Election Night, precinct officers are responsible for completing the Official Ballot Statement which is located on the front cover of each precinct's Master Roster. As part of the official canvass, the number of signatures indicated by the Inspector on the roster is compared to the number of ballots tabulated by the computer tally system.

1% Manual Vote Tally – All voted ballots from a randomly selected 1% of the 549 total precincts are manually tallied and balanced against the computer counts to verify the accuracy of the election tally system. This process is required by law.

BALLOTS ADDED DURING OFFICIAL CANVASS

The following ballots are withheld from the tally system on Election Night. Once eligibility is determined, these ballots are added to the election results. Withheld ballot types include:

- Vote By Mail Ballots returned on Election Day to our office or dropped off at polling locations. These ballots do not arrive in sufficient time to be individually signature-verified, opened, and prepared for tabulation on Election Night.

- Vote By Mail Ballots received in the mail a few days before the day of the election.
- Damaged Ballots which are unable to be processed through the election tally system. These ballots must be manually duplicated prior to tabulation. Damaged ballots occur when ballots arrive torn or damaged and cannot be processed through the vote tabulation equipment.
- Write-In Ballots must be individually reviewed to determine if the write-in vote is for a qualified/unqualified write-in candidate. Both Vote By Mail ballots and ballots voted at the polls must be manually reviewed for valid write-in ballot tabulation.
- Provisional Ballots issued at the 357 voting location on Election Day. These ballots must be individually researched to determine eligibility. Provisional ballots are issued at polling locations to voters whose names are not on the voter file or who appeared at a polling location other than the one noted on their voter registration record.
- Remade ballots occur when voters cast ballots outside their assigned voting precinct. If a contest or contests on a provisional ballot do not represent those contests offered on the voter's assigned precinct ballot, the ballot is remade to include only those votes cast that correspond with those offered in the assigned precinct.

VOTE/NO VOTE

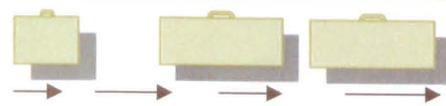
Each of the 357 polling places' Master Rosters must be reviewed for completeness and accuracy and then each person who voted given credit for voting. This process involves bar code scanning every Master Roster to capture each voting record for the approximately 420,000 registered voters.

**Ballot Processing Area
Elections Division**

Lower Plaza
Hall of Administration

Voting
Equipment
Reception
Board

Memory Pack/
Cartridge Logging
Teams



← Loading Dock

Ballot and
Equipment
Storage

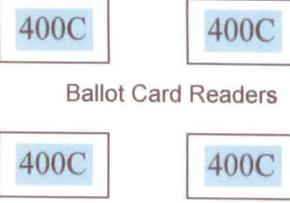


Memory Pack/
Cartridges
Unpacking &
Check-in Team

Air Conditioner

Storage

Computer & WIN EDS

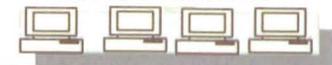


Ballot Card Readers

HTML Computer



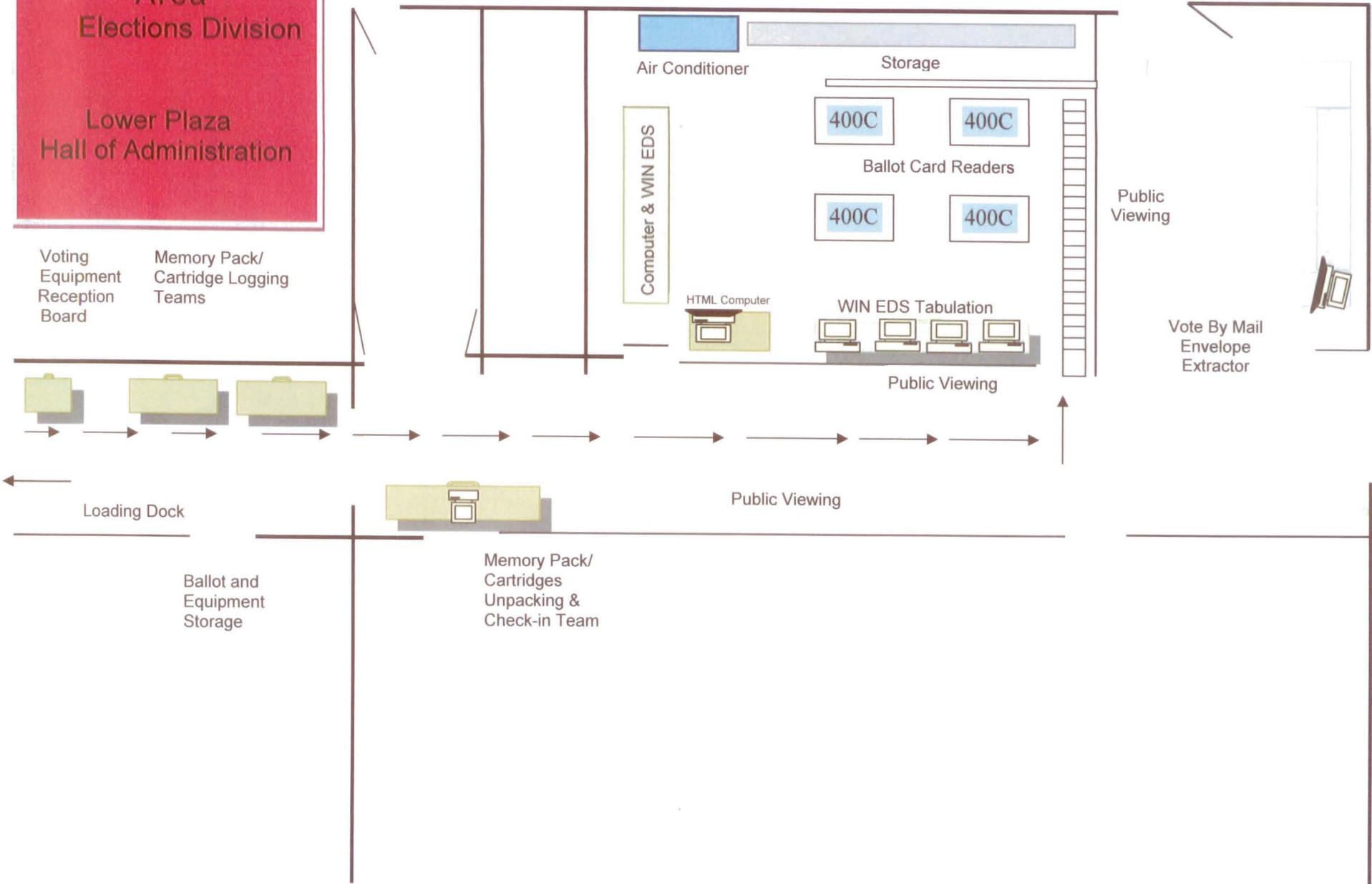
WIN EDS Tabulation



Public Viewing

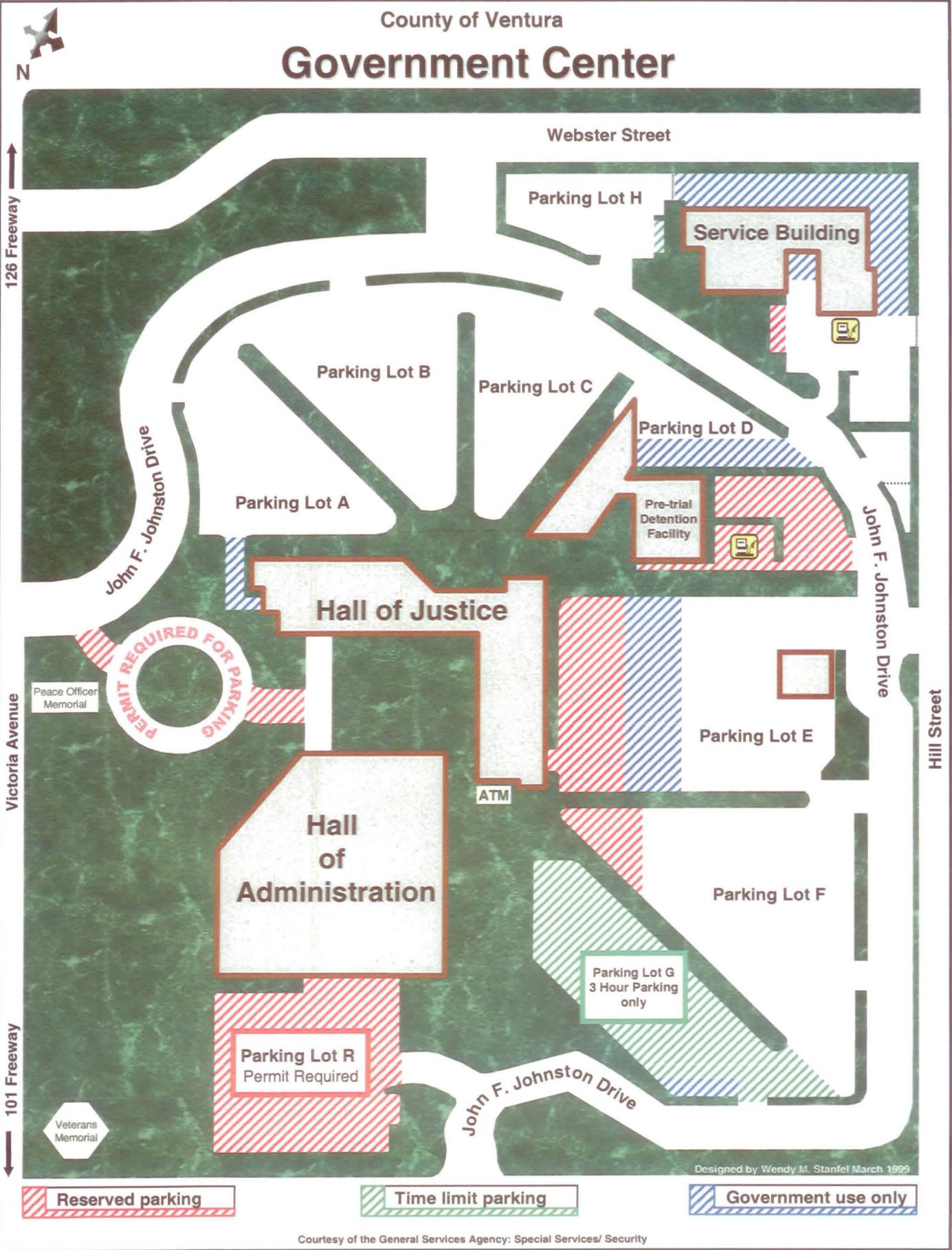
Public Viewing

Vote By Mail
Envelope
Extractor



County of Ventura

Government Center

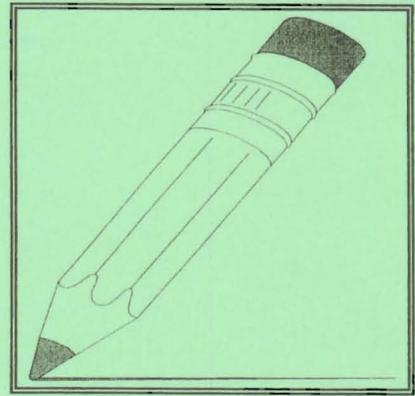


Designed by Wendy M. Stanfel March 1999

Courtesy of the General Services Agency: Special Services/ Security

ELECTION OBSERVER QUESTIONNAIRE

GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 2, 2010



Please complete and return to: **MARK A. LUNN**
Clerk Recorder/Registrar of Voters
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)