



Voting Systems Modernization

Los Angeles County Voting System Assessment Project (VSAP)

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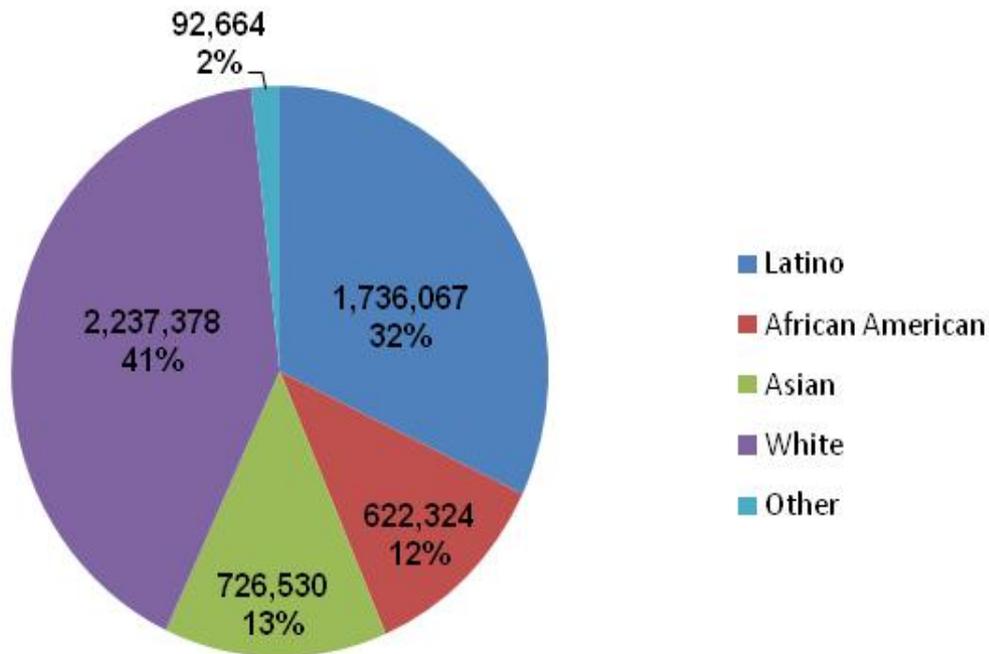
Los Angeles County

- Largest population in the United States
- 4,082 square miles
- 88 cities
- Over 500 political subdivisions
- Recognized for its cultural and ethnic diversity
 - Minority language requirement
 - Six language in addition to English
- Help America Vote Act
 - Second-chance voting requirement
 - Accessible voting devices



Snapshot of the County's Diversity

Los Angeles County's Voting Age Citizens



LA County Elections provide language assistance in six languages other than English:

- Chinese
- Japanese
- Korean
- Spanish
- Tagalog/Filipino
- Vietnamese

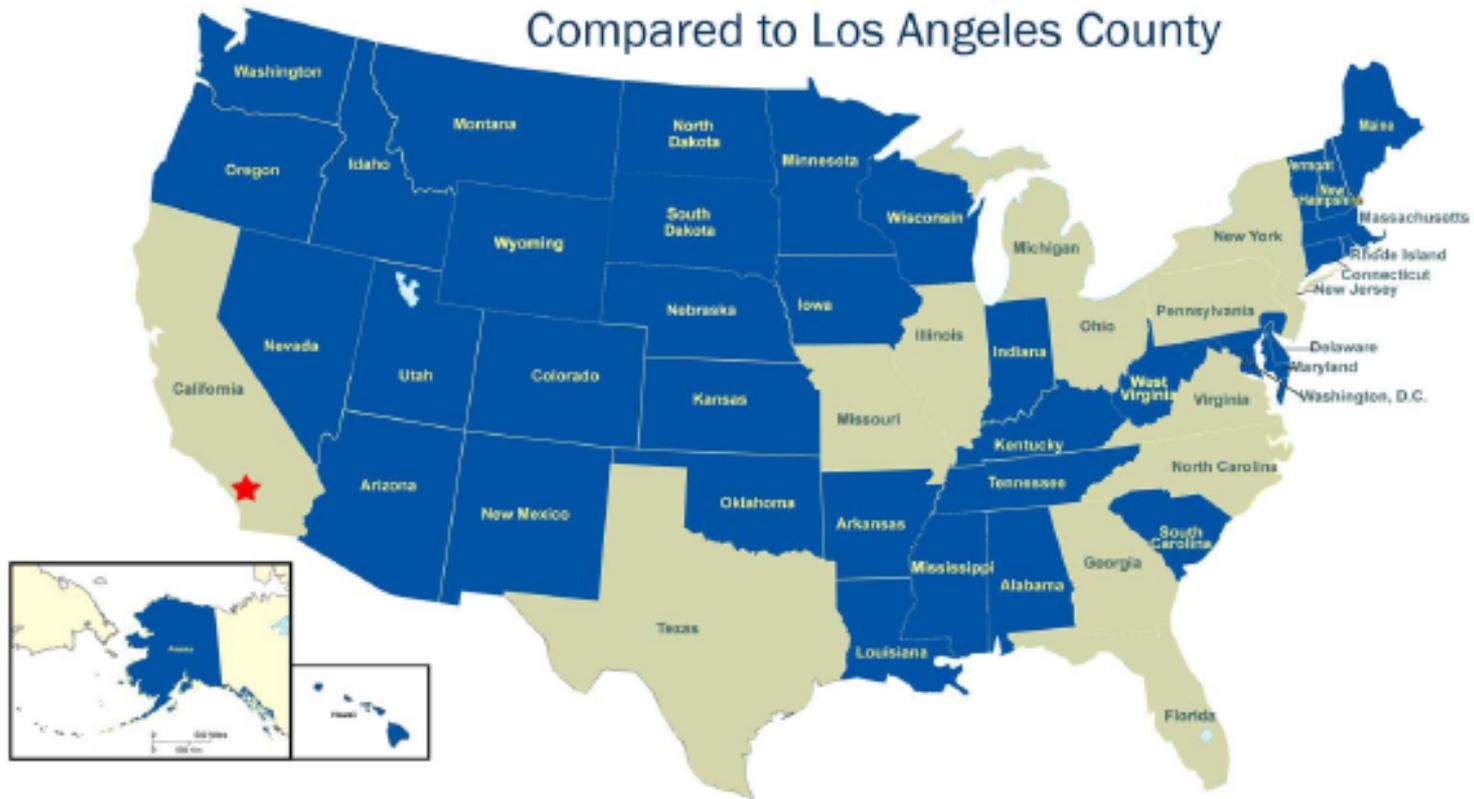


Los Angeles County (2008)

- **4.3 million** registered voters
 - 4,883 precincts
 - 4,394 polling locations
 - 3,368,057 ballots cast
 - 2,557,835 @ polls (76%)
 - 810,222 Vote by Mail & Early Voting (24%)
 - Single Early Voting Location
 - 33,581 early voting ballots cast
 - 1,343 average number per day
 - 4,939 highest volume day – Nov. 1



U.S. States With Fewer Registered Voters Compared to Los Angeles County



■ LA County ■ Fewer Registered Voters ■ More Registered Voters

Source: Websites of respective SOS Offices.



Voter Registration by Presidential Election Year (1968-2008)





Evolution of Current Voting System

- 1960's – IBM Mainframe Technology
- 1990's – MTS on DOS Computers
- 2000 – Touchscreen Early Voting
- 2003 – InkaVote
- 2006 – InkaVote Plus



1990's - Microcomputer Tally System on DOS Personal Computers





What is VSAP? (Voting System Assessment Project)

- Citizens and stakeholders define the needs to be met by a voting system
- Citizens and stakeholder input define overarching principles for procurement development strategy
- RR/CC assess current state of voting system
- Platform for a partnership with other elections officials and regulators

Mission: Establish a new participatory approach that initiates the process of voting systems development with public input to ensure the “people” element is well balanced with those of “technology” and “regulations.”



Voting System Assessment Project: Goal

Compile data from our citizenry, poll workers, advocates, line staff, technology experts, and other stake holders, to inform development of guiding principles and requirements for future voting system.



VSAP: Civic Engagement Strategy

Kick off stakeholder symposium - Gathering of 70+ stakeholders (voters, community organizations, advocates, city election officials, academics)

Key Informant discussions

Pollworkers; Registrar of Voters staff; City Election Officials; Technology and Policy Experts

Community forums - Community input within indigenous community settings and coordinated by a trusted entity/organization.

Opinion research – Focus groups

Student round tables – Engage future voters at local high schools and community colleges