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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

The Department is pleased to provide you with a brief summary of the additional steps that have been taken to ensure the County's volunteer pollworkers are well trained and prepared for all contingencies.

For the November 5, 2002 Gubernatorial General Election, it was decided that the Precinct Officer workshops would be conducted on a continuing basis from October 5, 2002 through November 3, 2002. Classes, for the first time, will be held on all Sundays during the training period and on a holiday, October 14, Columbus Day. Additionally, many evening classes will be held that will allow the general workforce and participants of the County Pollworker Program ample opportunity to attend.

There are 325 scheduled classes at 78 locations with more evening classes being conducted than ever before. City Clerks have been extremely accommodating in providing council chambers until 9:00 p.m. during the week. Daniel Juarez, City Clerk of Hawthorne, has made that city's council chambers available on a Sunday.

Libraries with meeting rooms are one of the most reliable venues available for Precinct Officer workshops. Libraries are located throughout Los Angeles County and an effort has been made to secure the largest ones available in a given area. Sundays are even available at many libraries and community rooms in shopping malls have been secured for some Sundays.

In addition to more evening and weekend classes, this election training schedule offers twice as many classes providing language assistance. Interpreters will be available to assist Precinct Officers with explanations of election procedures in six languages other than English.

For this election, there will be three training dates in the Downtown area. There will be two dates at the Los Angeles County Hall of Administration and one day at Patriotic Hall, making attendance at a workshop very convenient for those participating in the County Pollworker Program. Thursday, October 17, three classes will be conducted at Patriotic Hall. Three classes are also scheduled to be held Friday, November 1, in Room #140 of the Hall of Administration. All of these workshops are open to the public as well as County employees and the Precinct Officer Workshop Schedule should be consulted for exact class times. The date of Thursday, October 24, has been reserved for County employees participating in the County Pollworker Program. Workshops will again be held in Room 140 of the Hall of Administration and will be 90 minutes in length. The workshop for Inspectors is to begin at 9:30 a.m. Those designated as Clerks should try to attend the workshop from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A final class will be held beginning at 2:00 p.m., for those Precinct Officers, of both job classifications, unable to attend the earlier sessions.

During the final weeks of training large turnouts are anticipated as we expect that this Precinct Officer Workshop Schedule will be well received. However, with the addition of extra dates on weekends and evenings, we are confident that our training program will accommodate the more than 20,000 pollworkers and provide them with the knowledge to run a successful polling place.

Sincerely,

CONNY B. McCORMACK Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk