CLARK COUNTY ELECTION DEPARTMENT

FUTURE OF CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS BRIEF – EARLY VOTING & VOTE CENTERS

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Clark County Early Voting

• Throughout the US, the number one reason voters say they do not vote is they are too busy.

• Early Voting provides voters more access to the voting process by providing more opportunities for them to find a time and location that is convenient for them to vote.
Clark County Early Voting

• Implemented in 1994 (358K ARV)
  – 10,663 early voters (4.9% of those who voted)
  – 1 long term site ; 7 temporary mobile locations
  – 9,260 voted at long term site ; 1,403 temporary mobile locations
Clark County Early Voting

• 2016 General Numbers (1 million ARV)
  – 488,972 early voters (63.6% of those who voted)
  – 13 long term sites; 16 temporary mobile locations (84 temp. mobile sites county wide)
  – 246K at long term sites; 242K at temporary mobile locations
| Year   | Active Registration  | % Increase | Election Day Turnout | % | Early Voting Turnout | % | Mail Turnout | % | % Reg Voter Turnout | TOTAL Turnout | Election Day Turnout | % | Early Voting Turnout | % | Mail Turnout | % |
|--------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|---|--------------|---|------------------|--------------|------------------|---|------------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|
| 2000   | 555,722              | 28%        | 167,317              | 30.11% | 167,522              | 30.14% | 49,933       | 8.99% | 69.24%          | 384,772      | 43.48%          |    | 43.54%          |    | 12.98%       |    |
| 2004   | 684,313              | 23%        | 222,036              | 32.45% | 271,465              | 39.67% | 53,357       | 7.80%  | 79.91%          | 546,858      | 40.60%          |    | 49.64%          |    | 9.76%        |    |
| 2008   | 815,190              | 19%        | 210,264              | 25.79% | 391,805              | 48.06% | 50,718       | 6.22%  | 80.08%          | 652,787      | 32.21%          |    | 60.02%          |    | 7.77%        |    |
| 2012   | 852,413              | 4%         | 205,693              | 24.13% | 436,568              | 51.22% | 50,001       | 5.87%  | 81.21%          | 692,262      | 29.71%          |    | 63.06%          |    | 7.22%        |    |
| 2016   | 1,019,287            | 20%        | 235,119              | 23.07% | 488,972              | 47.97% | 44,453       | 4.36%  | 75.40%          | 768,544      | 30.59%          |    | 63.62%          |    | 5.78%        |    |
Criteria for Selecting EV Sites

• Polling places must be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

• To the extent possible, polling places are located throughout the county based upon the distribution of registered voters so that residents of all communities have an opportunity to participate in the Early Voting program.

• Polling places will be selected to ensure, to the extent it is consistent with criteria #1 and #2, the efficient use of early voting personnel and equipment.
Early Voting Challenges

• Keeping Long Term Sites
  – Electioneering
  – Petition activity

• Scheduling conflicts at facilities (private and public)

• Connectivity

• Poll workers qualified to work laptops

• Keeping politics out of site selection and voting schedules

• Dealing with Growth
  – Clark County population has grown from 972,624 in 1994 to 2,205,207 in 2016 (CC Comprehensive Planning)
Use of Construction and Mobile Trailers for Voting

• Provides tool for addressing access to EV in areas where there currently are no facilities capable of supporting voting activity.
• Ability to target specific areas of the County.
• Provides for flexibility in scheduling.
Trailer Logistics

Construction Trailers
- Hard surface for ADA compliance
- Permitting
  - Trailers must be setup one month in advance to provide for inspection scheduling
- Heating and cooling
- Access for trailer delivery
- Power (generator)
- Connectivity
- Security
- Liability / Certificate of Insurance

Mobile Trailers
- Hard surface for ADA compliance
- Heating and cooling
- Access for trailer delivery
- Power (generator)
- Connectivity
- Security
- Liability / Certificate of Insurance
Early Voting Promotional Activities

- Printed Handouts
  - Rack cards, bag stuffers, brochures, and book marks for libraries
- Roadside Advertising
  - Bus stop posters, billboard posters
- Printed
  - Sample ballot, newspaper ads, community, and newsletters
- Radio (English, Spanish, and Filipino)
- Mail
  - NV Power, Cox, Sprint, and LV Water District
- TV
- Other
  - Anderson Dairy
  - County vehicles
  - In house posters prepared for all sites
VOTE EARLY
ALL CLARK COUNTY VOTERS
LA BONITA SUPERMARKET
Rainbow / Flamingo
OCTOBER 26 - 27
Wednesday - Thursday
9am - 7pm
26 - 27 DE OCTUBRE, MIÉRCOLES - JUEVES
www.clarkcounty_nv.gov/vote
(702) 455-VOTE (8683) (702) 455-3666 (español) (702) 455-7871 (Filipino / Tagalog) 711 (TTY/TDD)
VOTE TEMPRANO
TODO VOTANTE DEL CONDADO DE CLARK
Early Voting Benefits

• No matter how busy the voter is, during the early voting period, the voter will have the opportunity to vote.
  – Voters have no excuse in Clark County

• Cost savings to taxpayer:
  – Fewer machines to support
  – Fewer polling places

• No lines on Election Day.
Vote Centers

• 2007 First Election Henderson
  – 15 sites; 4,419 voters

• 2015
  – 10 sites; 4,679 voters

• 2017 All Cities Utilizing
  – 36 sites (four cities; April 4th election)
Vote Center Challenges

• Implementation costs
  – Electronic poll book
  – Software
  – IT Support

• Determining how many locations are sufficient
  – 2 mile radius in non-commercial areas
  – Additional sites where ED turnout is heavier

• Inability to predict turnout at sites
  – Minimum of 20 machines per site

• Connectivity

• Finding qualified laptop operators
Vote Center Benefits

- More access for voters on ED.
- No paper rosters.
- Real time data available to general public.
- Cost savings.
- Hoping for full implementation in 2018 election cycle – Pending commission approval.
Contact Information

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