



City of Long Beach

Elections Oversight Committee

Consolidated Elections: June – November

November 30, 2010



Overview

1. Election Cycles

- Previously discussed alternatives by EOC
- Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, San Francisco, Fresno, Sacramento, Oakland (IRV)

2. Decision Considerations (unique to region)

- Municipal Elections vs. Consolidation with Statewide
- Accountability, Transparency, Systems, Local Focus, and Costs

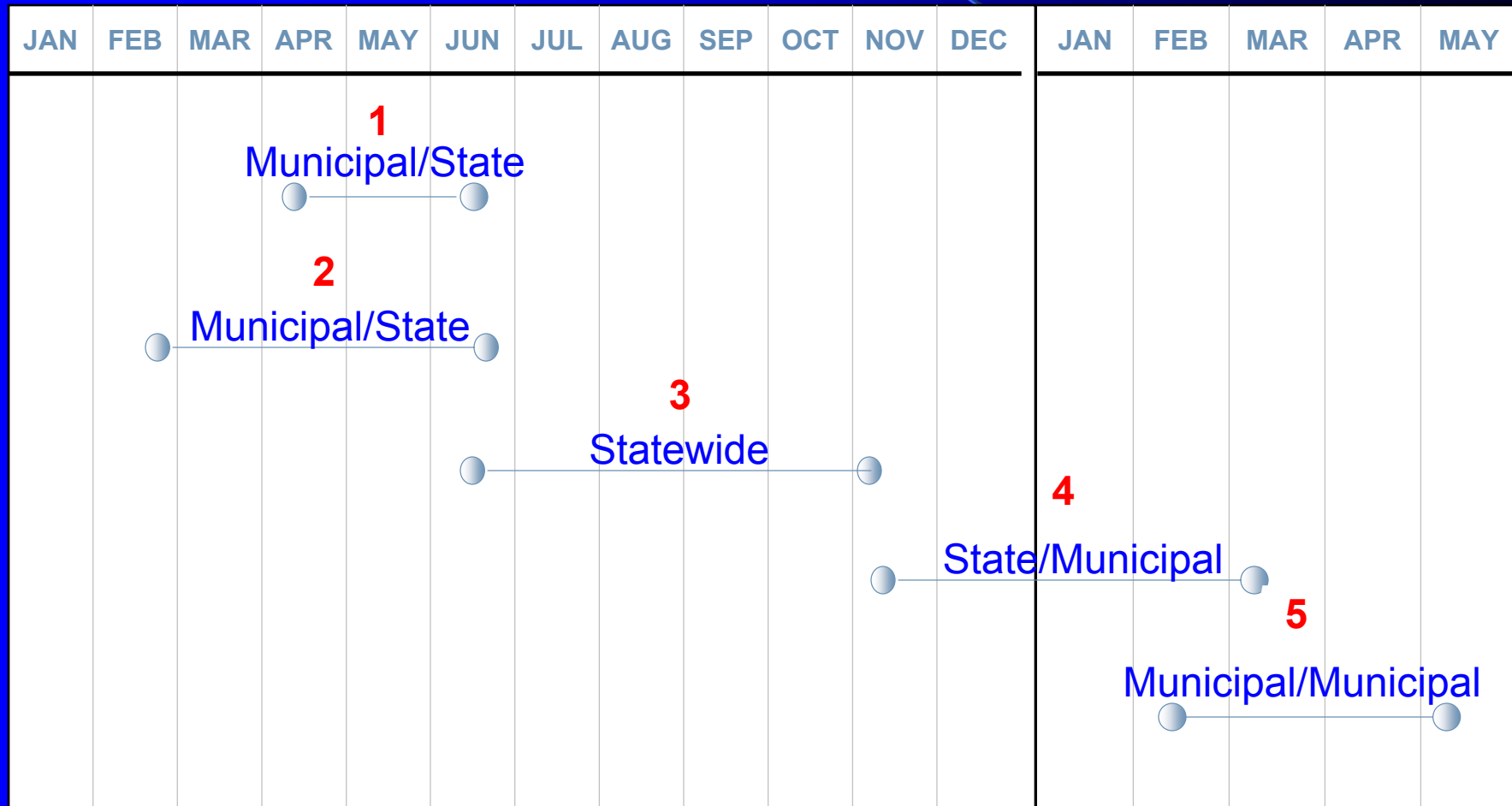
3. Pro/Con of June November Election Cycle



Previously Discussed Alternatives

Even Year

Odd-Year





Large City Municipal Election Cycles

Population Rank:	City:	Election Date
1	Los Angeles	Odd-year: March - May
2	San Diego	Even-year: June – November
3	San Jose	Even-year: June – November
4	San Francisco	Every year: November - IRV
5	Long Beach	Even-year: April – June.
6	Fresno	Even-year: June – November
7	Sacramento	Even-year: June – November
8	Oakland	Even-year: November - IRV



Decision Considerations

Accountability

Where does accountability rest?

Transparency

How transparent is consolidation?

Systems

What systems differences are involved?

Local Focus

How is local focus affected by consolidation?

Costs

What cost distinctions exist?



Accountability

Where does accountability rest?

Consideration

City

Consolidated

Authority

Mayor & Council, City Clerk, City Attorney

County Board, CEO, Registrar, Secretary of State

Interpretation of Election Law

City Attorney interprets Charter & Elections Code

County Counsel interprets Elections Code

Access

Full access to Tally, VBM, PAV, Recounts, & Canvass

Norwalk



Transparency

How transparent is the system?

Consideration

City

Consolidated

Security

City Hall is secure for all aspects of the election process

County offices are in Norwalk

Ballot Count

City controls precinct, VBM, PAV, mandatory recounts, with system supported audit trail

County systems apply

Accessible

City Clerk Department
First Floor

County liaison serves as City's contact person



Systems

What system differences are involved?

Consideration

Voting for Listed
and Write-in
Candidates

Sample Ballot

System Status

City

Larger ballot with
ballot resolution
mitigates need for
recounts

Bilingual Spanish –
By request Khmer,
Tagalog,
Vietnamese,
Korean

Technology
upgradeable to
SOS certified DRE

Consolidated

IBM Card –
Different write-in
candidate process

English only –
foreign languages
by request

Interim System to
be replaced in 2 to
6 years



Official Ballot Comparison

City Ballot

Consolidated Ballot

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
STATEWIDE SPECIAL AND
CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS
May 19, 2009
County of Los Angeles

002794

Fill in bubble completely
using dark blue or black ink only.

THIS BALLOT MUST BE REMOVED AND RETURNED BY THE VOTER.

1	27	93	79	189	131	157	183	289	239	261	287
2	28	94	80	190	132	158	184	290	240	262	288
3	29	95	81	191	133	159	185	291	241	263	289
4	30	96	82	192	134	160	186	292	242	264	290
5	31	97	83	193	135	161	187	293	243	265	291
6	32	98	84	194	136	162	188	294	244	266	292
7	33	99	85	195	137	163	189	295	245	267	293
8	34	00	86	196	138	164	190	296	246	268	294
9	35	01	87	197	139	165	191	297	247	269	295
10	36	02	88	198	140	166	192	298	248	270	296
11	37	03	89	199	141	167	193	299	249	271	297
12	38	04	90	200	142	168	194	300	250	272	298
13	39	05	91	201	143	169	195	301	251	273	299
14	40	06	92	202	144	170	196	302	252	274	300
15	41	07	93	203	145	171	197	303	253	275	301
16	42	08	94	204	146	172	198	304	254	276	302
17	43	09	95	205	147	173	199	305	255	277	303
18	44	10	96	206	148	174	200	306	256	278	304
19	45	11	97	207	149	175	201	307	257	279	305
20	46	12	98	208	150	176	202	308	258	280	306
21	47	13	99	209	151	177	203	309	259	281	307
22	48	14	00	210	152	178	204	310	260	282	308
23	49	15	01	211	153	179	205	311	261	283	309
24	50	16	02	212	154	180	206	312	262	284	310
25	51	17	03	213	155	181	207	313	263	285	311
26	52	18	04	214	156	182	208	314	264	286	312

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

GROUP NO. 288

No. 1
Precinct: 385007A
BT: 1

Please remove and discard stub
Favor de desprender y desechar el talón

Instructions Instrucciones

- Use a black or blue ink pen to fill in the rectangle next to your choice. Blacken the rectangle completely, without making stray marks outside of the rectangle.
Use un lápiz o una pluma de tinta azul o negra para rellenar el cuadro de la opción que elija. Oscurece el cuadro completamente, sin hacer marcas fuera del cuadro.
- write-in
To add a candidate, fill in the rectangle next to the option "write-in" and print clearly on the line.
Para agregar un candidato, llena el cuadro al lado de la opción "Candidato inscrito" y escriba su nombre claramente en la línea.
- Insert the completed ballot into the ballot sleeves.
Clip only the ballot into deposit box, and hand the stub to the poll workers.
Coloque el boleto terminado dentro de la caja de la boleta.
Conecte solamente el boleto al cajón de depósito y entregue el sobrante a los trabajadores de la boleta.

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PROOF

Official Ballot / Boleto Electoral Oficial
City of Long Beach
April 07, 2009 - 7 de abril de 2009
Special Municipal Election / Elección Municipal Especial
Precinct / Distrito 385007A

Council Member, District 1
Vota for One
Miembro del Concejo Municipal, Distrito 1
Vote Por Uno

- Robert Garcia
College Educator
Educador de Colegio
- William Francisco Grisolia
Senior Legal Specialist
Especialista Jurídico Superior
- Eduardo Lara
Educator
Educador
- Jana Shields
Linguist
Lingüista
- Evan Anderson Braudo
Consumer Attorney
Abogado Defensor del Consumidor
- Rick Berry
Product Management Consultant
Consultor de Administración de Productos
- Mui Tagolana
Pastor, Teacher, Realtor
Pastor, Maestro, Corredor de Bienes Raíces
- Write-in / Candidato Inscrito

10000020110026
000000000169
0793031164



Sample Ballot

City Sample Ballot

Consolidated Sample Ballot

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General Election
November 4, 2008

REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
VOTE YOU COUNT!
www.lavote.net
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Find Your Polling Place:

- On back cover of this booklet
- On the web - www.lavote.net
- By calling 1-800-815-2666

Or Vote By Mail

DEAN C. LOGAN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
12445 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, NORTHWALK, CA 90850
TELEPHONE: (818) 473-4673
INTERNET: www.lavote.net

• POLLS OPEN AT 7 A.M., AND CLOSE AT 8 P.M.
• MARK YOUR CHOICES IN THIS BOOKLET AND
TAKE IT WITH YOU TO YOUR VOTING LOCATION

CITY OF LONG BEACH
Official Sample Ballot
& Voter Information Pamphlet

SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
Tuesday, April 7, 2009
Polls Open at 7 a.m. and Close at 8 p.m.

NOTE: Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application is on the back cover.

POLLING PLACE: Your polling place may have changed!
See back cover for your polling place location.

CIUDAD DE LONG BEACH
Boleta Electoral de Muestra
y folleto de información para el votante

ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL ESPECIAL
Martes, 7 de abril de 2009
*Los centros electorales abren a las siete de la mañana
y cierran a las ocho de la tarde*

AVISO: La solicitud para "Votar por Correo" está en
la contraportada.

CENTROS ELECTORALES: ¡Es posible que haya cambiado su
centro electoral! *Vea la contraportada para encontrar el
centro electoral.*

Council District 1
Distrito 1 del Concejo Municipal



Local Focus

How is local focus affected by consolidation?

Consideration

City

Consolidated

Responsiveness

High priority and Charter driven for benefit of voters, candidates & measures

Part of an election with 4,770 polls, partisan primaries, 183 candidates and measures

Voter Perspective

Top of ticket – City emphasis

Bottom of ticket affected by outside trends & February Presidential Primary

Voter Turnout

April PNE higher or equal to June SWP in competitive years

Potentially 15% lower due to down ticket effect



Local Focus

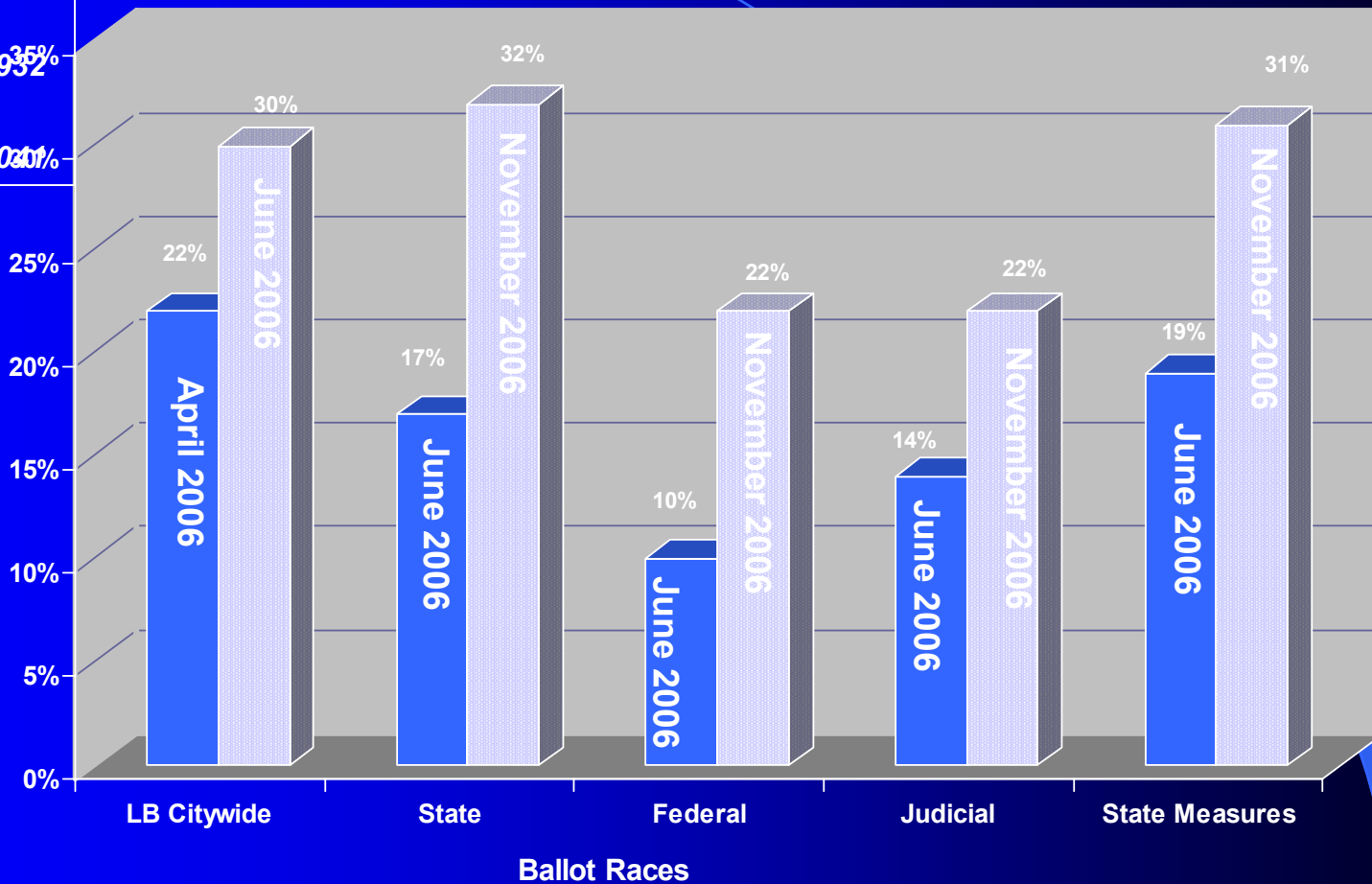
Voter Turnout -- Down Ticket Effect 2006

Registered
in Primary = 192,932 ^{35%}

Registered
in General = 205,000 ^{41%}

Average Votes
Cast

- Primary Election
(County Vote Cast 21%)
- General Election
(County Vote Cast 34%)





Local Focus

Voter Turnout -- Down Ticket Effect 2008

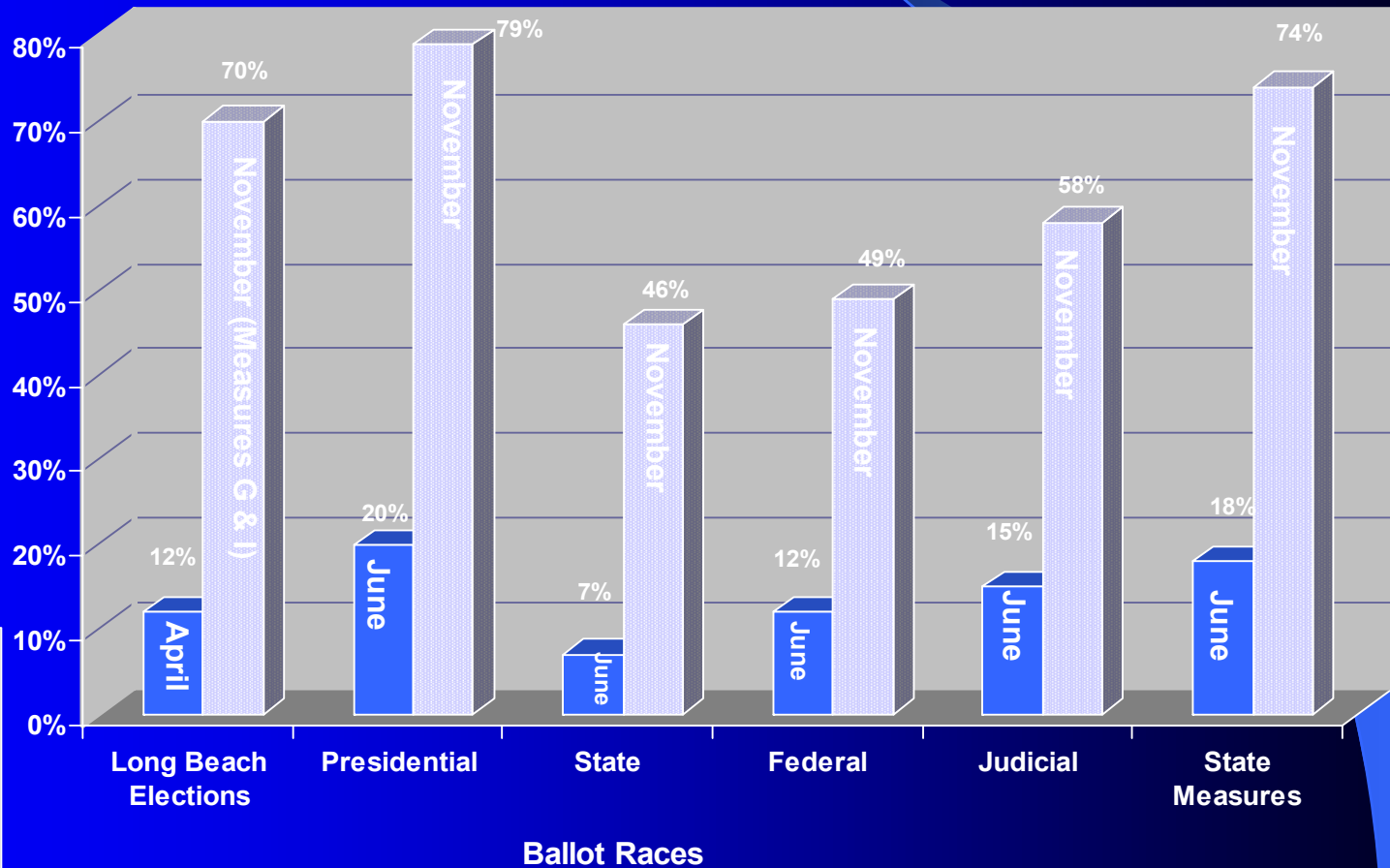
Registered
in Primary =202,443

Registered
in General =203,735

Average Votes
Cast

Primary Election
(Vote Cast 20%)

General Election
(Vote Cast 80%)





Local Focus

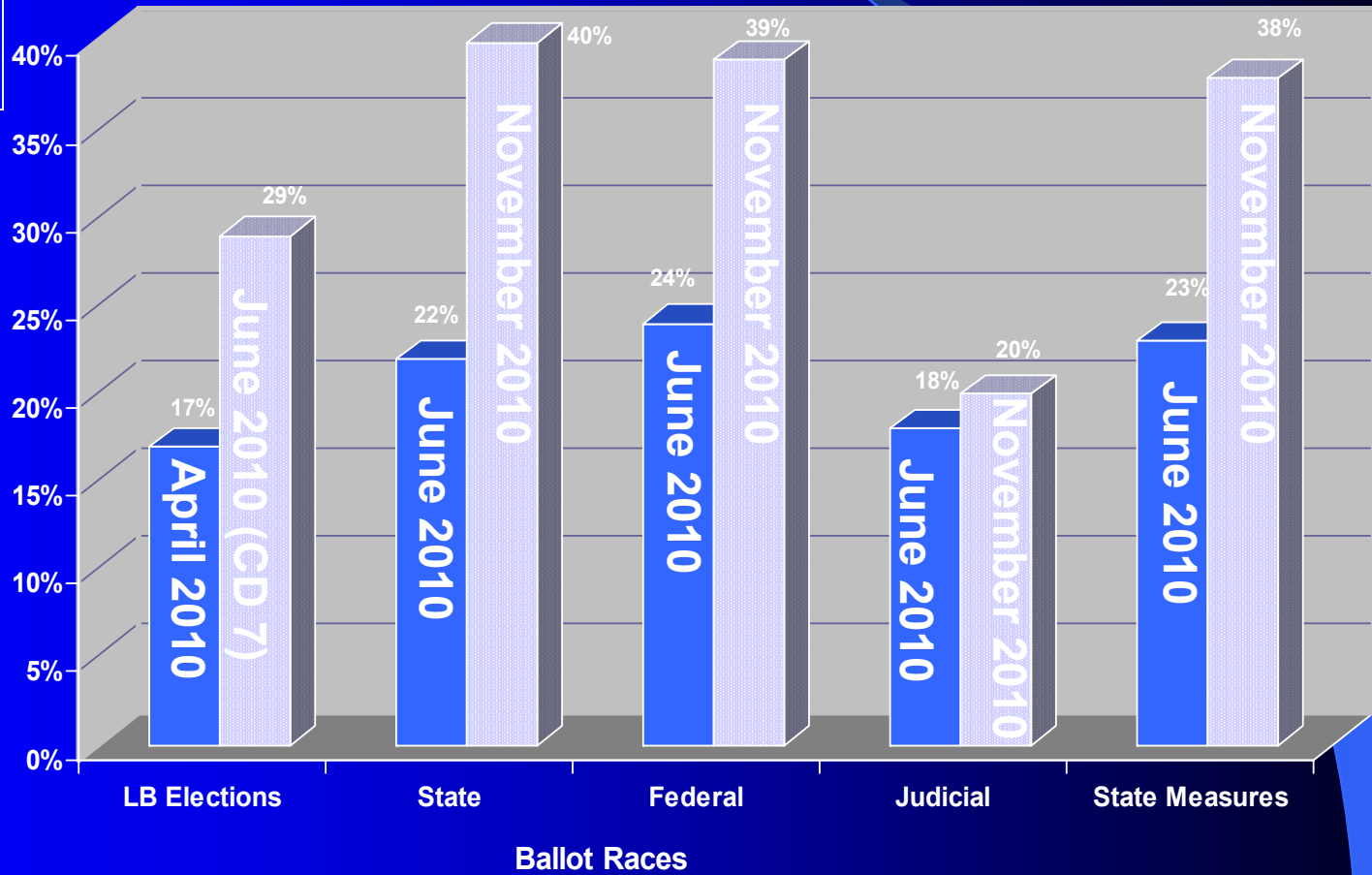
Voter Turnout – Down Ticket Effect 2010

Registered
in Primary = 212,597

Registered
in General = 217,816

Average Votes
Cast

- Primary Election
(County Vote Cast 25%)
- General Election
(County Vote Cast 40%)





Write In Candidate Voting

A Consolidated Write-in Ballot

Write-In Voting Instructions

(Write-in votes are valid for qualified write-in candidates only)

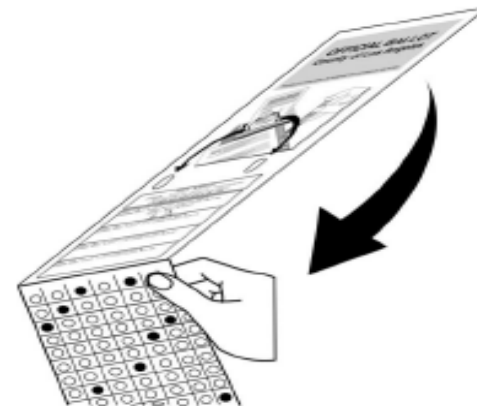
TO VOTE FOR A PERSON NOT LISTED ON THE BALLOT:



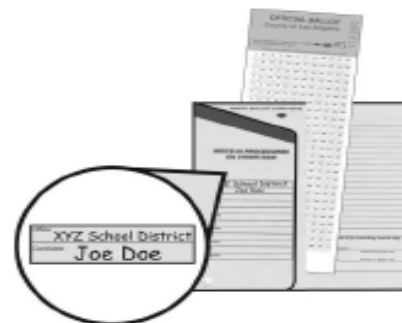
POLLING PLACE VOTING: Write both the qualified candidate's office title and name in the space provided on the write-in long stub portion of ballot.

VOTING BY MAIL: Write both the qualified candidate's office title and name on the inside of the gray write-in ballot secrecy sleeve.

Enclose ballot card in write-in ballot secrecy sleeve and place in lavender return envelope.



Fold stub over voted portion of ballot and return to pollworker.





Write In Candidate Voting

A Consolidated Vote By Mail Write-in Ballot

INSERT BALLOT CARD HERE

**WRITE-IN PROCEDURES
ON OTHER SIDE**

office
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candidate

To be filled in by counting board only.

Party Affiliation _____ PRIMARY ELECTION ONLY

Group No. _____ Write-in Ballot No. _____



Costs

What cost distinctions exist?

<u>Consideration</u>	<u>City*</u>	<u>Consolidation**</u>
Cost Per Voter	April 2010: \$5.27 April 2010 Net: \$.3.07	June: \$5.03 June Net: \$1.93 November Net: \$1.72
Future Costs	Stable but variable re: contests and registered voters	Higher upon system replacement
Reimbursement and Control of Vendors	LBUSD & LBCCD SB 90 Bill \$887,316 since FY 2000	Cost prorated amongst participating agencies

* Actual costs shown. ** Estimated costs shown.



June – November Election Cycle Issues

Pro

- One countywide voting system
- Higher voter turnout in November
- Short Term cost savings
- Local focus

Con

- No guarantee for June
- Higher long term costs
- Lengthy campaigns
- Bottom of partisan ballot
- Later reporting of final results - 28 day canvass
- Write-in candidate process
- Down ticket “effect”
- Charter change re: term start date



Recommended Action:

1. Maintain status quo;
2. Review full consolidation upon implementation of a new countywide voting system;
3. Consider further discussion of odd-year elections cost savings.