



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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CONNOR B. McCORMACK
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

October 2, 2002

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

Dear Supervisors:

**AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES TIMES
& VOTER NEWS SERVICE
FOR 2002 GENERAL ELECTION SNAP TALLIES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTE)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and Instruct Chairman to sign agreements with Los Angeles Times and Voter News Service for the County to conduct snap tally services in 45 of the 4,922 precincts throughout the County in the November 5, 2002 General Election.
2. All costs associated with these procedures will be reimbursed by Los Angeles Times and Voter News Service.

Purpose of Recommended Action:

For many years, Los Angeles County has made snap tally services available to the news media to enable them to establish voting trends in certain election contests.

Justification:

Snap tallies are specifically authorized by Elections Code sections 14440-14443.

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Fiscal Impact:

Los Angeles Times and Voter News Service will pay all costs associated with the snap tally process.

Financing:

(Not applicable)

Facts And Provisions/Legal Requirements:

Snap tallies do not interfere with the conduct of the election. Snap tallies will take place after all of the polls have closed and will not in any way delay the County's tally of election results. As your Board has been concerned in the past with early release of exit polling results, I have attached a statement from Los Angeles Times and Voter News Service reaffirming their policy of not releasing such results until all of the polls in the State of California have closed.

Respectfully submitted,

CONNOR B. McCORMACK
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Attachment (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

SNAP TALLY AGREEMENT

This agreement is made this _____ day of _____, 2002, by and between the County of Los Angeles (COUNTY) and Los Angeles Times, hereinafter referred to as TIMES.

W H E R E A S

- A. The results of the November 5 General Election for candidates for Governor and Propositions 49 and 52 are of more than ordinary interest to the citizens of the County of Los Angeles; and
- B. TIMES has the capability for prompt dissemination of election returns to the public; and
- C. COUNTY desires the prompt public dissemination of such information; and
- D. TIMES desires to disseminate such information at the earliest lawful and possible time on November 5, 2002, and is willing to assist financially in conducting an unofficial count of ballots in certain selected precincts for that purpose; and

- E. Chapter 4 of Article 4 (Sections 14440-14443) of the California Elections Code permits such a count;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. COUNTY agrees to conduct an unofficial count of the election ballots cast for Governor and Propositions 49 and 52 in each of specified precincts in COUNTY'S territory promptly upon the completion, in each respective polling place, of the balloting.
2. Attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set forth in full is a list of precincts selected, totaling 14.
3. The precinct board of each designated precinct shall consist of not more than six members, each of whom shall be informed by COUNTY to conduct said unofficial count in their precinct and make the results of the count available to TIMES.
4. Each of the precinct board members shall receive from the COUNTY, in addition to the regular compensation of a member of a precinct board of the County of Los Angeles, further compensation in the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the additional training and services required pursuant to this agreement.

5. Upon completing the unofficial ballot count, the inspector of a designated precinct shall promptly do or cause to be done in any reasonable sequence, each of the following:
 - a) Announce the results of the count to the designated representative of TIMES who is then present at the polling place.
 - b) Post the results of the count, written on a form furnished by COUNTY for that purpose, at the door of the polling place.
 - c) Return to COUNTY, when election supplies are checked in, a copy of the results of the count on a form furnished by COUNTY.

6. In consideration of COUNTY'S services as set forth in this agreement, TIMES shall pay to COUNTY the cost of COUNTY'S services. For the purposes of this agreement, the actual cost of the COUNTY'S services shall be computed by COUNTY; the maximum liability of TIMES under this agreement shall not exceed \$3,500.

7. No employee or representative of TIMES shall interfere in any way with the unofficial ballot count or any of the official election activities of COUNTY.

8. TIMES agrees to abide by Section 15152 of the California Elections Code that forbids the release of any vote count if the polls in any count in California are required to remain open beyond 8 p.m. Such vote results will not be released unless and until all polls are officially closed.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Agreement to be subscribed by its Chair and the seal of said Board to be hereto affixed and attested by the Executive Officer-Clerk thereof, and Los Angeles Times has respectively caused this Agreement to be subscribed in its respective behalf by the duly authorized officer, on the date first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer –
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____

LOS ANGELES TIMES

By _____

Title _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LLOYD W. PELLMAN, COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____

Halvor S. Melom
Principal Deputy County Counsel

ATTACHMENT

LOS ANGELES TIMES SNAP TALLY PRECINCTS

GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Count Governor
 Propositions 49 and 52

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>CITY/TOWN</u>
0750003A	Bellflower
0750016A	Bellflower
0950029A	Burbank
1600024A	Culver City
2600058B	Glendora
3800010A	Lomita
5150102A	Pasadena
5230016A	Pico Rivera
5530015A	Rancho Palos Verdes
9001757A	Los Angeles
9001910A	Los Angeles
9004230A	Los Angeles
9005188A	Los Angeles
9007939A	Los Angeles

SNAP TALLY AGREEMENT

This agreement is made this _____ day of _____, 2002, by and between the County of Los Angeles (COUNTY) and Voter News Service, hereinafter referred to as VNS.

W H E R E A S

- A. The results of the November 5 General Election for candidates for Governor are of more than ordinary interest to the citizens of the County of Los Angeles; and
- B. VNS has the capability for prompt dissemination of election returns to the public; and
- C. COUNTY desires the prompt public dissemination of such information; and
- D. VNS desires to disseminate such information at the earliest lawful and possible time on November 5, 2002, and is willing to assist financially in conducting an unofficial count of ballots in certain selected precincts for that purpose; and

E. Chapter 4 of Article 4 (Sections 14440-14443) of the California Elections Code permits such a count;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. COUNTY agrees to conduct an unofficial count of the election ballots cast for Governor in each of specified precincts in COUNTY'S territory promptly upon the completion, in each respective polling place, of the balloting.
2. Attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set forth in full is a list of precincts selected, totaling 31.
3. The precinct board of each designated precinct shall consist of not more than six members, each of whom shall be informed by COUNTY to conduct said unofficial count in their precinct and make the results of the count available to VNS.
4. Each of the precinct board members shall receive from the COUNTY, in addition to the regular compensation of a member of a precinct board of the County of Los Angeles, further compensation in the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the additional training and services required pursuant to this agreement.

5. Upon completing the unofficial ballot count, the inspector of a designated precinct shall promptly do or cause to be done in any reasonable sequence, each of the following:
 - a) Announce the results of the count to the designated representative of VNS who is then present at the polling place.
 - b) Post the results of the count, written on a form furnished by COUNTY for that purpose, at the door of the polling place.
 - c) Return to COUNTY, when election supplies are checked in, a copy of the results of the count on a form furnished by COUNTY.

6. In consideration of COUNTY'S services as set forth in this agreement, VNS shall pay to COUNTY the cost of COUNTY'S services. For the purposes of this agreement, the actual cost of the COUNTY'S services shall be computed by COUNTY; the maximum liability of VNS under this agreement shall not exceed \$7,000.

7. No employee or representative of VNS shall interfere in any way with the unofficial ballot count or any of the official election activities of COUNTY.

8. VNS agrees to abide by Section 15152 of the California Elections Code that forbids the release of any vote count if the polls in any count in California are required to remain open beyond 8 p.m. Such vote results will not be released unless and until all polls are officially closed.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Agreement to be subscribed by its Chair and the seal of said Board to be hereto affixed and attested by the Executive Officer-Clerk thereof, and Voter News Service has respectively caused this Agreement to be subscribed in its respective behalf by the duly authorized officer, on the date first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer –
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____

VOTER NEWS SERVICE

By _____

Title _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LLOYD W. PELLMAN, COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____

Halvor S. Melom
Principal Deputy County Counsel

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VOTER NEWS SERVICE SNAP TALLY PRECINCTS

GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Count Governor

PRECINCT

CITY/TOWN

0750041A

Bellflower

0800009A

Bell Gardens

1600044A

Culver City

1850102A

Downey

1940009A

East Arcadia

2500018A

Gardena

2500031A

Gardena

2550027A

Glendale

3450001A

Lakewood

3550048A

Lancaster

3850128A

Long Beach

3850630A

Long Beach

4450065A

Montebello

5150017A

Pasadena

5850077A

Rowland Heights

6220106A

Santa Clarita

7680012A

West Carson

7750030A

West Hollywood

7770020A

Westlake Village

9000053A

Los Angeles

9000088A

Los Angeles

9000500A

Los Angeles

9000616A

Los Angeles

9000760A

Los Angeles

9001782A

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9002482A

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9002952A

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9006313A

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9006503A

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9006602A

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