



ALEX PADILLA
CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

March 5, 2020

Dean C. Logan
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Los Angeles County
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

Dear Mr. Logan:

As the Chief Elections Officer for State of California, I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding Los Angeles County's administration of the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. Reports from election observers, complaints to the statewide voter hotline, and media stories make it clear that many Los Angeles County voters faced long wait times which could have been avoided.

As you know, 15 counties, including Los Angeles, conducted elections under the Voter's Choice Act yesterday. In the 14 other Voter's Choice Act counties, every voter was mailed a ballot 29 days in advance of the election. Los Angeles should do the same. I am calling on your office to take the necessary steps to mail every registered voter a ballot 29 days prior to the November 3, 2020 General Election. This is just a first step in better addressing the needs of the largest, most diverse voting jurisdiction in the nation.

The Voter's Choice Act provides important tools that empower voters — early voting opportunities, the geographic flexibility created by vote centers, voting-by-mail, and Same Day Voter registration — but they must be deployed effectively. To ensure that Los Angeles County voters enjoy the full benefits of California's election reforms, I am asking your office to address the following concerns ahead of the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election:

- **Resources:** Some vote centers were understaffed and under-equipped. Response times to calls for service from vote center workers were too long.
- **Logistics:** The coordination of vote center set up, timely deployment of equipment and supplies, and availability of support for vote centers was lacking.

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- Training: Some vote center workers were insufficiently trained on voter check-in and voting system procedures.
- Voting Equipment: Many vote centers had voting machines and check-in stations that were not in use.

With only eight months until the November 3, 2020 General Election, it is critical that these issues are addressed in a timely and efficient manner.

My office will follow up soon with more specific requests for information regarding the issues outlined above. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Padilla". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alex" and last name "Padilla" clearly distinguishable.

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