



Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk **FACT SHEET**

Elections for the Special Reorganization of the San Fernando Valley and Hollywood Areas of the City of Los Angeles November 5, 2002

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has approved proposals for the special reorganization of the San Fernando Valley and Hollywood areas of the City of Los Angeles. Although approved by LAFCO, these proposals are still subject to protest proceedings and special elections. If approved by the voters, special reorganization of these areas will result in the detachment of these areas from the City of Los Angeles and the incorporation of these areas as new cities. The elections on the question of special reorganization of the San Fernando Valley and Hollywood areas, if called in a timely manner, will be conducted by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at the November 5, 2002 election. These elections will include the election of city council members for each new city, and for the San Fernando Valley, a mayor. The election for the San Fernando Valley special reorganization must first be "called" by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The election for the Hollywood special reorganization must first be "called" by the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

The Board of Supervisors may call the election for the San Fernando Valley special reorganization on July 25, 2002. LAFCO may call the election for the Hollywood special reorganization on July 31, 2002. **These dates may change.** It Is The Responsibility Of Every Person Intending To Request Nomination Papers For Either Of These Elections To Monitor Proceedings Before The County Board Of Supervisors Or LAFCO.

The information in this fact sheet is to provide **general** guidelines for candidates and other interested parties regarding these elections in anticipation that these elections will be called in a timely manner.



GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE ELECTIONS

WHAT WILL BE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE SPECIAL RE-ORGANIZATION ELECTIONS?

- **MEASURE(S):** At this time, the proposed measures allow voters to approve or not approve proposals for special reorganization for the San Fernando Valley area and the Hollywood area.

(Full text of each measure will be available at this site when approved by LAFCO and/or the Board of Supervisors.)

- **CANDIDATE(S):** Voters will be asked to vote for candidates for specific offices if they are residents within each area.

(Information on candidate's who have filed for office will be available on this website beginning upon the date the Board of Supervisors or LAFCO approves the election for the November ballot.)

WHO IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AND WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED VOTES NEEDED?

✓ **HOLLYWOOD AREA**

A majority of the votes cast in both the City of Los Angeles and the proposed Hollywood Special Reorganization area must approve the proposal for special reorganization. In addition to voting on the question of special reorganization, voters residing in Hollywood will also be asked to select five city council members. The city council candidates will be selected at large within the proposed Hollywood Special Reorganization area. The five candidates with the most votes win. State law does not provide for a run-off election.

✓ **SAN FERNANDO**

A majority of the votes cast in both the City of Los Angeles and the proposed Valley Special Reorganization area must approve the proposal for special reorganization. In addition to voting on the question of special reorganization, voters residing in the San Fernando Valley Special Reorganization area will also be asked to select a mayor and fourteen city council members. The mayor will be selected at large within the proposed San Fernando Valley Special Reorganization area and the city council members will be selected by district. The candidate in each district with the most votes wins. State law does not provide for a run-off election. Voters will also be asked to vote on the name of the new city.



GENERAL INFORMATION ON CANDIDATE FILING

What are the qualifications to be a candidate? Qualified candidates must reside in the geographical area making up the district from which elected. (Details regarding terms of office are specified in the individual measures to be voted on.)

Will there be filing fees? NO, there will not be any filing fees. Similarly, signatures in lieu of filing fees will not be required or accepted because filing fees do not apply.

How many nominating signatures will be required? 20 minimum - 30 maximum signatures.

When will candidates be able to apply for and receive candidate filing documents? The Election Code allows candidates to apply to receive candidate filing documents (such as nomination papers) by filling out a Candidate Registration and Qualification Form ("CRQ") beginning on Monday, July 15, 2002. **CRQs will not be accepted for filing, however, until the elections are officially called.** The Board of Supervisors may call the election for the special reorganization of the San Fernando Valley area on July 25, 2002. LAFCO may call the election for the Hollywood special reorganization on July 31, 2002. **Because these dates may change, candidates wishing to file for offices for the proposed new cities are strongly urged to call the RR/CC or check the RR/CC website (<http://www.lavote.net>) before coming to Norwalk to pick up candidate filing papers.**

Will I have to go to Norwalk to file for candidacy? Should elections for special reorganization be called by LAFCO and/or the Board of Supervisors, candidates will NOT necessarily have to come to the RR/CC office in Norwalk in person to file for candidacy. All documents may be processed using the RR/CC website and the U.S. Postal Service if a candidate so wishes, and many functions can be accomplished by an authorized agent. However, new candidates are encouraged to come to the Norwalk office in person so that Election Information staff may provide step-by-step assistance in candidate filing processing. Please call (562) 466-1310 or 1-800-481-8683 if you have questions regarding your filing.

Will there be a Calendar of Events? Yes. [Click the following link for the Calendar.](#)

Will it be possible to file documents and receive candidate filing documents at the RR/CC Van Nuys District Office? NO. Candidate services at district offices are not available at this time.

★ **GENERAL INFORMATION ON FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE DOCUMENTS**

Where should I file my campaign finance documents? For the Special Reorganization Elections on November 5, 2002 **ALL** Campaign Finance documents required are to be filed with the City of Los Angeles Ethics Commission. Candidates are responsible for completing and submitting campaign finance documents by the filing **deadline of August 9, 2002** to:

Los Angeles City Ethics Commission
200 North Spring Street, 24th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90015
(213) 978-1960
TTY (213) 978-2609
Fax (213) 978-1988
<http://ethics.lacity.org>

Contact the above regarding questions or concerns.

Informational Website Links

<http://ethics.lacity.org> Los Angeles City Ethics Commission
<http://fppc.ca.gov> State Fair Political Practices Commission
<http://lalafco.org> Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission
<http://lavote.net> Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
<http://www.lavote.net/canreg/scripts> Candidate Filing