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Beginning in March 2020, the City of Los Angeles will consolidate its municipal elections with Los Angeles County. These consolidated elections will differ significantly from prior elections due to SB 450 and the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's (LA CC/RR) implementation of the Vote Center Model.

Vote centers will replace polling places and will be open for ten days leading up to, and including, election day. From ten days to four days before the election, there will be one vote center for every 30,000 registered voters within Los Angeles County (which currently has approximately 5,130,957 active registered voters); approximately 171 vote centers. For the remaining three days, including election day, there will be one vote center for every 7,500 registered voters, approximately 700 vote centers throughout the County.

The City's voters are accustomed to having convenient, local polling places; on average, the City Clerk provides 1,000 polling locations throughout the City. The number of voting locations for the City will decrease dramatically as the LA CC/RR will need to distribute 171 voting centers (ten to four days out from Election Day) and 700 voting centers (three days out to Election Day) among multiple cities in a large geographic area.

As prescribes by SB 450, selection of voting locations will involve a great deal of community input and will include many factors, such as accessibility, proximity to public transit, security, and convenience. The LA CC/RR has contracted with *PlaceWorks* to facilitate the Vote Center Placement Project (VCP). They will seek input from the community, participating jurisdictions, community based organizations, and universities, to name some of the participants. After gathering input and conducting assessments, the company will identify and select the vote center locations. Community meetings are scheduled to begin this summer and continue into 2019.

The voter experience is going to change dramatically and the City should be prepared to weigh in on decision making with as much information as possible. Our understanding of the new processes will help in educating and preparing our voters as well.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council invite Dean Logan, the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/ County Clerk, to provide an update on the County's Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) Project and discuss vote center placement.

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