



Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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Dear Community Partners:

Thank you for taking the first steps in exploring the use of your space as a vote center. **Never before has the U.S. faced such an important call to come together for the safety of voters.** You and other patriotic venue operators, from major sports arenas to local businesses, are playing a historic role in making sure voters can cast their ballots in safe, healthy, trusted spaces.

A Note On Our Extensive COVID-19 Safety Protocols

It's important to us to let you know that federal partners such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC), US Elections Assistance Commission (EAC), and academic institutions such as MIT, have been working around the clock to establish vote center set up and event management procedures that safeguard public health. Everything from social distancing grids to line "flow" and crowd reduction strategies have been designed for the highest possible level of safety. Extensive training of election workers will ensure that not only will voters be processed efficiently; we'll be helping them to do so in ways that minimize the risk of COVID-19.

Great news: the safety of our voters and vote centers are the highest priorities for election officials. The National Association of Election Officials has worked closely with the CDC and EAC to ensure that vote centers have ample PPE and disinfectant supplies. The California Secretary of State has also developed extensive guidelines and election worker resources. Election Workers will sanitize stations between voters, provide signs to guide voters in and out of the building with minimal surface contact, and clean all voting equipment with approved disinfecting agents at regular intervals. Once elections have concluded, voting equipment is moved out and relevant spaces cleaned again via COVID-19 eradicating procedures.

You can rest assured that the safety of our voters and vote centers are the highest priorities for election officials, and vote center management protocols reflect that commitment.

Your Historic & Heroic Contribution

As voters explore their options to vote during unprecedented circumstances, use of your venue as a vote center ensures they can freely exercise their most precious constitutional right – the right to vote. Democracy depends on their ability to do so confidently and securely. Increasing the number of convenient locations available to voters ensures that work schedules, transportation and health are not obstacles to ballot access for all.

Our vibrant local communities enjoy and support sports arenas in good times – and now, when times are tough, you have an opportunity to open your doors, and give back. Together we can truly come through for voters this year.

Sincerely,



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