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Center for Inclusive Democracy Launches Ballot Counting Tool for Los Angeles County

*Developed with California's Secretary of State's Office, Digital Tool to Provide
Daily Count of Ballots Cast by Precinct and at Vote Centers Through Election Day*

Los Angeles, October 26, 2020 – A new [Ballot Counting Tool](#) developed by the [Center for Inclusive Democracy](#) (CID) at the University of Southern California Price School of Public Policy School will give election officials, voting advocates and the general public up-to-date tabulations of total votes cast in Los Angeles County by mail and in-person leading up to the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Developed in partnership with the [California Secretary of State's Office](#), the web-based Ballot Counting Tool provides visualized data maps of total votes cast by registered voters by precinct and vote center locations. Counts will be updated twice daily, using VoteCal system data provided to CID by the Secretary of State's office.

“Knowing which communities have high or low voter participation leading up to the election can be critical to getting out the vote, especially in the midst of the current COVID-19 pandemic,” said Mindy Romero, Ph.D., director of CID at the USC Price School. “This online Ballot Counting Tool will allow communities across Los Angeles County the opportunity to better track early voting and plan last-minute outreach to voters planning to cast ballots in-person at Los Angeles County Vote Centers.”

The new Ballot Counting Tool is the second web-based application offered by CID during this election season to help election officials and voting advocates plan election-related decision making and outreach. In August, CID expanded its [Voting Location Siting Tool](#), a web-based interactive data mapping system, to 10 states. The Siting Tool helps communities identify accessible vote centers and polling places likely to have the most success serving voters. Its robust and detailed data maps have been widely used to inform voter outreach efforts at the community level.

About the Center for Inclusive Democracy (CID)

The [Center for Inclusive Democracy](#) (CID), formerly known as the California Civic Engagement Project, is part of the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy and is based in Sacramento. CID conducts a range of national and multi-state research initiatives exploring voting behavior, civic engagement, electoral and economic research, the intersection of social justice and democracy, and more. Its research informs and empowers a wide range of policy and organizing efforts aimed at eliminating disparities in social and economic well-being. Now a cornerstone project nested within CID's larger umbrella, the California Civic Engagement Project continues to produce groundbreaking resources and research for California.

About the USC Price School of Public Policy

CID is housed within the [USC Sol Price School of Public Policy](#) and based in the Price School Sacramento Center. Since 1929, the Price School has defined excellence and innovation in public affairs education and research. Ranked third nationwide among “America’s Best Graduate Schools” for public affairs, according to the *U.S. News & World Report*, the USC Price School faculty, scholars and students help shape the world around us. Graduates of the Price School fulfill and extend the School’s mission to improve the quality of life for people and their communities at home and abroad. The Price Sacramento Center was established in 1971 to ensure that key research finds its needed audience of policy makers and stakeholders in the state capital.

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