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## Río Hondo College to Host 5-Day Vote Center for Nov. 3 Election

**WHITTIER** – Río Hondo College will host a Vote Center in the Campus Inn from **Friday, Oct. 30** through **Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3** as part of a program designed to ensure maximum community access to voting opportunities.

Río Hondo College is one of multiple community partners hosting the centers as part of the Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) program. VSAP enables voters to cast ballots with new, accessible ballot marking devices.

"Río Hondo College is committed to ensuring access and equity for our community of students, staff and faculty in all matters – not only education," Acting Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said. "We are pleased to provide this civic service to our community."

Río Hondo College's Vote Center will offer same-day registration, voting support in multiple languages, replacement ballots for vote-by-mail voters and ballot drop-off. The spacious venue allows for physical distancing as required by the Los Angeles Department of Public Health.

"One of the pillars of a representative democracy is the access to vote – that's why we partnered with the County to host a Vote Center," Board of Trustees President Oscar Valladares said. "Our Vote Center provides our students, staff and community with a single place to register and vote which is critical to build socially, economically and healthy resilient communities."

The five-day period will be the second time the College has served as a Vote Center this year; it previously hosted voting from Feb. 29 to March 3 for the California 2020 primary election.

"Colleges are important venues where students learn about their civic responsibilities, including the fundamental right to vote," Los Angeles County First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis said. "I thank Río Hondo College for their partnership with Los Angeles County in serving as a Vote Center for the upcoming general election. This collaboration will ensure more citizens, including college students – many of whom are first-time voters – can exercise their right to vote."

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Río Hondo College is an educational and community partner committed to advancing social justice and equity as an antiracist institution that collectively invests in all students' academic and career pathways that lead to attainment of degree, certificate, transfer, and lifelong-learning goals. For information on the College or its programs, please call 562-692-0921 or visit **www.riohondo.edu**.

The Campus Inn is on the College's main campus, 3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier. The center will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 30 to Nov. 2 and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 3.

"I want this upcoming Election to be the most accessible and convenient in L.A. County's history, which means giving voters plenty of options on where, when, and how to cast their ballots," Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Janice Hahn said. "Río Hondo College is well-known and easy to get to, and I am so grateful they are partnering with the county to be a Vote Center. It is going to be a great option for voters who want to vote in-person or drop off their ballot this fall."

For more information, visit: www.riohondo.edu/gcr/vote-center.

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