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LEAD STORY

LA Skid Row, California: LAPD Cracks Down on Voter Fraud

Los Angeles Police Department officer Deon Joseph knows his way around Skid Row. It's been his beat for the last 20 years. And while it's not hard to find serious crime problems along the tent-covered sidewalks here, Joseph keyed in on one you wouldn't necessarily associate with Skid Row. "This is where they do most of the voter registration fraud," he said, pointing to the sidewalk in front of the Midnight Mission. "It's been going on for years." Joseph says it's pretty common for people hired by lobbyists to set up tables outside the missions and illegally pay people for fake signatures used for various ballot measures from all across California. Those last few cases ended with arrests when LAPD sent in undercover officers armed with hidden cameras. So far this year, the department has arrested seven people for voter fraud but Joseph says the first four charges were bumped down from felonies to misdemeanors. "It may not be the biggest deal to the average person out there," Joseph said. "But this is an assault on our democracy."

<https://abc7.com/4330424/>

FEDERAL

House of Representatives Passes Resolution to Condemn Localities Giving Non-Citizens the Right to Vote

Last week, about 71 Democrats and one Republican—Rep. Justin Amash (R-MI)—voted against House

Resolution 1071, which admonishes localities for giving illegal aliens and noncitizens voting rights. Another 69 House Democrats voted "present" on the resolution, while 49 Democrats joined 230 House Republicans to support the measure. The resolution calls out localities for giving local voting rights to illegal aliens and noncitizens, noting that giving noncitizens the right to vote disenfranchises American citizens from the electoral process. A number of American cities, including San Francisco, Chicago, a number of Boston suburbs including Cambridge, and others, have given illegal aliens and noncitizens the right to vote in local elections.

<https://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2018/09/26/140-house-democrats-refuse-to-condemn-illegal-aliens-voting/>

Washington Examiner Editorial: Will the US Census Citizenship Question be Censored?

The 2020 Census intends to ask the question: Are you a U.S. citizen? The question is simply a matter of gathering data for determining congressional seats, distributing federal money, and protecting voting rights at the Justice Department. As long ago as the 2000 Census, numbers revealed that over 18 million non-citizen persons were counted above the total number of citizens. The Trump administration has met with resistance to reinstating the citizenship question, which was last asked on the Census in 1950. Citizen voter rights and protections go to the heart of sovereignty. President Trump is right to fulfill this federal responsibility to ensure the right of each citizen to have one undiluted vote.

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/will-the-us-census-citizenship-question-be-censored>

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STATES**Alabama: Gordon Mayor Facing Charges of Voter Fraud**

A Houston County grand jury returned indictments against Melton on three charges of absentee ballot fraud and one charge of second-degree theft of property. According to Melton's arrest warrants, he is accused of willfully and unlawfully falsifying three absentee ballots or verification documents. Voter fraud is a class C felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

<https://bit.ly/2P3R8YJ>

California: Los Angeles County Supervisors Approve Investigation for Voter Registration 'Errors'

The Los Angeles Board of Supervisor unanimously approved a motion calling for an investigation into voter registration errors as a result of the new "motor voter" program managed by the California Department of Motor Vehicles. Created by the Motor Voter Act of 2015 and implemented in April 2018, the program automatically registers any eligible voters who apply for a driver's license or identification card and transmits this data to the county where that person lives unless the individual specifically declines to participate. The state reported that 23,000 instances of voter registration errors occurred between mid-April and early August. The "motor voter" program has experienced other implementation issues as well, with 77,000 voter records allegedly being misreported by the DMV, according to officials.

<http://www.hometownstation.com/santa-clarita-latest-news/los-angeles-county-supervisors-approve-investigation-for-voter-registration-errors-250747>

New Hampshire: Third Person Charged with Double Voting

New Hampshire authorities have brought charges against a third person accused of voting in two states in the 2016 general election. The attorney general's office said Wednesday that 20-year-old Spencer McKinnon cast a ballot in Durham while also voting by absentee ballot in Dracut, Massachusetts. He faces up to seven years in prison if convicted. New Hampshire recently began charging people flagged by the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program. Last week, a

Hampton couple were charged with casting absentee ballots in New Hampshire while also voting in Massachusetts.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/sns-bc-nh--voter-fraud-20180926-story.html>

New Jersey: When the Dead Remain Active in Politics

Former Gov. Brendan Byrne once joked that he would have liked to be buried in Hudson County, so he could remain active in politics. It seems, however, dead people all across the state sometimes get that opportunity according to a report by NJ101.5. The radio station is reporting on the families of deceased voters who are getting notices addressed to their dead loved ones informing them a vote-by-mail ballot will be showing up soon. Part of the problem, according to the report, is that new voter regulations signed by Gov. Phil Murphy. The new regulations require that people who voted by mail in the 2016 election automatically receive mail-in ballots unless they opt out.

<https://observer.com/2018/09/nj-politics-digest-when-dead-remain-politically-active/>

North Dakota: Federal Judges Revive Voter ID Law on Appeal

North Dakota voters will have to show identification that includes a street address before they can cast a ballot in November, a federal court ruled. While opponents had successfully sued to block the provision, a St. Louis-based U.S. appeals court put that lower court order on hold. In a 2-1 ruling, the majority concluded that to do otherwise would cause irreparable harm to North Dakota's secretary of state, who is responsible for Election Day ballot collection.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/sns-tns-bc-ndakota-voterid-20180924-story.html>

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Texas: Voter Registration Rolls Climb to Nearly 16 Million for Midterm Election

The Texas Secretary of State's Office reports that the state's number of registered voters set a new record—growing to nearly 16 million voters. This represents an increase of 1.6 million voters since the 2014 elections that swept a new slate of Republicans into statewide offices. Nearly 400,000 voters registered since the March Texas Primary Election.

<https://www.breitbart.com/texas/2018/09/29/texas-voter-registration-rolls-climb-to-nearly-16-million-for-mid-term-election/>

REDISTRICTING

North Carolina: Legislative Remap Challenges Still in Court

Court arguments on General Assembly district lines that Republican legislators originally approved seven years ago have yet to be exhausted as state judges Friday weighed whether lines for several House seats should revert to how they were drawn in 2011. At issue are provisions in North Carolina's constitution that say state legislative districts "shall remain unaltered" until the release of each decade's census numbers. The three-judge panel didn't rule immediately from the bench after two hours of oral arguments. The case won't affect this fall's election but could alter the map in 2020, a year before the next round of redistricting begins based on census figures.

<https://www.wsocvtv.com/news/north-carolina/middecade-redistricting-ban-focus-of-court-hearing/842928387>

Texas: Redistricting Group Led by Eric Holder to Invest \$250K in Texas House Races

The National Democratic Redistricting Committee, the group led by former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, is making a quarter-million-dollar investment in Texas to help Democrats here flip a number of state House seats in November. The money represents one of the

largest single contributions that the House Democratic Campaign Committee has ever received. In announcing the donation, Holder said the money could strengthen Texas Democrats' hand as they enter the next round of redistricting.

<https://bit.ly/2NQMAbj>

Virginia: Republicans Advance New Legislative Map

Virginia Republican lawmakers have advanced a new legislative map aimed at fixing an unconstitutional racial gerrymander ahead of a court-ordered deadline. The legislation now moves to the full House for consideration and has to be approved by the GOP-led Senate and signed by Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam. A federal court ruled in June that lawmakers illegally packed black voters into 11 districts and ordered lawmakers to draw a new map by Oct. 30.

<https://wtop.com/local/2018/09/va-lawmakers-set-to-consider-new-legislative-maps/>