

County of Santa Clara

Registrar of Voters

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Language Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

October 24, 2023 | 1:30-3:00 via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/98074395095>

Meeting ID: 980 7439 5095

Phone in: (669) 219-2599

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MINUTES

ROV Staff: Evelyn Mendez, Virginia Bloom, Bren Lehr, Alfred Gonzales, and Liz Oviedo

LAAC Members: David Kim, Young Ra Kwan, Mar Abat, and Michelle Tu (on behalf of Jessica Ho)

I. Review and Approve Minutes

Introduction of new members – Michelle Tu introduced herself.

July 25, 2023, Minutes – David Kim made motion to approve the minutes, Young Raw Kwan seconded the motion to approve.

II. Reports and Updates

I. 2023/2024 Elections Updates - Bren Lehr, Candidate Services Division Manager

November 7, 2023, Special Election- San Jose/Evergreen district to fill a vacancy.

Los Altos School District Measure A - Parcel Tax

ROV will certify election on November 20, 2024. There will be a 13-day canvass period for this election.

March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election - Currently in signature in lieu period from September 14, 2023, to November 8, 2023, and in County Central Committee Nomination Period (CCC) from September 29 to December 8, 2023.

Upcoming election activities - Declaration of Intention Period (Judicial Offices Only), and the Nominations Period (all offices including CCC and Judicial) begins in November and closes in early December.

i. Language Access - Liz Oviedo, Ballot Layout Division Manager

The County produces official ballots in 9 different languages. Ballots are provided in different formats such as paper ballots, touch screen ballot marking devices, audio ballots, and remote accessible ballots. County voter information guides are available in all federal mandated languages. They are available in paper format, eBook and RAVBM. A voter may request translated materials on your affidavit, VARF, CVIG or contact the ROV directly.

ii. November Special Election Ballots Report - Alfred Gonzales, Vote by Mail Division

Manager

Out of 83,792 registered voters, 85,113 ballots were issued, and 5,119 ballots have been returned so far.

iii. National Voter Registration Day recap – Paulo Chang, Precinct Operations Division Manager

The Registrar of Voters hosted this event at the PayPal headquarters on September 19, 2023. The event was hosted to promote and encourage voter registration, inspire first time voters and recruit volunteers. Santa Clara County Office of Education, African American Community Services Agency, LAAC and VAAC, SJSU Votes are a few from the 15 organizations that participated in the event.

iv. March Presidential Primary Recruitment – Evelyn Mendez, Public & Legislative Affairs Division Manager

A “Now Hiring Campaign” has begun for extra help. These are temporary positions. You can find these advertisements on flyers, social media, digital ads and at community outreach events. November 8th and 9th the ROV will host an Election Job Fair from 12pm – 5pm in the auditorium. “How to” videos are available on the YouTube channel in many languages including ASL. “Now hiring” videos are also available in many languages on our YouTube channel. A tool kit is available for download to share with the community and groups. A brail flyer is available with election information to share with the community. Voter Language Workshops will be provided for the remainder of this special election and this upcoming March election.

v. Evelyn Mendez, Public & Legislative Affairs Division Manager

Assembly Bill 545 - This bill increases the access for voters with disabilities.

LAAC & VAAC- Membership recruitment for the State committees. Applications are due November 10, 2023, for those who meet the requirements.

III. Next steps

- i. Future meetings
 - a. January 2024
 - b. Future agenda items