

# County of Santa Clara

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## Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

April 25, 2024 | 1:30-3:00 via Zoom

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### MINUTES

**ROV Staff:** Steve Goltiao, Paulo Chang, Alfred Gonzales, Michael Borja, Liz Oviedo, Claudia Gonzalez

**LAAC Members:** Fred Nisen, Tricia Kokes, Christine Fitzgerald, Melanie Roland

**I. Introductions:** No new members

**II. Review and Approve Minutes**

January 23, 2024, Minutes – Tricia Kokes made motion to approve the minutes, Melanie Roland seconded the motion to approve.

**III. Reports and Updates**

**i. March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election Vote Center Reports Updates – Paulo Chang, Precinct Operations Division Manager**

There were 104 vote centers throughout Santa Clara County during the 11-day voting period, with a 2.4% voter turnout. 57% of voters preferred using touch screen voting while only 37% opted for paper ballots. A total of 216 voters requested assistance. The dates for the upcoming Voter Accessibility Workshop will be announced during the next VAAC meeting.

The Registrar of Voters is working with the County's Language Access Unit for best options to support our ASL voters at vote centers. If anyone you know is interested in working at a vote center, please refer them to our web page.

**ii. March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election Results/Ballot reports recap - Alfred Gonzales, Vote By Mail Division Manager**

The Registrar of Voters (ROV) issued a total of 1,079,258 ballots for the recent election. Out of these, 33% were returned via mail and 2% were cast at a vote center. Unfortunately, 401 ballots were received without a voter signature; out of these, 111 were unable to be verified and therefore not counted. Additionally, 1,162 ballots had signatures that did not match, leaving only 362 of them un-cured. Moreover, 3,688 ballots were not received on time and were deemed non-curable. Lastly, 16 envelopes were missing ballots. 262 voters were issued Remote Accessible Vote by Mail ballots, but only 36 of them were returned to the ROV.

iii. **Social Media/Advertising – Steve Goltiao, Associate Communications Officer**

Ad Phases:

- Now Hiring
- Voter Language workshop graphics are created in 14 different languages.
- Slogan "One Vote Make It Count" for the year.
- VTA
- Eastridge Mall
- Billboards
- San Jose Sharks/SAP Center
- Hulu
- Movie Theaters
- You Tube
- Mobile Billboard
- Social Media

iv. **Official Ballot for November 5, 2024 Presidential Election – Liz Oviedo, Ballot Layout Division Manager**

The County Voter Information Guides (CVIG) are produced in the 5 languages mandated by the federal government. Official ballots are created in various formats, including optical scan paper ballots, accessible touch screen, audio ballots, and RAVBM. The upcoming November election will have 3-5 ballot cards, each of which will be double-sided.

v. **Candidate Services November Election Update – Claudia Gonzalez, Candidate Services Division Supervisor**

Run-off for Candidates at the November Presidential General Election are:

- Voter-nominated Offices
- Board of Supervisor Offices
- City Offices

Nomination period begins/Ends: July 15, 2024 – August 9, 2024

Extension Period: August 10, 2024 – August 14, 2024

Offices included in the November Presidential Election are:

- State and Local Offices
- School Districts
- Special Districts
- City Candidates

**IV. Next steps**

i. **Future meetings**

- a. August 2024
- b. Future agenda items