

County of Santa Clara

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Language Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting January 18, 2022 | 1:30-3:00 via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 983 5791 5053

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Members: David Kim, Adria Orr

Minutes

I. Review and approve minutes

A. August 24, 2021 Minutes

- i. Minutes will be available during the next meeting.

II. Reports and Updates

A. California Gubernatorial Recall Election Recap- (Alfred Gonzales, Vote By Mail Division Manager)

- i. Alfred reported on the vote-by-mail ballots for the September 14, 2021, Recall Election. There was 1,027,915 Vote by Mail ballots issued for this election and 611,440 Vote by Mail ballots returned. Overall, 29,060 ballots were cast at vote centers.
- ii. Overview of ballots signed and returned by language: 580,270 English, 10,229 Chinese, 1,245 Tagalog, 9,143 Spanish, 206 Hindi, 182 Japanese, 1,198 Korean, 16,505 Vietnamese, 50 Thai
- iii. Vote by Mail challenges: 18 ballots were missing from the envelope, 2,243 ballots were not received on time, 1,825 non-matching signatures, 972 still challenged, 688 no voter signature, 362 still challenged

B. Vote Center Report (Paulo Chang, Precinct Operations Division Manager)

- i. Overview of how voters choose to vote during the September 2021 Recall Election. There were a total of 36 Vote Centers, with 9,552 voters taking advantage of early voting. 21,918 voted on Election Day.
 - ii. 437 election officers worked this election and 165 bilingual staff.
 - iii. ROV encourages LAAC members to reach out and help spread the word to their community to help recruit bilingual workers for the June 7, 2022, Statewide Direct Primary Election.
- C. November 2, 2021 Special Election Recap - Canvass (Bren Lehr, Candidate Services Division Manager)
 - i. Report on the November 2, 2021 Special Election for Berryessa Union School District and Los Gatos Union School District. Both were parcel taxes that passed with a 2/3rds vote. Completed canvass within the 30-day time-framed on December 2, 2021, as well as certified that same day.
- D. Redistricting - (Bob Nguyen, Mapping Division Manager)
 - i. The ROV has received the new State maps from the Citizens Redistricting Commission. For more information on redistricting visit wedrawthelinesca.org. The Mapping Division continues to work on updating the boundaries lines for all jurisdictions within the county. All State offices, County offices, and the City of San Jose that are scheduled for the June 7, 2022 Statewide Direct Primary Election will reflect the new boundaries.
 - ii. ROV is in the process of displaying on our website the new districts, voters will be able to look up their new districts before the June 7, 2022, Statewide Direct Primary Election.
- E. LAAC membership recruitment (Evelyn Mendez, Public and Legislative Affairs Division Manager)
 - i. State LAAC/VAAC: Secretary of State is recruiting for additional LAAC/VAAC committee members to join.
 - ii. County LAAC: Membership recruitment is available on our website. New members wishing to join can email voterschoice@rov.sccgov.org.
- F. June 7, 2022, Statewide Direct Primary Election (Virginia Bloom, Assistant Registrar of Voters)
 - i. Candidate Filing: Signatures-in-Lieu is the period during which candidates can collect signatures within the district they choose to run to cover all or part of the required filing fee to run for office began already. A reminder that the nomination period opens on February 14, 2022, for those candidates that want to officially declare their candidacy.
 - ii. The County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters office is now hiring. We are currently recruiting for various positions throughout our organization and are looking for individuals interested in contributing to their community. We are also looking for bilingual staff to join us.
- G. Advertising (Evelyn Mendez, Public and Legislative Affairs Division Manager)
 - How To Videos: Our YouTube channel has all of our how to videos in all languages and in ASL.

- New for 2022: Starting Jan 22, the ROV “Now Hiring” commercial will be featured on gas pump video screens throughout Santa Clara County. If you fill up at any one of these gas stations and see our commercial, let us know!

III. Next steps

- A. Future meetings
 - i. **April 19, 2022**
- B. Future agenda items

Adjourned at 2:39 p.m.