

County of Santa Clara

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Language Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

September 20, 2022 | 1:30-3:00 via Zoom

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<https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/94516123292>

Meeting ID: 945 1612 3292

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MINUTES

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Members: Harfateh Singh Grewal, Mike Nguyen, Youngla K, David Kim, Sietse Goffard

I. Review and approve minutes

A. July 19, 2022

- a. Minutes approved by David Kim and seconded by Mike Nguyen

II. Reports and Updates – ROV

A. November Update (Shannon Bushey, Registrar of Voters)

- i. The Registrar addressed key dates for the November 8, 2022 General Election. Informed that the last day to register to vote is October 24th. Eligible voters can still register to vote, at the Registrar's office or any Vote Center within 14 days prior to Election Day. Early voting is available at the Registrar's office starting October 10th for individuals wishing to drop off their ballot or vote in person. There will be 103 Vote Centers available throughout Santa Clara County.
- ii. Military and Overseas ballots will be mailed out starting this week, on Saturday 24th. There are 335 different ballot types for the General Election that include Audio Ballots, Remote Accessible Ballots, Touch Screen Ballots, Official Ballots, Sample Ballots, and Language based ballots.
- iii. The County Voter Information Guide takes about 3 weeks to mail out to all voters registered in the November Election. The ROV receives over 1,000,000 pamphlets from the printer and as they come in daily our Election

Logistics & Vote System Division inkjets the name and address on the pamphlet to go out to the voters.

- B. Ballot Layout – CVIG Update (BLD) (Lilian Tsai, Acting Ballot Layout Division)
- i. Ballot Layout Division reported that ROV has over 335 Ballot types for the November General Election. The County Voter Information Guide (CVIG) will be available in English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish and Tagalog. The English County Voter Information Guide will start being mailed out to voters 9/29/22-10/18/2022 and followed by the translated versions for Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish, and Tagalog. The CVIG electronic version is available on our website at www.sccvote.org. Voters can log into our county website to retrieve the electronic version of the CVIG.
 - ii. The General Election will have two contests for the US senator, one is for Full term, and one is for partial. The ballot will include 7 state props and 19 local measures. In total, we have 123 contests.
- C. Voter Registration – (VRD) (Janora Blow, Elections Processer Supervisor)
- i. The Registrar of Voters currently has over 1,005,743 active voters and 7,764 pre-registered voters
 - ii. Important dates to remember, October 10th is the first day Vote by Mail ballots will begin to be mailed and early voting begins at the Registrar of Voters office. October 24th is the last day to register and receive a regular ballot. On October 25th Conditional Voter Registration begins 14 days prior to the election. Conditional Voter registration allows voters to register and vote the same day that they complete the ballot envelope. On October 29th 25 Vote Centers will open including the ROV and will have weekend voting available starting October 29th.
- D. Vote Center Hiring (POD) (Paulo Chang, Precinct Operations Division Manager)
- i. We will have 103 vote centers for this election. 25 will be opening on October 29th. The following weekend all 103 Vote Centers will be open throughout Santa Clara County.
 - ii. The ROV is still looking to hire stipend workers. Stipend workers are considered greeters who greet as voters come in, and ask things like did you vote last time, move, or if anything changed? If nothing changed, they are ready to vote. If you are interested in helping, please email us at the following address Pollworker@rov.sccgov.org.
 - iii. Important information regarding the Voter Language Workshop Series. The ROV will begin hosting Voter Languages Workshops in all Languages via Zoom from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. starting September 27th. The workshop will assist the community in familiarizing themselves with the upcoming November 8, 2022 General Election. Bilingual support will be provided at each meeting.
 - iv. Discussed plans to restart hands-on workshops with the collaboration of the VAAC members.
 - o The Registrar of Voters' Office announced that it will host a Voter Accessibility Meeting on October 3rd from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. All members of the public are invited to learn about accessible voting resources and an overview of accessible voting equipment available at all Vote Centers and the Registrar. The workshop will be broadcast virtually via Zoom. Register here: https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e60qyoW7QQuiLBit9qu6QA Or dial: (669) 219 2599, Meeting ID: 933 3439 6026

- Spread the word for anyone who needs assistance or has a disability and needs voting assistance.

- E. Social Media/Media Day/ Advertising (Evelyn Mendez, Public and Legislative Affairs manager)
- i. High School Voter Education Weeks will begin September 19th. Our ROV outreach team is currently going to as many schools as possible to pre-register high school students. The High School Voter Education Week is in partnership with LGBTQ affairs and the Office of Education.
 - ii. Students can earn Service-Learning Hours and can come to the ROV from 9/19/2022-9/30/2022 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Students can help prepare materials for the upcoming election, participate in a Q&A forum, join a podcast- “Why don’t young people vote?”, and create and design buttons.
 - iii. Service-Learning hours Permission Slip must be signed by the principal and or parent/guardian and submitted to the ROV.
 - iv. Media Day is scheduled for Wednesday 10/19/2022 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Registrar of Voters office at 1555 Berger Drive, Atrium. The event is open to the media and public to inform the public about the upcoming election redistricting, how to vote at a Vote Center, and what measures are in place to ensure secure and accessible elections. There will be an ASL interpreter available.
 - v. The Registrar uses varieties of social media platforms to get the message out about the November 8, 2022 General Election. Help us spread the word and follow the ROV on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, and LinkedIn @sccvote.
 - vi. The Registrar has advertisements on the VTA Bus lines, Eastridge Mall, SJ Sharks outside of the SAP center, inside arenas at games, SJSU Spartans athletic programs, advertising to all college kids going to football games and basketball games. Digital Advertising on streaming sites, Newspaper, print, and Radio.
 - a. Question:
 - i. Member Sietse asked: When is the deadline for Vote Center workers to sign up?
 - ii. Paulo answered: 3 weeks before the election day. Vote Center workers are required to attend classes.

III. Committee Member Updates

A. Mike Nguyen – Youth Engagement

- i. Discussed the importance of youth engagement in Santa Clara County. Most importantly encouraged the ROV to connect with SCC High School via Principles/admin. Mike mentioned youth workshops can help students learn how to be poll workers and instill in them the importance of voting at a young age. Suggested tabling events at high school/colleges, partnerships with 2nd Harvest Food Bank, Shoreline Amphitheatre, and PayPal Park
 - a. Steve Goltiao added – The ROV currently has a partnership going on with 2nd Harvest Foodbank. They will be handing out flyers throughout Santa Clara County. Our Outreach team will also be tabling at different food bank sites. The ROV looks forward to working with them on an ongoing basis.
 - b. Paulo Chang added – Due to the pandemic entering High Schools has been difficult due to COVID protocols in place. The ROV hopes to continue working with High Schools once they open their doors to us.

IV. Next steps

- i. Future meeting
 - a. ROV will email members about the next meeting date, likely to be sometime in January

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.