

# County of Santa Clara

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## Language Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting April 18, 2023, | 1:30-3:00 via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/94573510061>

Meeting ID: 945 7351 0061

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**ROV Staff:** Evelyn Mendez, Bren Lehr, Liz Oviedo, Paulo Chang, Steve Goltiao, Edward Morillo, Debbie Lam, Stephanie Duarte, Grace Sullivan, Aleiah Mims, Fernando Perez, Zahra Kashanian, Ruth Luo, Thuytien Bui, Bob Nguyen, Smita Shah, Jose Posadas, Julia Saenz, April Bracamonte, Trinh Dao, Rachel Lam, Pam Hamilton, Michelle Inocelda, Martin Ayala, Olivia Avalos, Gigi Lin, Mike Fong, Daisie Tran, Lillian Tsai, Rachel Cayabyab

**LAAC Committee Members:** David Kim

Mar Abat (LEAD Filipino) is in attendance, in hopes of becoming a LAAC member.

### Minutes

#### I. Review and Approve Minutes

A. Introductions

B. January 24, 2023 minutes – unable to approve minutes with only one member present.

#### II. Reports and Updates

##### A. Elections in 2023 and 2024 (Bren Lehr, Candidate Services Division Manager)

###### a) Upcoming 2023 Elections

###### 1. July 25, 2023 Special Landowner Election (Mail Ballot)

Called by Pacheco Pass Water District (cross-county district with lead county being San Benito). Election is for landowners, not registered voters. Nomination period is April 4 – 28.

###### 2. August 29, 2023 Special Election (Mail Ballot)

No districts have called the election. If they were to call, they would need to submit a resolution by April 22 to ensure a full nomination period, or by June 2 to file a resolution to call a measure election.

###### 3. November 7, 2023 Special Election (Vote Center and mail ballot election)

Has only called by San Jose-Evergreen Community College District. If any other jurisdictions decide to call an election, they have until July 5 to ensure a

full nomination period for candidates and Aug. 11 to get on ballot to call a measure election. Nomination period is July 17 – Aug 11

**b) 2024 Elections**

**1. Statewide (Presidential) Election Dates**

- a. March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary (Vote Center Voting)
- b. November 5, 2024 Presidential General (Vote Center Voting)

**2. Mail Ballot Election Dates**

- a. April 9, 2024 Special Election
- b. May 7, 2024 Special Election
- c. August 27, 2024 Special Election
- d. We will have more information as the elections get closer.

**B. LAAC membership recruitment (Evelyn Mendez, Public & Legislative Affairs Manager)**

**a) State LAAC**

State LAAC is always recruiting members. It is required by law for them to have at least 15 members. State LAAC and VAAC currently only have 9 members. They are required to have at least 3 elections officials, which they already have. State VAAC meets over videoconference. Email [LAAC@sos.ca.gov](mailto:LAAC@sos.ca.gov) for info. They are required to meet 4 times/year.

**b) County LAAC and VAAC need new members**

Let people in your organizations know we are looking for members. We will share a flyer with a QR code that links to our LAAC/VAAC webpage so you can fill out the application and join.

**C. LAAC Committee Help Requested (Paulo Chang, Precinct Operations Manager)**

- a) **Active Communities Wanted** - Identify organizations who are active in their community. The more we can have the community help us out, the better it is for the county. Please inform organizations that might want to be a part of our committees.
- b) **Identify communities who can host Voter Language Workshop.** We have 13 Voter Language Workshops. We do have a 14<sup>th</sup> one, which is the Voter Accessibility Workshop, in both English and Spanish. We will be planning the schedule for these workshops soon. Please help us spread the word and invite more people to join us. If you would like to invite us to speak at your meetings or host one of these Voter Language Workshops, all we ask is that you make it public to everyone, and we would need to have a feed (eg. Zoom). If you know of any new communities, please let us know.
- c) **Help us find more participants to LAAC, VEOC and VAAC meetings.** VEOC is about to get started in the next couple of months. We'd like to start planning for the summer and for the beginning for the school year. That is to get kids that are 16 and up interested in elections, pre-registered, and get 18-year-old students ready to vote for the March Primary.

- d) **Bilingual volunteers** – we have volunteers in the office, at Vote Centers. We had to hire volunteers to do translations and host our Voter Language Workshops, and they ended up helping at the Vote Centers. Please help us find more volunteers.
- e) **David Kim:** Can you rearrange dates for the Voter Language Workshops?  
**Paulo Chang:** I will reach out to you (Mr. Kim) separately to get your thoughts.

**D. All ballots are bilingual**

Liz shared that all our ballots are bilingual. English ballots have English and Spanish by default. Other language ballots (eg. Tagalog or Chinese) will have English plus the preferred language.

**E. Mar Abat (potential new member)**

Represents LEAD Filipino, a local non-profit based in San Jose whose mission is to get Fil-AM communities to get civically engaged. They will be launching their voter registration program, going to large communities of Fil-Am populations, and doing canvassing to see where they lie on the political spectrum and see what their mindset is. Internal team will be doing voter registration work. They have downtown office but mostly conduct virtual meetings.

**F. High School Voter Education Weeks (Evelyn Mendez, Public & Legislative Affairs Manager)**

Started yesterday for the entire state. We are trying to boost our numbers in Santa Clara County. We are trying to get to 10,000 youth this year. In the last presidential election, we had over 8000 17-year-olds that aged up and were eligible to vote in that election. We have videos on our social media, we have video that shows a young person pre-registering to vote (less than 5 minutes). It is a quick process but very important. We are in the top 5 in California for pre-registration. We are #1 in Northern California for registered voters, and we need everyone's help to get to 10,000 pre-registered youth.

**G. Follow us on our socials @sccvote**

- a) Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter, NextDoor, LinkedIn.
- b) We have a big display in our atrium on pre-registration and our outreach team distributes pre-registration kits at outreach events.

**H. Other opportunities to get involved**

- a) VEOC is another meeting opportunity to get involved.
- b) VAAC meets on April 27, 2024.

**III. Next Steps**

**A. Future meetings**

- a) July 2023
- b) October 2023
- c) Future agenda items