

County of Santa Clara

Registrar of Voters

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Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting September 22, 2022 | 1:30-3:00 via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 963 4727 9392

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MINUTES

ROV Staff: Paulo Chang, Christina Rivas-Louie, Steve Goltiao, Evelyn Mendez, Bren Lehr, Liz Oviedo, Alfred Gonzales, Tsai Fangchun, Janora Blow, Mike Fong, Bob Nguyen, Stephanie Duarte, Vanessa Hamm, Fernando Perez, Xyrill Paulino, Debbie Lam, Yael Juarez, Mai Bui

Members: Mike Nguyen, Tricia Kokes, Lisa Quan, Jennifer Lucas, Youngla K, Matt Cohn, Lisa Cohn

I. Review and approve minutes

A. July 21, 2022

- a. Minutes approved by Tricia Kokes and seconded by Mike Nguyen.

II. Reports and Updates – ROV

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

- i. Evelyn Mendez gave a brief update on 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.
- b. Ballot Layout – CVIG Update (Lilian Tsai, Acting Ballot Layout Division Manager)
 - i. Liz Oviedo reported on behalf of Lilian Tsai. The County Voter Information Guide (CVIG) will be printed and available electronically in five federally mandated languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Tagalog. The CVIG will be mailed starting on September 29th through October 18th.
 - ii. For the November General Election, there are 335 ballot types in addition to the different languages the Registrar provides.
- c. Voter Registration – (Julia Saenz, Voter Registration Division Manager)

- i. Janora reported the number of active registered voters has risen to 1,006,781, and pre-registered voters are currently 7,673. The ROV registered voters' numbers change frequently due to individuals adding, updating, or canceling their registration status.
 - 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).
 - d. Vote Center Hiring (Paulo Chang, Precinct Operations Division Manager)
 - i. Paulo provided an overview of the 103 Vote Centers for the November General Election. Starting October 29th there will be 25 early Vote Centers open, and the remaining 78 Vote Centers for a total of 103 will be opening on November 5th. The ROV encourages everyone who is eligible to vote early, help spread the word to your friends, colleagues, family, and communities.
 - ii. The Vote Center list will be available soon, voters will be able to see the list on our webpage at www.sccvote.org and download a pdf version or by visiting <https://rovservices.sccgov.org/>.
 - iii. Vote Center paid volunteers are needed for the November 8, 2022 General Election. ROV asks all members to help us spread the word. We encourage everyone to apply, and bilingual help is needed.
 - iv. The Registrar invites members to join the ROV at the November 2022 Voter Language Workshops by following the link: <https://sccvote.sccgov.org/get-involved/outreach#1849274314-4175360803>. All English and bilingual members of the public are welcome to attend these workshops
 - i. Questions?
 - i. Mike Nguyen asked: Are there flyers available for the public to share for the Voter Language Workshop?
 - ii. Evelyn responded: Yes, we have digital copies as well as pdf flyers. We can send flyers to all members to help us share and distribute the information to your communities.
 - e. High School Voter Education Week (Evelyn Mendez, Public and Legislative Affairs Manager)
 - i. Evelyn discussed High School Voter Education week, which is the last two weeks of September designated to encourage students to participate in our country's democracy and help them get pre-registered to vote. The Registrar has implemented a program this election, inviting students to come in and earn their service-learning hours. The program will begin on Sep 19th – Sep 30th at the Registrar of Voter's Office. The ROV has partnered with the Office of LGBTQ Affairs and the Office of Education to get the word out to all schools and students.
 - f. Social Media/Media Day/Advertising (Evelyn Mendez, Public and Legislative Affairs Manager)
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Members of the media and public are invited to attend the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters' Media Day event on Wednesday, October 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event will be held 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.

- iii. Advertising - ROV does billboards, bus ads, Mall ads, digital ads, newspaper, print, and radio. ROV has a partnership with SJ Sharks and SJSU Spartans. ROV has official social media accounts: Instagram, TikTok, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Next door. The ROV is constantly posting content for voters to be informed about election information (Follow us @sccvote).

- g. Accessibility Informational Workshop (Paulo Chang, Precinct Operations Division Manager)
 - i. Discussed plans to restart hands-on workshops with the collaboration of the VAAC members.
 - ii. 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_e60gyoW7QQuILBit9qu6QA
Or dial: (669) 219 2599, Meeting ID: 933 3439 6026

III. Committee Member Updates

A. Mike Nguyen – Youth Engagement

- i. Delivered a presentation regarding increasing voter engagement in Santa Clara County. Discussed the importance of connecting with SCC High Schools via Principals/admin. This will open doors for the ROV to do classroom presentations, and pre-registration drives at high schools. Discussed ideas for a virtual student workshop, community events, and volunteer opportunities for students. Suggested bumper stickers to attract new voters and promote ROV's Go Green Campaign.
- ii. Suggested future partnerships with Local Public Venues such as Shoreline Amphitheatre and PayPal Park.

IV. Next step

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

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.