

County of Santa Clara

Registrar of Voters

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Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting January 27, 2022 | 1:30-3:00 via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/j/91610873613>

Meeting ID: 916 1087 3613

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ROV Staff: Evelyn Mendez, Liz Oviedo, Shannon Bushey, Paulo Chang, Alfred Gonzales, Bren Lehr, Christina Rivas-Louie, Mike Fong, Liz Oviedo, Virginia Bloom, Julia Saenz, Yael Juarez, Debbie Lam

Members: Christine Fitzgerald, Fred Nisen, Lisa Quan, Jennifer Lucas, Dr. John Avery Palmer, Tricia Kokes, Shayne S. George Hamma

Minutes

I. Review and approve minutes

A. August 26, 2021

- i. Motion to approve minutes by Tricia Kokes, seconded by Christina Fitzgerald

II. Reports and Updates

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

- i. Reported the vote-by-mail ballots for the September 14, 2021, Recall Election; 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 a vote center.
- 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

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 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 - (Virginia Bloom, Assistant Registrar of Voters)
 - i. ROV's Mapping Division will be working tirelessly to meet the redistricting deadlines for the June 2022 election.
 - ii. ROV will continue to report on the progress at the next meeting.

- E. VAAC 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 VAAC: 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)
 - i. How To Videos: Our YouTube channel has all of our how to videos in all languages and in ASL.
 - ii. 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 21, 2022**

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.