

County of Santa Clara

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Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting June 16, 2020 | 1:30-3:00 via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 937 9611 3309

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Dial in number: (408) 638-0968 US (San Jose)

Members: Christine Fitzgerald, Matt Cohen, Lisa Cohen, Lisa Quan, Maya Bareket, Chris Gianola, Jennifer Lucas, John Avery Palmer

Staff: Shannon Bushey, Virginia Bloom, Evelyn Mendez, Alfred Gonzales, Liz Oviedo, Chip Mulenga, Vanessa Hamm, Julia Saenz, Lilian Tsai, Rachel Jung, Mike Fong, Paulo Chang, April Bracamonte, Bob Nguyen, Bren Lehr, Martin Weakly, Nina Jordan

Minutes

a. Review and approve minutes

- i. Dec 2019 minutes - motioned to approve by Shannon Bushey and Chris Gianola
- ii. May 2020 minutes - motioned to approve by Christine Fitzgerald and Shannon Bushey
- iii. New members – Matt and Lisa Cohen are returning members

b. ROV Division Reports

- i. RAVBM (Alfred Gonzales, VBM Manager) – Presented and discussed the Santa Clara Election Site Activity Summary report. The pilot project program began on June 5, 2018, along with our vendor Democracy Live for the Statewide Primary. Reviewed UOCAVA (military overseas voters), RAVBM, VBM and CVIG usage from June 5, 2018 Statewide Primary, the General Election on November 6, 2018, the Special election May 7, 2019, and the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election shows a significant increase.
 - Shannon thanked members for sharing and spreading the word out there
 - Member asked if VBM could track bi-weekly and a monthly forecast?
 - The UOCAVA program timeline started from E-60 through E-45. Then 29 days before election the RAVBM starts. The numbers presented such as March 3, 2020 within the timeframe E-29 all the way to the election date, we had 121 hits. That is less than a month and we had 121 hits. Alfred will investigate the daily stats on UOCAVA and VBM and report back at the next meeting
 - ROV to provide a report on the CVIG daily usage. This will be presented at the next meeting dated for 7/21/2020

- ii. Outreach (Paulo Chang, Precinct Ops Manager)
 - **VEOC** – Meeting resumes on Thursday, June 25th with all members and email invites to be sent out, please extend to anyone interested
 - ROV Outreach plans June 19th (Juneteenth) on Friday will be our first public meeting
 - ROV reminded members for the November election we need to hire 1600 people, especially staff in bilingual. We encouraged those that worked at the March to call the ROV rep directly and for others interested to apply at the County website
 - Member asked if there will be training. The answer is YES, for every election all staff hired will need to be recertified
 - ROV to send the link and encourage members to follow us on social media as hiring information will be posted online, on TV and in print and to share
- iii. “How to” Video Demos (Evelyn Mendez, PLA Manager)
 - Shared 5 new videos
 - Members requested the video’s to be sent to them
- iv. New ROV Logo (Evelyn Mendez, PLA Manager)
 - Presented the NEW ROV Logo
 - Members would like the logo sent to them

c. ASL Resources

- i. Follow up with committee members
 - Member provided additional ASL interpretation resources

d. November Election

- i. COVID Status – (Shannon Bushey, ROV) – The ROV is essential and the office continues to remain opened since the SIP order has been placed, and most employees are working every day in the office and or rotating in the office from teleworking due to some tasks that cannot be performed remotely due to some original documents that cannot leave the premises like the petitions or registration cards that come into the mail, paper records, and testing and maintenance of the voting equipment
 - **What is the sanitizing process?** ROV has implemented safety protocols for our staff and for members of the public. We have signage posted indicating social distancing at 6 feet apart, plexiglass is up and hand sanitizer at the ROV front counters for incoming visitors use and for our staff safety
 - For the November elections there are three main-focus areas which include serving the voters and candidates at our office, and voters and the poll workers at the vote centers
 - At the vote center each Poll worker will be provided with PPE (personal protective equipment) which will include a face shield, a mask, gloves, and disinfectant spray for their use
 - As for the voters, to help ensure safe conditions at each vote centers and the ROV office each voter will be provided a disposal face mask, gloves and a stylus to use while voting and we will sanitize the stylus after each
 - **How are we preparing to assist voters at a Vote Center?**
 - ROV will have clear plexiglass set in place to separate the voter and poll workers to limit and reduce the risk
 - Greeters will issue PPE to voters and make sure voters waiting in-line are 6 feet apart

- Ballot drop boxes will be placed outside the vote centers for those voters that do not want to come into the vote center, in efforts to limit risk of exposure
 - ROV will have curbside available to vote from their car
 - Shannon presented vote center layout to allow more space for the voters and for poll workers to disinfect the voting equipment after each usage
 - Member asked for the plans if it were to rain on election day
 - ROV explained most sites are covered and mostly inside of a community center, library, churches or in a school that has a nice entryway that is covered
- **What are we doing to educate the community on the new norm at the Vote Centers?**
 - ROV Outreach and the Executive team are working diligently to join other county offices to provide more voting engagement, city engagement and voter education to other organizations in the county that are dealing with communities unable to go in person to vote at a vote center
 - ROV Outreach working with the community to inform everyone they will still get a vote-by-mail ballot, can apply for RAVBM ballot and, also an emergency ballot, if needed on election day
 - ROV planning language workshops which we have five new languages we are supporting, which these may be online to spread the word to the communities
- ii. **Executive Order Updates** (Shannon Bushey, ROV) – June 3rd
 - Santa Clara County 1 vote center per 10,000 voters which estimates to 100 vote centers be opened for four days
 - The ballot drop box sites is 1 per 15,000 voters which remains the same number as close to in March election for the drop off box sites
 - In addition, to continue with the recruitment of poll workers, voter education and outreach for the November election
 - iii. **Legislative Update** - (Evelyn Mendez, PLA manager) – Shannon discussed the draft legislation AB860 which has not passed which is all potential and the highlights of SB823 proposed legislation
 - iv. **Feedback from committee members on November improvements** –
 - No other feedback from members
 - VRD discussed the VARF as we are adding new languages
 - ROV to email committee a copy of the VARF with the edits made and asked members to review and provide feedback

II. Next steps

- a. Future meeting key dates:
 - i. **Jul 21, Aug 18**
- b. Future agenda items – VARF to be added to next meeting agenda
- c. Send VAAC application to Matt & Lisa Cohen (nmlcohn@aol.com)