

County of Santa Clara

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Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting August 26, 2021, | 1:30-3:00 via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 989 5574 0507

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Members: Tricia Kokes, Christine Fitzgerald, Fred Nisen, Jennifer Lucas, Lisa Quan, Lisa Cohn, Matt Cohn

Minutes

I. Review and approve minutes

A. April 22, 2021, Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes by Tricia Kokes, seconded by Christine Fitzgerald

II. Reports and Updates

A. **Special May Election Results** (Alfred Gonzales, Vote by Mail Division Manager)

Alfred provided a brief overview of the May 4, 2021, Special Election. This election was an all-mail ballot election with total ballots cast 25,512. There were 77,750 eligible voters for the election, a 32.81% turnout. Measure A-Cupertino Union School district required a 2/3rd vote passage. The final votes were Yes - 15,129 (59.35%), No - 10,363 (40.65%), the measure needed 66.6% to pass. There were 10 ballot drop boxes assigned for this election and 4,782 ballots were collected. There were 1,243 ballots collected in the three days following the election. A total of 42 RAVBM voters (39 Military and Voters Seas voters, 3 RAVBM voters). Total number of voters that voted in this election was 25,512.

B. **Voter's Rights Act** (Virginia Bloom, Assistant Registrar of Voters)

The ROV created a voter-engagement plan which included a Local Voters Rights Act tool kit with information on pre-registration, registering to vote, information for voters formerly incarcerated and for voters without a fixed address. The ROV held Feedback Forums to allow voters and community members the opportunity to provide feedback and get involved. The Feedback Forum is being held in different languages every week. The meetings are held via zoom and are scheduled until the end of September. In addition, our Precinct Operations Division is holding evening language workshops.

C. **Recall Election** (Shannon Bushey, Registrar of Voters)

All active registered voters will automatically be mailed a Vote-by-Mail ballot package for the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election. The purpose of this election is to determine whether the officer named in the recall petition, Governor Gavin Newsom, shall be recalled. If most of the voters determine the officer sought to be recalled shall be removed from office, then the candidate receiving the highest number of votes for the office shall be elected for the unexpired term. SB 152 was passed to make this election like a regular election instead of a Special Election type.

For this election we will have 19, 11-day vote centers and 17, 4-day vote centers. RAVBM will be open for all voters for this election. Ballots were dropped in the mail by Sat, Aug 14, hitting mailboxes by Mon, Aug 16.

We have had observers in our office daily taking advantage of the opportunity to observe election operations. We held a media day yesterday to share general information about the election. We wanted to ensure voters knew there were only two contests on our ballots, the option to vote for one of the 46 replacement candidates and other question is to answer the question of “yes” or “no” to recall the Governor.

A brief discussion was held about to clarify the hole in the middle of the VBM ballot envelope.

D. **Redistricting** (Virginia Bloom, Assistant Registrar of Voters)

ROV's Mapping Division will be working tirelessly to meet the redistricting deadlines for the June 2022 election. The independent advisory redistricting commission meets biweekly. ROV will continue to report on the progress at the next meeting.

E. **CVIG Information** (Liz Oviedo, Ballot Layout Division Manager)

Brief overview of the County Voter Information Guide. Voters can request their Official ballot and their CVIG in any of the following languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, or Vietnamese. The County Voter Information Guide has information about local candidates and measures, the location of the voter's nearest Vote Center, and other important election information. Voters can request a facsimile ballot. Facsimile ballots are offered in Tamil, Telugu, Gujarati, Nepali and Punjabi.

F. **Language Workshops** (Paulo Chang, Public and Legislative Affairs Division Manager)

The ROV will be hosting a variety of language workshops (Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean, Khmer, Japanese, Hindi, Punjabi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, and Nepali) to assist all members of the community with information about the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election and the November 2, 2021, Special Election.

G. **Go Green** (Evelyn Mendez, Public and Legislative Affairs Division Manager)

The Go Green campaign has been launched to encourage voters to opt-out of receiving the printed County Voter Information Guides (CVIG) and receive an electronic CVIG instead. To date, 50,187 voters have opted to Go Green out of the 1 million registered voters. ROV has a goal to get 500,000 to Green. Outreach efforts include a press release, weekly posts on social media, and spreading the word through various partners. The public can visit www.sccvote.org/gogreen or scan a QR code to enter their information to update their voter preference. PLA has created a Tool Kit for partners to utilize and help us get the word out on Go Green.

III. Next Steps

- A. Future meeting keys dates
 - a. December 16, 2021
- B. Future agenda items

Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.