



**Registrar of Voters**  
**Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, October 26, 2023 – 11:00a.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

**AGENDA**



1. Welcome and Housekeeping
  - a. Today we have American Sign Language interpretation provided by Rex Sarazen and Denize Lots
  - b. Welcome to the Registrar of Voters October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting
2. Introductions
  - a. We will now do brief introductions starting with myself and the Registrar of Voters team. I am David Pink and I am the Election Division Manager responsible for Election Services which includes our Warehouse facility, voting locations, mapping and election worker training
3. Old Business
  - a. One outstanding item from last meeting is the presentation by Fred Nisen to our election workers. That will occur sometime in

January 2024 and David will reach out to you Fred to identify a convenient date and time. Fred asked for some lead time and David Confirmed he would bear that in mind.

#### 4. Election Administration Plan Update

- a. In order to conduct elections under the voters' choice act, county election departments must file a plan outlining in broad terms how the elections will be conducted. This plan must be updated after 2 years from the initial approval of the first plan and thereafter every 4 years. Our renewal election administration plan was submitted to the Secretary of States office on September 7<sup>th</sup> and was approved on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Alameda County therefore will continue to administer elections under the voters' choice act which includes having vote centers for our elections.
- b. There are some final steps to be timetabled which includes having a workshop for voters with disabilities. This workshop will be scheduled in the coming weeks and the date and time will be put on our website.

#### 5. Outreach Update

- a. I will now hand over to Betty who will provide an update on the activities of our Outreach team.
- b. Betty outlined that she and her team are currently very busy. Doing outreach not only for the Primary Election but also the November Oakland USD Special Election. They have done a total of 186 events including 25 events targeting voters with disabilities. Additionally, they have done several voter registration events.
- c. The team is at Chabot College for national Disability Day today. The team has reached out to East Bay Center for the blind and they have indicated they will contact the Registrar of Voters to request outreach events as appropriate.

## 6. Upcoming Elections

- a. There are two elections that we are preparing for.
- b. Oakland USD District 5 election on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - i. We have one location at Think College Now that will be open starting on Saturday thru Election Day. The hours will be from 9am – 5pm until Election Day when the hours will be 7am – 8pm.
  - ii. We also have 6 drop boxes open and teams from the Registrar of voters are emptying the boxes regularly although so far turnout has been low.
  - iii. The Registrar of Voters sent out 25,388 ballots and as of yesterday we have received 1,139. There are still 24,249 ballots that have not been returned.
  - iv. Hopefully we will see a substantial increase in returns over the next two weeks.
- c. Presidential Primary Election on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - i. We will have 100 vote centers for the March election. We have so far received 80 signed agreements from locations and are waiting for another 10 to be sent from locations. We are also still working on finding locations for 10 sites.
  - ii. We are working on a new signature guide to be used with the Poll Pads which are the devices voters check in on. We think this will be an enhancement compared to the current signature guides.
  - iii. We will have 67 Drop Boxes for the election.
  - iv. We will provide more information at our next meeting in January.

- v. Fred asked about signature guides and David explained the Registrar of Voters is working on a version for the poll pad for the March election.

## 7. Proposed Meeting Dates and Times for 2024

- i. January 25th, 2024 @ 11am
- ii. April 25th, 2024 @ 11am
- iii. July 25th, 2024 @ 11am
- iv. October 24th, 2024 @ 11am

## 8. Questions

- a. Fred asked who our members are for the VAAC. David explained there are several people, but it is difficult to get people to attend. Fred said he might be able to help and asked for a list of the members.
- b. Fred asked about American Sign Language at the vote centers. David confirmed this is something we have been discussing. Fred suggested using the company from whom we have the interpreters at this meeting. David said we are considering all options. Fred asked for this to be placed on the agenda for January. David confirmed he would do that.

## 9. Close Meeting



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#### ***REGISTRAR OF VOTERS***

CYNTHIA CORNEJO – DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

DAVID PINK – ELECTION DIVISION MANAGER

LOLITA FRANCISCO – ELECTION DIVISION MANAGER

MICARDO REYNOSO – POLL WORKER TRAINING COORDINATOR

JEFF NORMART – POLL WORKER RECRUITING

BETTY DAVID – OUTREACH COORDINATOR

#### ***AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS***

REX SARAZEN – FOCUS INTERPRETING

DENISE LOTZ – FOCUS INTERPRETING