

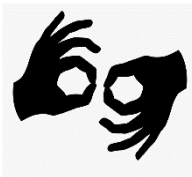


Registrar of Voters

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 24, 2024 – 11:00a.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting



Minutes

1. Welcome and Housekeeping
2. Introductions
3. Old Business
4. Outreach Update
 - a. David handed over to Betty our outreach coordinator to provide an update of activities since the meeting in July. She confirmed that her team had attended some 436 events. She mentioned that it had been challenging to find new types of events and they were always on the lookout for suggestions. She said they wanted to attend events particularly relating to restored voters, unhoused voters etc.
 - b. Betty identified that her team attended 20 events catering to voters with disabilities including an event with Berkeley UC Berkeley Disability Cultural Community Center and another event with the California school for the blind. The outreach team were able to interact with members of the community as well as students as both events. Now the team is focusing on the ballot drop stop tour for the upcoming election. Betty said she and her team were

grateful to Fred who partnered with them on the event with the California school for the blind.

- c. Micardo and David attended the October 2nd which event ROV collaborated on with UC Berkeley Disability Cultural Community Center. It was a hybrid event with an hour zoom presentation and one hour in person workshop. The Registrar of Voters supplied 5 ballot marking touchscreen devices and brought 10 members of the election worker training staff to assist the public who wanted to use the equipment. David said he was happy to report that all the touchscreens were utilized. Several people tried voting on the devices including using the accessible features including the Audio Tactile Interface device and audio features.

5. Upcoming Elections

a. November 5th, 2024 – Presidential General Election

- i. David confirmed there are 20 vote centers opening from this Saturday, October 26th. They will be open for voting from 9am – 5pm each day. They will remain open through Election Day. On Election Day they will open from 7am to 8pm.
- ii. Deliveries of the equipment to the 11-day vote centers is happening as we speak and will be completed on tomorrow morning. Election workers will visit the vote centers to begin doing set up tomorrow afternoon.
- iii. On November 2nd a further 80 vote centers will open. They will be open from 9am - 5pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and from 7am – 8pm on Election Day.
- iv. From November 2nd thru election day there will be 100 vote centers open.
- v. David mentioned the late change to one location. The orientation center for the blind would be used instead of the Albany Veteran's building. Fred asked if it was an 11-day or 4-day location and David confirmed it was a 4-day site.

- vi. The registrar of voters have several types of location for this election including senior centers, schools, community organizations and churches.
- vii. David reported that there are 67 secure 24-hour vote by mail drop boxes that are open for voters to deposit their ballots. So far, 46,851 ballots have been received from the drop boxes. Overall, a total of approximately 75,104 VBM ballots have been returned.
- viii. These numbers are changing minute by minute and the registrar of voters is seeing increasing turnout for the ballot drop boxes. A week ago, daily totals were a little over 3,000 now returns are around 5,000 to 6,000 per day. This will increase over the coming days.
- ix. Our vendor is picking up ballots along with our Sheriffs.
- x. Betty provided more information on the drop stop tours. Currently 100 drop stops have been completed. They are being done in several cities including Albany, Fremont, Berkeley and on Fallon Street in Oakland. On Tuesday over 300 ballots were dropped off at one of the drop off locations. That was a record. The drop stops began on October 7th and will continue until Election Day. Betty said her team are investigating the possibility of doing a drop stop at the California School for the Blind in Fremont.
- xi. David pointed out that voters can also use the remote accessible vote by mail system. So far, 5,856 overseas voters and 566 RAVBM voters have used the system.

6. American Sign Language at the Vote Centers

- a. The registrar of voters will be using the Secretary of State vendor (Focus Interpreting) for American Sign Language at the vote centers. Vote Center Captains will call the help desk and help desk will connect the captain with Focus Interpreting.

7. Close Meeting and new dates

- a. The proposed dates for the upcoming meetings are already on the website. David read the dates to the group.



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MEETING ATTENDEES

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

AIMEE ANDERSON – FOCUS INTERPRETING