



Registrar of Voters

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 2024 – 11:00a.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting



MINUTES

1. Welcome and Housekeeping
2. Introductions
3. Old Business
 - a. Signature Guide for Poll Pads
 - i. The Registrar of Voters was unable to get the prototype we wanted. Have reached out to another vendor to provide a prototype with a harder plastic. Should have the new version in the next few weeks. Fred asked if that meant we had no signature guides for the Primary. David explained that we still provided the small guides. They work well on paper but on the poll pads, which are a touchscreen, they don't work as well. The guide is placed on the screen, and it can make it difficult to sign. Cynthia mentioned that she had seen backing that can be added to the guide to make it non-slip. David mentioned we were planning on putting little

rubber dots but that we would investigate that suggestion.

4. Outreach Update

a. Betty our Outreach Coordinator is unable to be here today. She did, however, provide me with an update on her team's activities.

i. 151 events so far this year.

ii. 6 events targeting voters with disabilities.

1/5/2024 Dublin Senior Center

1/9/2024 Dublin Senior Center

1/23/2024 CRIL Community Resource for Independent Living Ed Roberts Day

2/25/2024 East Oakland Senior Center

2/26/2024 East Oakland Senior Center

2/27/2024 South Berkeley Senior Center

iii. Since the certification of the Presidential Primary Election her team has been focused on outreach for the Berkeley District 7 Special Election. The team has also been working on high school voter education weeks which are during the last 2 weeks of April.

5. Report on Recent Elections

a. Presidential Primary Election

i. For the Presidential Primary election, we had 100 vote centers. Some examples of the types of locations we used are the Veteran's buildings, Senior Centers, Schools, Churches, Community Centers and Fire Stations. These were spread throughout the County.

- ii. We had 67 Vote by Mail drop boxes in which voters could drop off their ballots 24hrs per day.
- iii. There were 939,274 registered Voters in the election.
- iv. Turnout was 330,304 or 35.17%.
 - 1. VBM turnout was 308,762 or 32.87%.
 - 2. Election Day (in person) turnout was 21,542 or 2.29%.
 - 3. RAVBM accessed was 387.
 - a. Returned was 85.
 - 4. UOCAVA accessed was 1407.
 - a. Returned by fax 325.
 - b. Returned by Mail 609
 - 5. Fred had asked about the figures and if they were actual votes or people accessing the system. David said he would confirm with Andrew and get a more detailed breakdown and put that in the minutes. (detailed breakdown above).

b. City of Berkeley, District 7, Special Election

- i. There was one vote center at the Young Women's Christian Association.
- ii. There were 6 drop boxes open for this election, the two around Berkeley City Hall and the box on the University campus. And the boxes around the René C Davison Courthouse.
- iii. Registered voters for the election was 2,857.
- iv. Turnout was 480 or 16.8%.

1. VBM Turnout was 185 or 6.48%.
2. Election Day (in person) turnout was 295 or 10.33%.

6. Upcoming Elections

a. City of Berkeley, District 4, Special Election

- i. There will be one vote center, the Lutheran Church of the Cross 1744 University Avenue Berkeley.
- ii. There will be 6 drop boxes open for this election, the two around Berkeley City Hall and the box on the University campus. And the boxes around the René C Davison Courthouse.
- iii. Registered voters for the election 7,457

b. Sunol Glen Unified School District Recall Election

- i. We will have one vote center at the Sunol Glen middle School.
- ii. We will open two drop boxes. Pleasanton City Hall and Ohlone College.
- iii. Registered voters for the election 837.
- iv. Cynthia mentioned that the Outreach team would be doing a drop stop tour in the area for all 28 days prior to the election. Voters can drop off their ballots to our team at several convenient locations.

c. General Election

- i. For the Presidential General Election, we will have 100 vote centers.
- ii. We will have 67 Vote by Mail drop boxes in which voters could drop off their ballots 24hrs per day.

d. Other Elections

i. District Attorney Recall Election

1. The petitions were confirmed to be sufficient so the election will proceed. The Board of Supervisors will likely call the election on April 30th or May 7th. The date of the election is not yet determined. There is a possibility the election could be combined with the November election. If not, a special election will be called. We anticipate that there would be 32 vote centers. All 67 of the VBM drop boxes in the County would be open.

ii. 10th State Senate Recall Election

1. Petitions are being circulated and returned to the Registrar of Voters offices. Too early to know if the required number of signatures will be reached.

7. American Sign Language at the Vote Centers

- a. Working with our current vendor for language assistance at the vote center and considering other options including a kiosk that offers language and sign language combined. Now the Primary election is over, we hope to make some progress on this matter. Fred asked who the vendor was. David let him know it was Focus Interpreting. Cynthia mentioned that they are the vendors the State recommended and use. For the kiosk, the vendor providing the language support is language line. Fred asked how much more expensive it was for ASL as compared to language support. David confirmed we don't know yet, but he would forward the information to Fred when that has been confirmed.

8. Close Meeting



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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

CYNTHIA CORNEJO – DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

DAVID PINK – ELECTION DIVISION MANAGER

MICARDO REYNOSO – POLL WORKER TRAINING COORDINATOR

JEFF NORMART – POLL WORKER RECRUITING

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

REX SARAZAN – FOCUS INTERPRETING

AIMEE ANDERSON – FOCUS INTERPRETING

VAAC MEMBERS

FRED NISEN – DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA