VOTER REGISTRATION Spanish Language Accessibility Advisory Committee

<u>Date:</u> Thursday, August 21, 2025 <u>Time</u>: 11:00 AM-12:00 PM <u>Location</u>: virtual meeting – minutes

Estela Orozco, representing the Registrar of Voters, opened the virtual meeting with a warm welcome, emphasizing the vital role of each attendee in our collective efforts. The meeting was attended by Sasha Ritzie Hernández, executive director of Somos Familia; Alba Hernández, representing FIAEB (Faith in Action East Bay); and Claudia Guzmán, representing the Electoral Registry. In addition, Estela Orozco expressed her gratitude for the collaborative efforts that will contribute to the success of the Registrar of Voters.

The election will take place on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. This election will be held in the cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City, covering a portion of Hayward, but the centers will only be available in the cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City. We will have seven voting centers. Four vote centers will be available for 11 days, and three vote centers will be open to the public for 3 days.

Alba Hernandez requested the measure to provide the information to the voters in that Area. Claudia Guzman mentioned that she will be sending a PDF containing the information, which is also available on our website.

Sasha Hernandez Ritzie and Alba Hernandez asked if we have details on the tentative Statewide Election.

Estela Orozco mentioned that we don't have any details on the tentative Statewide Election since we are waiting for the Governor to make the Election Official, and the Alameda County Registrar of Voters will have more details on August 22, 2025.

Estela provided an update on the numbers and the latest information regarding the number of Election Workers we will need, totaling 100 workers, including bilingual workers, for the upcoming election. We will also have drop-off Boxes, which will be open to the public, seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Claudia Guzman spoke about outreach and language education, noting that our outreach team attended 193 events throughout Alameda County. Among these, 22 events were specifically aimed at bilingual and multicultural communities. These events covered topics such as voter education, voter registration, and recruitment of election workers for future elections.

Alameda County Elections Commission Meeting. At the meeting on July 17, 2025, it was mentioned that the applications received to elect a new member to represent the language and serve on the Alameda County Elections Commission are currently under review. The Deputy, Cynthia Cornejo, mentioned that Sasha Ritzie Hernandez, a member of the LAAC in Spanish, has submitted her application and is interested in being part of the committee and representing the languages.

Sasha Hernández Ritzie mentioned that she will be honored to represent the LAAC committees, and that is great news. She cannot wait to hear more detailed news about it.

There were no further questions or suggestions from the members.

The meeting was adjourned for 12:00 p.m., and the next meeting is scheduled for November. The date will be set as we get closer.