

ALAMEDA COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
Spanish Language Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Date: Wednesday, February 05, 2025  
Time: 11:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Location: Virtual Meeting – Notes

Claudia Guzman, representing the Registrar of Voters, opened the virtual meeting with a warm welcome, emphasizing the vital roles of each attendee in our collective efforts. The meeting included Sasha Ritzie Hernandez, the Executive Director of Somos Familia; Alba Hernandez, who represented FIAEB (Faith in Action East Bay); and Estela Orozco, who represented the Registrar of Voters. Additionally, members of the public in attendance were Pedro Hernandez, representing Common Cause, and Sietse Goffard, representing the Asian Law Caucus. Claudia Guzman expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts that will contribute to the success of the Registrar of Voters.

Claudia Guzman discussed the resolutions for Alba Hernandez regarding her concerns with the state's "Find My Ballot" app from the State. Alba Hernandez expressed that she could not confirm whether the Registrar of Voters had received her ballot. To assist her, I contacted someone who could provide more information. I recommended that Alba Hernandez use the app from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to track her ballot, as the California Secretary of State's app does not indicate whether her ballot was delivered or received by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters. She could confirm that her ballot had been received using the Alameda County app.

Alba Hernandez also had a question regarding her daughter's signature; her daughter used her second last name on her Vote By Mail envelope, which differs from the name on her original registration. I gathered information about the signature issue and shared my findings with Alba Hernandez, letting her know it would not be a problem since it's a part of her name.

Alba Hernandez said all the information provided was beneficial and thanked Claudia Guzman for all her assistance.

Estela Orozco mentioned the 2024 November General Election results:

- 100 Vote Centers were open and available for Voters
- 683,069 Voters participated in this election
- 595,991 total Voters - Cast their Ballot by Mail
- 87,078 Voters Voted in person
- 50,725 Voters Voted in person on election day
- 140,000 Vote by Mail Ballots received
- 16,546 Conditional Voter Registration forms received
- 3 million Ballots Cards were scanned

Pedro Hernandez asked if the Registrar of Voters tracks the number of voters who use the touchscreen, requests a bilingual ballot, and requests the total number of registered voters with a language preference.

Estela Orozco said she would ask for that information and send whatever information is available by email.

Sasha Hernandez asked about Measure S and its status. She mentioned they would be happy to assist if they could do anything.

Claudia Guzman mentioned that she would obtain information about Measure S from our office.

Estela Orozco moved on to discuss the highlights of youth voting.

Total Youth Voters who registered to Vote – **1,525**

- **536** in Berkeley and **989** in Oakland

**575** Youth Voters Cast their Ballot in the 2024 November General Election.

- **305** from Berkeley and **204** from Oakland

Estela Orozco talked about totals for outreach and language education events for 2024

- A total of 438 events were attended in 2024
- Student Voter Education Events 77

Estela Orozco also covered the recruitment of Election and bilingual workers

- 822 Election Workers Served assisting voters at Vote Centers
- 194 Bilingual Election workers, 80 were Bilingual in Spanish

Claudia Guzman discussed the upcoming election for the Mayor of Oakland.

- 9 Vote Centers
- 11 days – 5
- 4 days – 4 days
- All drop boxes will be open, 18 in total.
- The Vote Centers have been finalized.

During the suggestions and additional questions, Pedro Hernandez asked if the Registrar of Voters would give any presentations on RCV and how to mark the ballot correctly. He also mentioned that he would be willing to assist with how to do presentations since he has done presentations for the San Francisco Elections Department. Pedro Hernandez suggested that we create some posters and detailed instructions on how to properly mark the ballot or the things that will be incorrect to do on the RCV ballot since it is not easy for some voters to understand how to mark an RCV ballot.

Claudia Guzman mentioned that we will bring the suggestions to our office and keep him informed.

Pedro Hernandez also asked if there was any way that they could help us since this election is significant.

Estela Orozco mentioned they can help the Registrar of Voters by inviting us to their events for a voter education presentation. The information would go to the outreach staff to coordinate and schedule the event.

Alba Hernandez mentioned that she has sent invitations to 2 of their upcoming events, but our outreach team has not responded.

Claudia Guzman reassured her that she would contact the outreach team and follow up.

Sasha Hernandez said, "Thank you so much for everything you guys do, as I understand that it is a busy time for the Registrar of Voters in such a quick turnaround and prepare for another election.

Pedro Hernandez asked if they could receive the invitation and the agenda with advance notice for future meetings. Since this was very short notice and conflicted with his calendar, he would also like time to review the agenda.

Estela Orozco assured them we would send the meeting invites and agendas in advance for future meetings.

Pedro Hernandez said that would be appreciated. "I'm up for a meeting in May since that will be an opportunity to discuss the election."

Everyone agreed to have the next meeting in mid-May.

The meeting was adjourned.