

ALAMEDA COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
Vietnamese Language Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, August 06, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams (Online Meeting)

Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 12:05 P.M.

The online meeting began with the participation of Mr. Chuong at 12:05 p.m. and Mr. Thep at 12:15 p.m. Henry coordinated the meeting with members of the Vietnamese Election Support Group: Quynh, Truong, Hien and Tram. Since the members attending the meeting all spoke Vietnamese, the meeting was conducted in Vietnamese. Ms. Yen was unable to attend the meeting because the Registrar of Voters is conducting a Public Logic and Accuracy Testing on August 6, 2026, which is one of the important dates on the election schedule.

We began the meeting by providing an overview of the California Voter's Choice Act (VCA). The VCA is a law passed in 2016, under Senate Bill 450, that aims to modernize elections and provide voters with more flexibility in how, when, and where to vote. Alameda County is one of 30 counties in California that have adopted the VCA model.

Under the Voter's Choice Act, Alameda County voters can choose how, when, and where to vote. Voters can vote in person at any Vote Center in Alameda County, by mail, or return their Vote by Mail ballot at 24-hour official ballot drop boxes. Voters can also choose when to vote by 11 days of early voting at any Vote Center in the county and can vote on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. In addition, voters can choose where to vote at any Vote Center in Alameda County, regardless of its location. Staff at Vote Centers can also assist voters in multiple languages, assist voters with disabilities and update voter registration information.

Next, we provided information on the results of the elections held in June 2026. For the June 2, 2026 Statewide Direct Primary Election, the total number of registered voters is 971,138. There were 26,530 voters, or 2.73%, who voted on Election Day. The total number of Vote by Mail votes cast was 388,673, or 40.02%. The total number of votes cast was 415,203, with a total voter turnout of 42.75%. This election has a total of 906 Election Workers, including 223 Bilingual Election Workers and 88 Spanish Election Workers.

The number of registered voters by language includes 926,536 English voters, 21,909 Chinese voters, 17,182 Spanish voters, 4,798 Vietnamese voters, 1,093 Tagalog voters, 626 Hindi voters, 155 Japanese voters, 137 Khmer voters, 1,750 Korean voters, 93 Punjabi voters and 164 Thai voters.

There are a total of 100 Vote Centers. With 20 Vote Center locations opening on Saturday, May 23, 2026, and an additional 80 locations opening on Saturday, May 30, 2026. All Vote Centers remain open through Election Day, Tuesday, June 2, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The results of the 14th Congressional District Special Primary Election on June 16, 2026 have also been provided. The total number of registered voters is 430,751. There were 2,010 voters, or 0.47%, who voted on Election Day. The total number of Vote by Mail ballots cast was 123,388, or 28.64%, and the total number of votes cast was 125,388, for a total voter turnout rate of 29.11%. This election has a total of 14 Vote Centers. 7 locations open on Saturday, June 6, 2026, and an additional 7 locations open on Saturday, June 13, 2026. All Vote Centers remain open through Election Day, Tuesday, June 16, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

We updated on the current operations of the Registrar of Voters and upcoming elections. The General Election will be held on November 3, 2026. Currently, the total number of registered voters is 974,443, including 881,291 PVBM voters and 10,082 UOCAVA voters. The Registrar of Voters is also coordinating with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ALCO) in collecting ballots at official ballot drop boxes.

We also announced the 14th Congressional District Special General Election on August 18, 2026. This special election was held due to the resignation of Congressman Eric Swalwell and is to vote for the 2 with the highest number of votes from the June 16, 2026 election, the Registrar of Voters is currently in the preparation phase for this election. The August 18, 2026 election is open only to voters who reside in Congressional District 14.

14th Congressional District Special General Election Important Dates.

Election Activity	Date
First Day of Vote-by-Mail Ballot Mailing	July 20, 2026
First Day of Early Voting at Registrar of Voters Office	July 20, 2026
Last Day to Register to Vote	August 3, 2026
Public Logic and Accuracy Testing	August 6, 2026
Last Day to Request Replacement Vote-by-Mail Ballot	August 11, 2026
Election Day	August 18, 2026

There is a total of 14 Vote Centers for the 14th Congressional District Special General Election. The first 7 Vote Centers will be open beginning Saturday, August 8, 2026, and an additional 7 Vote Centers will be open beginning Saturday, August 15, 2026. All Vote Centers will remain open through Election Day, Tuesday, August 18, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. In addition, there are a total of 30 Official Ballot Drop Boxes throughout Alameda County and Drop Box locations will begin opening on July 20, 2026.

In terms of Language, Voter Outreach and Instruction activities, the Registrar of Voters participated in 248 outreach events and 23 cultural events to provide election information and reach out to communities in Alameda County.

Information about Election Worker Recruitment for upcoming elections has been provided. For the August 18, 2026 election, approximately 130 election workers were appointed. For the November 3, 2026 General Election, approximately 906 election workers will be appointed.

The number of Bilingual Election Workers appointed for the June 2, 2026, election office is as follows: 1 Bengali worker, 3 Burmese workers, 62 Chinese workers and 1 Chinese StandBy worker, 33 Hindi workers and 2 Hindi StandBy workers, 2 Japanese workers, 1 Korean StandBy worker, 1 Mongolian worker, 6 Punjabi workers and 1 Punjabi StandBy worker, 85 Spanish workers and 3 Spanish StandBy workers, 20 Tagalog workers and 2 Tagalog StandBy workers, 2 Telugu workers, 1 Urdu workers, and 1 Urdu StandBy worker. For Vietnamese, there are 7 Bilingual Election Workers appointed.

During the meeting, Mr. Chuong asked about the total number of registered Vietnamese voters in Alameda County. Henry replied that there are currently 4,798 registered voters in Vietnamese. Mr. Chuong continued to ask how many Vietnamese voters had actually voted and received an explanation that we will try to get the number.

Mr. Chuong also asked whether there were cases of voters using fake Social Security numbers to register to vote. Henry explained that the voter's information and signature will be verified during the voter registration process, and the voter's signature on the ballot will also be checked during the ballot process.

Mr. Thep asked if all voters throughout Alameda County could vote in the August 18, 2026 election and why he did not receive a ballot for this election while still receiving a ballot in other elections. Henry explained that the August 2026 election only applies to voters who reside in the Congressional District 14 prior to the passing of Proposition 50, so voters who are not from this district, including Mr. Thep, will not receive a ballot for this special election.

Mr. Thep asked about the number of Vietnamese election workers at the Election Office and was told that there are currently 6 Vietnamese bilingual workers at the Election Office.

Thep also asked if there would be any changes in the election process for November 3, 2026. The Registrar of Voters said there are currently no changes to the election process for November 3, 2026.

Mr. Thep asked about the age at which voters can register and start voting. Youth voters can begin registering to vote early at age 16, and from age 17 can begin voting in Albany, Berkeley, and Oakland. When they reach the age of 18, voters can officially vote for other elections.

Mr. Thep also asked which age group has the highest number of voters and was told that there is currently no specific data, and we will try to get the number.

Mr. Thep asked about the meaning of PVBM. PVBM is Permanent Vote by Mail; each registered voter will receive a Vote by Mail ballot mailed to the voter's address.

Thep also asked if there were polling locations for Vietnamese voters or near Vietnamese communities. Vote Centers are located throughout Alameda County. For the August election, there are a total of 14 Vote Centers in the 14th Congressional District. For the November General Election, there will be a total of 100 Vote Center locations.

Finally, Mr. Thep suggested that there are more places and promotional channels to provide information and guidance to voters about elections for the Vietnamese community. The Election Support Team thanked and acknowledged the proposal, and said it would forward the comments to the authorities for consideration.

Before concluding the meeting, we thanked members for taking the time to attend and contribute questions and suggestions to improve access and election information to the Vietnamese community. We appreciate the members' time and wish them a good weekend and hope to see them in our next Vietnamese Language Access Advisory Committee meeting.

The meeting ended at 12:50 P.M.