



Registrar of Voters

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting



MINUTES

1. Welcome and Housekeeping
2. Introductions
3. Old Business
 - a. Sign Re-design
 - b. New Curbside Voting Sign. Displaying image on the screen. Will provide a description I will also describe the image.
 - c. Curbside Voting Sign - This is a blue A-frame sign for Alameda County Registrar of Voters. Across the top are government and election logos. The main message is in very large white letters and says, 'CURBSIDE VOTING.' To the right of the words is a white wheelchair accessibility symbol. The lower half of the sign has a white background with dark blue text. It gives a phone number for curbside voting: area code 510, 272, 6933. The same curbside voting message and phone number are repeated in our 17 other supported languages. The purpose of the sign is to tell voters they can request curbside voting by calling that number.

- d. This is a bright red-orange A-frame sign for Alameda County Registrar of Voters. At the top are election and county logos. The main message is in very large white letters and says, 'VOTE HERE TODAY!' A stylized American flag graphic runs behind the main words. The lower section has a light background and repeats 'Vote here today' in the other 17 supported languages. At the bottom is a large dark blue arrow pointing to the right. The sign is meant to direct voters to the vote center
- e. This is a blue A-frame sign for the Alameda County Registrar of Voters. At the top are the election and county logos. Below is a white wheelchair accessibility symbol. The main message appears in very large white letters and says, 'ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE.' The lower section has a white background and repeats 'Accessible Entrance' in our other 17 languages. At the bottom is a large blue arrow pointing to the right. The sign is meant to direct people to an accessible entrance located to the right.
- f. Fred mentioned that he thought the curbside sign was an improvement, and he asked where we plan to put the signs. David: We noted comments from your colleague. Put on the curb but further back, so it can still be seen, far enough away from the vehicle, was something we were enlightened by. Fred asked if the ROV had a specific Curbside Voting spot at every location? David confirmed that we did, and we put them in a curbside parking spot, or if none, then close to the entrance. We are seeing if we can set up accessible spots on the street in locations like Berkeley, if there is no accessible spot. Fred said he might be able to help with that.
- g. Fred had a comment about the accessible entrances. He said he had problems due to where the signs are placed at the YWCA in Berkeley. He said he knew where it was, but if someone doesn't know the area, they won't know where the ramp is. David said that ROV will check on that. Also spoke to the University about a new Vote Center, and we'll send experienced staff there to see a new location soon.

4. Outreach Update

- a. Betty confirmed that for the year to date, her team had attended 100 events, including communities with disabilities. They had attended events with CRIL at Ed Roberts, and that was a great success. There was networking at those events to attend further events. The team aims to educate and increase voter registration and participation, not just in Gubernatorial elections, but even in smaller elections. Betty said she wanted to provide these numbers and show the work we've been doing. Matthew said he would like to go with the ROV team; he said he would be very happy to and was available. Betty said she can send him a list of events, and she was very excited. She said she appreciated the enthusiasm.

5. Upcoming Elections

- a. June 2nd, 2026 – Statewide Direct Primary Election
 - i. Covers the whole of Alameda County
 - ii. There will be 100 vote centers
 - iii. 20 will open on Saturday, May 23rd, and will be open through election day
 - iv. A further 80 will open on Saturday, May 30th, and will be open through election day
 - v. We have 67 vote-by-mail drop boxes. Due to construction at the Samuel Merritt drop box located at 450 30th Street, Oakland, we will have 66 open for this election. We are reaching out to the owner of the facility where the work is taking place to see if there is anything they can do. This is still above the required number of drop boxes for a county with our registered voter numbers.
 - vi. The sheriffs will again assist with ballot collection and closing of ballot boxes on Election night. Our other vendor will also assist with the final collections. Due to

the election on June 16th, we will need to keep 33 boxes open.

- vii. We have secured 97% of our locations, but still have two to find in Berkeley.
 - viii. Our current registered voter count is 968,321.
 - ix. The drop boxes will be open for ballot drop off on May 4th.
 - x. New for this election will be in-person voting at the vote center, where a voter may bring in their vote by mail ballot, check in on the poll pad, and then deposit their ballot in the turquoise trolley in the same way as a regular voter.
- b. June 16th, 2026 – 14th Congressional District Special Primary Election
- i. This election was triggered by Eric Swallwell's resignation and is to replace him for the remainder of his term.
 - ii. Covers Congressional District 14
 - 1. We will be using the pre-2025 boundaries that were used to elect the former congressman
 - iii. There will be 14 vote centers
 - iv. 7 will open on Saturday, June 6th, and will be open through election day
 - v. A further 7 will open on Saturday, June 13th, and will be open through election day
 - vi. We have 33 vote-by-mail drop boxes open within the jurisdiction.
 - vii. The sheriffs will again assist with ballot collection and closing of ballot boxes on Election night. Our other vendor will also assist with the final collections.
 - viii. We are securing vote centers at the moment.

- ix. The district has a little over 429,000 voters.
- x. Voters will begin dropping off their vote by mail ballots on May 25th.
- xi. Fred said he couldn't imagine how we make sure which ballot is from which election. David said the ROV is very conscious of that. Luckily, the ballots are of different lengths, with the Statewide Primary election being 18" while the Special Election ballot was only 11". David said the ROV is putting flyers in the vote centers for the June election, and there is messaging in the voter information guides. Election workers are also being told to be vigilant.
- xii. Fred mentioned some Dropbox access issues for the Berkeley boxes. David said he knew what Fred was referring to when he mentioned the box position for the drive-up if it is exit only, if it was on the left-hand side, Fred asked for a number on Election Day, and David said we could provide one. Fred said the phone would work. Also asked about American Sign Language (ASL). David confirmed that we have a process at the Vote Center via video call. The vendor who does the language translations also does the ASL.

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- a. Fred: Thank you. Another thing I wanted to let you know, we are drafting priorities for next year. David said that it would be great to know your priorities. Fred said I put a link in the chat.

7. Close Meeting



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MEETING ATTENDEES

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MICARDO REYNOSO – POLL WORKER TRAINING COORDINATOR

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MATHEW COHN – COMMUNITY MEMBER