



Registrar of Voters

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting



Minutes

1. Welcome and Housekeeping
2. Introductions
 - a. Lisa Cohn and Mathew Cohn joined the committee. Lisa and Mathew were founding members of the Santa Clara Voters Accessibility Advisory Committee. Lisa thanked David for his help in getting into the meeting.
 - b. Fred Nisen was unable to attend today's meeting. Gabriel Taylor of Disability Rights California kindly attended in his place.
3. Old Business
 - a. Signs
 - i. We will proceed with the project to create new signage for vote centers. The Secretary of State's office reviewed the languages we need to support and determined we no longer need to support three languages, but we do need to support four new ones. As a result, all of our signage will need to be revised. This is a good opportunity to assess the accessibility of the signs. We have decided to create a standalone curbside voting A-frame sign, which will be clearer for

voters and election workers. Staff have been researching signs used by other counties and states. We will begin redesigning soon and aim to have finalized versions by the next meeting in March.

- ii. Gabriel Taylor raised an issue with how the Curbside A-frames had been set up at the YWCA in Berkeley. He suggested the signs should be a bit higher and placed where they do not obstruct the path of travel. David mentioned they would review any photos of the A-frames they might have. Gabriel also asked if the new sign would be an A-frame sandwich type, to which David confirmed they would be. Gabriel noted he was curious because that is what other countries typically use.

4. Outreach Update

- a. Betty David provided an update on the activities of the Outreach Team. She confirmed her team had attended over 200 events. She discussed the AC Vote-on-the-Go program. Here, the team goes out to hospitals, senior centers, or people confined to their homes to help them vote. Betty indicated that her team helped around 80 people during the November 2025 Election. Betty recounted a story of when she attended a hospital to assist an elderly voter who could not get out of bed. The voter was very happy and even hugged her.
- b. Betty also confirmed there was an event with the Center for Independent Living tomorrow that was for voters with disabilities.
- c. Both Lisa and Gabriel said how impressed they were by her team's efforts to assist voters.
- d. Betty asked the members to let her know of any events that they were aware of.
- e. She also mentioned a voter drive taking place in the last 2 weeks of April. Additionally, she talked about an event undertaken at the Fremont School for the Blind. She was

training course. Bilingual election workers take an additional 30-minute online training class.

- l. Election workers assisted 12 voters with disabilities.
- m. Gabriel mentioned a call that Disability Rights California received regarding a Berkeley vote-by-mail drop box, being too far from the curbside to access from her vehicle. This was due to a new road layout where a bike lane and island had been added. David thanked them for the information and said he would investigate that.

6. Upcoming Elections

- a. June 2nd, 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election
- b. We will have 100 vote centers. We have currently secured 50 and are working on securing the remaining 50. We will have several changes as many schools in areas like Berkeley are unavailable for the June election.
- c. There will be 20 eleven-day vote centers, which open on May 23rd, and 80 four-day vote centers that will open on May 30th.
- d. We will have 67 drop boxes for the June election. As in November, the Sheriff's office staff will collect the ballots.
- e. Remote Accessible Vote by Mail will be available

7. Close Meeting



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MEETING ATTENDEES

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

DAVID PINK – ELECTION DIVISION MANAGER

MICARDO REYNOSO – POLL WORKER TRAINING COORDINATOR

JEFF NORMART – POLL WORKER RECRUITING COORDINATOR

BETTY DAVID – OUTREACH COORDINATOR

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

HEATHER PEDRAZA – FOCUS INTERPRETING

BAILEY GREEN – FOCUS INTERPRETING

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

GABRIEL TAYLOR – DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA

LISA COHN – COMMUNITY MEMBER

MATHEW COHN - COMMUNITY MEMBER