

Language Accessibility Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary 04/25/2018

Introduction:

- Hang welcomed everyone and called the LAAC meeting to order
- VRE has been busy setting up the election—programming ballots, translating ballots, printing ballots, and ballots are ready to be sent E-29.

Meeting Notes:

- Sample ballots were presented to show members the new format and larger font.
- Every ballot will consist of 3 cards and be trilingual in English, Spanish, and Chinese.
- Ballots will require two stamps to return by mail, or can be returned to any Vote Center or Drop Box without any postage.
- VRE is required to provide facsimile ballots for specified precincts, as determined by the SOS, in Hmong, Korean, Punjabi, Tagalog and Vietnamese.
- Voters will automatically be mailed a facsimile ballot if they have that language preference on their voter file and live within a specified precinct.
 - Voters may update their language preference using the Voter Preference Form, which is located on the website, or on the back of the CVIG.
- Demonstrated the Accessible Vote by Mail System (AVBM) for military and overseas voters; voters with disabilities can also request to use the system, and it allows them to use their own assistive technology to mark their ballot from home.
- Sacramento County selected Democracy Live to provide this service and the website went live for military and overseas voters on Wednesday, April 18th.
 - Also provides an accessible version of the County Voter Information Guide.
- Updated Envelopes: back of the outgoing white envelopes now have ballot return instructions for voters, and the pink VBM envelopes have a 2nd hole on the signature line to assist voters with sight difficulties to know where to begin and stop signing.
- Demonstrated and explained how the ICX machines work at Vote Centers.
- Precincts has been busy trying to staff bilingual workers for all of our Vote Centers that have been determined to be in areas with language needs.
 - Asking for LAAC members to help staff bilingual works by reaching out to their languages communities: Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Punjabi, and Hmong are required, but also looking to staff Russian, Hindi, and Japanese.
- VRE has created an animated Vote by Mail video and a live-action Vote Center video that can be shared across social media. Both videos were shared during the meeting.
- Overview of important dates for the June 5th Statewide Direct Primary Election.

Future Agenda Topics:

- In place of next month's meeting, all members are encouraged to visit a Vote Center. Take notes on what was liked or not liked, and what worked or any suggestions to improve for the next election.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 27th, 6:00 PM, Community Room