

# Sacramento County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Recap

September 12, 2017  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office  
7000 65<sup>th</sup> St., Suite A, Training Room  
Sacramento

## **Handouts Provided:**

Meeting Agenda; 2017 VAAC Meeting Schedule, August 1& 16 Meeting Recap, VAAC Goals, and Voter's Choice Act Presentation

## **Call to Order:**

Committee Chair, Courtney Bailey, called the Sacramento County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting to order. Committee Members and attendees introduced themselves.

Committee Members in attendance included: Donald Tuttle, Richard Stanley, Nick Bloise, Margaret Johnson, Russell Rawlings, and Terry Schanz.

Committee Members Not Present: Indi Kallirai, Irene Capps, Marianne Knoy, Carol Moss, and Charlene Jones.

## **Appointment of Members:**

Committee Member in attendance were officially appointed and sworn in.

## **Agenda Items and Discussion Comments:**

- Request for any revisions to August 1<sup>st</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> meeting notes were taken for updating, encouraging action items to follow-up on for subsequent meetings.
- Reviewed the goals of the VAAC.
- There will be a SOS hearing on 9/27/17 for certification of Remote Accessible Voting Systems (ROVS) from Democracy Live and Five Cedars.
- In order for voters to vote privately and independently, equipment consideration should be made for visual, intellectual, and manual dexterity disabilities.
- Voters will be able to bring their own assistive devices to use on our equipment, i.e., an assistive sip and puff device, to any Vote Center or vote from home with their own equipment using the ROVS online to mark their ballot.
- Two Public Consultation Meetings will be held September 15<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and focus on voter accessibility. The second meeting will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will focus on language accessibility. Both meetings will be held here at the Voter Registration and Elections Office.
- Members suggested that Consultation Meetings be held at 6:00 p.m. in order to get more public participation.

- It was acknowledged that the County Voter Registration and Elections website was improving with the addition of several resources links.
- Elk Grove E-Transit is terminating weekend service in October.
- Members requested a calendar of VCA implementation items and progress of those items.
- The SOS Working Group is focusing on how the “get out the vote” effort will work with the Voter’s Choice Act.
- Presentation of the Voter’s Choice Act.
  - Sacramento, Napa, Nevada and San Mateo counties have adopted the VCA so far.
  - To address the 14 considerations for Vote Center locations in SB450, data from the American Community Survey (ACS) that is based on census tracts and data from our Election Management System was used to create the maps that identify areas of greatest need for Vote Centers.
  - New 2016 ACS data is coming out this Thursday, 9/14/17
- Comments about VC considerations for locations included: Mega churches have large parking spaces and usually more available space; consistent and recognizable community location like libraries, government office, community centers would be ideal VC’s; would not recommend police stations because of the intimidation factor for some communities; plenty of chairs need to be provided for voters

**Action Items:**

- Will data maps be updated with 2016 ACS information?
- Can we map populations of seniors over 65?
- Can we calculate how many people will show up at Vote Centers by looking at past polling place statistics for votes cast at polling places? How many ballots dropped off per location?
- Previous meeting question- Are there grants available to help with outreach costs?
- Calendar on VCA Implementation (check with Nevada County)

**The next VAAC meeting will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. here at the VRE Office.**