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VOTING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAAC)

Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2018, 10:40 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

555 County Center Plaza, Room 311 3rd Floor Redwood City, CA

Members Present

Craig McCulloh, Chair
Mike Levinson, PCC
Wilhelmina (Sammi) Riley, PCC
Bill Hershon, Disability Rights California
Fred Nisen, Disability Rights California
Ben McMullan, Center for Independence for Individuals with Disabilities

Staff Present

Kenny Lin, Elections Specialist III, (VAAC Coordinator)
Diana Izaguirre, Deputy Assessor-Clerk-Recorder (Elections Manager)

- I. Introductions and Announcements (10 minutes)
 - a. Remote Accessible Vote by Mail videos
 - i. ASL captioning will be included in the final video
 - ii. Phone number is live
 1. There were over 100 calls on November 2016 Election Day
- II. Review & Approve Meeting Minutes from April 19, 2018 (5 minutes)
 - a. Approved
- III. Standardization of Language About Voters with Disabilities (20 Minutes)
 - a. People first language
 - b. When referring to voters with disabilities, no need to separate out people who are blind or have low vision
 - c. It is appropriate to separate disabilities if the context calls for it
 - d. Good practice to ask voter at ballot issuing table "Would you like to use an accessible voting machine, or would you like a paper ballot?"
- IV. Plan for Future Outreach Events Targeting Voters with Disabilities (30 minutes)
 - a. All handouts need to be accessible
 - b. All venues for events need to be accessible
 - c. 8/2/2018 Inclusion Festival in Burton Park San Carlos

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- V. June 5th, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Outreach to Voters with Disabilities (20 minutes)
 - a. Elections office will look into working with Serra Cab and SamTrans

- VI. Election Report (5 minutes)
 - a. ~25,000 ballots received as of 5/22
 - b. Elections cost approx. 3.4 million

- VII. Next Meeting 7/12 10:30am