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Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)
Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2020 | 10:00 a.m.

Members:

Larry Smith, Co-Chair
Mario Janesin, Committee Member
Ruthee Goldkorn, Committee Member
John Kopp, Committee Member

Guests:

Gloria Sanchez
Gail Paulsen
Gabe Taylor
Terry Toles
Deborah Cole
Marilyn Kopp
Janet Bernabe
Pavel Ilie
Ronak Patel

Registrar of Voters Staff:

Rebecca Spencer, Registrar of Voters
Art Tinoco, Assistant Registrar of Voters
Malissa Kouba, Chief Deputy, Registrar of Voters

Meeting Commenced at 10:00 a.m.

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I. Welcome/Introductions

Introductions were made of the following staff: Registrar of Voters Rebecca Spencer, Assistant Registrar of Voters Art Tinoco, and Committee Co-Chair Larry Smith. Following staff introductions, attendees of the meeting made introductions. Rebecca Spencer introduced Malissa Kouba, Chief Deputy over Voters Services.

II. Approval of April 25, 2019 Minutes

Chuck Reutter made a motion to accept the minutes; Mario Janesin seconded with the request to add Terry Toles to the list of guests.

III. Update on State VAAC

Larry Smith provided an update from the State VAAC meeting held on January 15, 2020. Mr. Smith shared that the Secretary of State is currently working on several American Sign Language (ASL) videos that will cover, How to Complete the Voter Registration, Proposition 13 and State Voter Information Guide. Gabe Taylor stated a Disability Rights California advocate for the deaf, is currently in the process of reviewing the videos so ensure that they are accurate.

IV. Report and Update from March 2020 Presidential Primary Election

Mr. Smith shared information about the upcoming March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. There are 534 polling places and 3,204 Election Officers scheduled to serve those polling places. There are 72 ballot types and 8 party styles. John Kopp asked if a voter is voting at a polling place and they are a no party preference will they be asked if they would like to receive a Presidential Primary ballot? Mr. Smith responded

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that if a voter is registered as no party preference voter they will be asked if they would like to receive a Presidential ballot. Mr. Kopp asked if you're a permanent absentee voter or you have requested an absentee ballot how do you request to cross over other than coming into the Registrar of Voters office? Mr. Smith shared that there are several ways to request to be an absentee voter. First, the Secretary of State office sends a post card asking voters if they wish to cross over into those selected parties, the Registrar of Voters provides that information on the Voter Information Guide that will be mailed to those non party preference voters allowing them to choose to request a ballot in those cross over parties. Rebecca Spencer shared that you can request that information over the phone, email, mail or fax. Mr. Taylor shared that Disability Rights California provides information that provides a helpful breakdown of all of the different requirements and rules having to do with what voters can request and who is eligible to vote. Mr. Taylor offered to share that information with committee members that are interested. Mr. Smith also shared that the Registrar of Voters also provides information on the website.

Ms. Spencer provided samples of the test ballots for the March 3, 2020 election for the committee members to review. Ms. Spencer shared that the ballot is one card, double sided and party specific. Ms. Spencer shared that the Republican Party nonpartisan ballot does not provide the presidential contest. There is language that explains why the voter is receiving the nonpartisan ballot. Ms. Spencer also provided a Democratic Cross Over Ballot explaining the difference between a regular Democratic Ballot and a Cross Over Ballot is that no party preference voters that are crossing over into the Democratic Party for this one time are not allowed to vote for Central Committees. The regular Democratic Ballot is a one card ballot that is double sided and includes president and central committees while the Democratic Cross Over does not include the Central Committees. Ms. Spencer also shared a sample of the Voter Information Guide for ballot type 41, also noting that there are 72 different versions of the Voter Information Guide. The Voter Information Guide includes cross over information for voters wanting to request an American Independent, Democratic or Libertarian party ballot as well as a list of polling place

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locations. Also included in the county Voter Information Guide is candidate statements for congress, state senate and state assembly along with information on local measures. Ms. Spencer shared the State Voter Information Guide that includes information on presidential candidates and Proposition 13.

Ruthee Goldkorn asked if both the County and State Voter Information Guide and the County's Voter Information Guide be available in large print and how can voters request a large print ballot if they are vote-by-mail? Ms. Spencer shared that the Voter Information Guide is available in large print by request as well as on the Registrar of Voters website. The Secretary of State Voter Information Guide is also available by request as well and can also be found on the Secretary of States website. The large print ballot is available under the RAVBM portal on the Registrar of Voters website. Ms. Spencer share that voters can use the Accessible Voting Unit that has the option to zoom in on the font and will be available at the polling places as well as Registrar of Voters office.

v. Discussion on Same-Day Conditional Voter Registration (CVR)

Ms. Spencer shared that a recent law passed that requires the Registrar of Voters to offer Conditional Voter Registration at all satellite locations and polling places. There is still the 15-day close of registration which is February 17th, since that falls on a holiday it will roll over to the next business day which will be February 18th. For a voter to have their name on the roster at a polling place or request a Vote-by-Mail ballot voters need to register by February 18th. Voters can still register after February 18th, using a provisional ballot. Ms. Spencer also shared 14 days before the election and on election day, voters can come into the Registrar of Voters office, early voting sites or a polling places to change their political party and register to vote. Voters will not receive a regular ballot, they will receive a provisional ballot for processing during the canvassing period.

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Mr. Reutter asked about the process of counting provisional ballots. Ms. Spencer shared that every cast ballot is counted including provisional ballots. The Registrar of Voters has 30 days after election day to process ballots and certify the results. Before provisional ballots are counted all Vote-by-Mails must be processed from drop off locations and the post marked Vote-by-Mail ballots. Signature verification must be completed and give those voters credit for voting. Polling Place rosters must be reviewed and give those voters credit for voting. All these methods of voting must be accounted for and apply voter history in order to begin processing provisional ballots. Ms. Spencer shared that provisional ballots are the most difficult and take the longest because we have to make sure that the voter is registered, they got the right ballot, verify signature and make sure they have not already voted. Voters at the polling place receive receipts with a reference number that they can call in or check on the website to see what the status of their ballot is after the election is certified.

Gloria Sanchez, representing the senior centers for the City of Menifee asked how she can obtain Voter Registration Applications and how is the Registrar of Voters providing applications for the public. Ms. Spencer shared that a vast majority come in online or from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Under the National Voters Registration Act the Registrar of Voters automatically supplies Voter Registration Applications to the City Clerk's offices, School Districts, Special Districts, Post Offices and Libraries. DPSS along with agencies that provide benefits to the public are required to provide registration forms.

VI. Discussion on Collaborative VAAC Member, Poll Worker "Train the Trainer" Presentation

Mr. Taylor asked for any volunteers to participate in the "Train the Trainer for Election officers working in the upcoming election. Ms. Smith ask that Mr. Taylor contact Julie Caban to schedule a date and time for that to take place. Mr. Smith shared that Election Officer Training begins February 10,

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2020 and Inspector Training begins February 22, 2020. There are 7 training teams scheduled to teach 12 class a day 6 days a week for 4 weeks.

Mr. Kopp asked if a registered voter is declared incompetent and has a conservator, can that person vote? Ms. Spencer shared that the judgment order has to specifically say that the voter is losing their right to vote. The Registrar of Voters is provided with a copy of the order at which point the voter's registration is canceled.

VII. Questions/Comments

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VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

The next meeting is April 23, 2020