



Registrar of Voters

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2024 – 11:00a.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

AGENDA



1. Welcome and Housekeeping
2. Introductions
3. Old Business
 - a. Arrange a class with Fred.
 - b. Explained to Fred that we were only moving into our new facility tomorrow. We are starting training on February 2nd, but we can have training even after our training starts. We can have staff who have been through Fred's class give the classes and the new staff meet with Fred. He said that would work. David said he would send some dates.
 - c. List of Members. David confirmed he had requested it from Dwayna, and he would send the information to Fred.

4. Outreach Update

- a. Betty is in the field and will join a little later. We will come back to this section.
- b. Betty provided the updates for last year. Her team attended 224 events and 27 of those were for voters with disabilities.
- c. In 2024 so far, her team has attended 2 events one at CRIL and One at Independent Living at the Ed Roberts Center.
- d. Warren confirmed that there would be another event at the Ed Roberts Center before the General Election so we should watch out for that.

5. Report on November 7th Oakland Unified School District 5 Election

- a. The District had registered voters total of 25,483 voters.
- b. Turnout from Vote by Mail returns was 3,527 (13.84%).
- c. Turnout on Election Day in person was 63 (0.25%).
- d. Total turnout was 3,590 (14.09%).
- e. This low but often special elections do have low turnout.

6. Upcoming Elections

- a. Presidential Primary Election on March 5th
 - i. We have all but one of the Vote Center locations secured.
 - ii. The supplies going to the locations are largely completed.
 - iii. Drop boxes will be opened on Friday, February 2nd.
 - iv. Pick-ups will begin on Monday February 5th. They will be daily initially and then increasing to twice a day nearer the election. Then multiple pickups per day in the last 4 days of the election.

- v. Staff have been training on the Blue Crest mail sorter and will be using this large sorter for the first time during this election.
- vi. Training is due to move into a new facility on Friday. They will remain there until after the General Election.
- vii. Election Worker training will begin on February 2nd.
- viii. We have been working to complete the election worker guide and training materials.
- ix. Equipment deliveries to vote centers will begin on February 20th.
- x. There will be 20 eleven-day locations and 80 four-day locations.
- xi. 67 Vote by Mail drop boxes.
- xii. Voter Information Guides (VIG) are being sent out today.
 - 1. Warren Asked about how a person who is blind can access the VIG? Cynthia explained that it can be accessed via the My Voter Profile section of the website by selecting Remote Accessible Vote By Mail system (RAVBM).
 - 2. Warren Asked if a voter voting in person would need to use that? Cynthia explained that the voter does not need to vote using RAVBM, it is just how they access the VIG.
 - 3. Warren asked about people who need help with computers. Cynthia outlined the ACVOTE on the Go program explaining that it has been gaining in popularity. With this program 2 Election staff will go out to a person who is unable to get to the office or a vote center. This could be because the person is

homebound, in a care home or in hospital sick. The staff can go out and assist a voter with accessing the RAVBM system to access the VIG.

4. Warren asked if assistance can be provided over the phone? Cynthia confirmed that our staff can help over the phone, although voters seem to really like the personal touch of the vote on the go program. Staff can go to a location convenient for the voter for a time slot as long as 2 hours and if needed beyond that.
5. Warren asked for information via email. He said he was president of a chapter representing 40 blind people.
6. Cynthia explained that the ROV had met with a couple of groups who represent voters who are blind or visually impaired and have created a large text VIG as a result. That is available on request.
7. David will email some information about the program to Warren.
8. Fred asked if a ballot marking device can be brought out using the vote on the go program. Cynthia answered that ROV is looking into the possibility but must be sure the equipment can be kept secure.
9. Fred asked as a backup do they take out a laptop or VBM. Cynthia mentioned that staff can assist with the RAVBM.

b. City of Berkeley Council District 7 Special VBM Election

- i. This was caused by the resignation of the serving council person for the area containing the University Campus.

- ii. Registered voter total is 2,601.
- iii. Will be one drop box and one vote center open for 11-days. We are discussing any other drop boxes that will be open.
- iv. Warren asked on what date the election will be held. David confirmed that April 16th has been set as the election day.

7. American Sign Language at the Vote Centers

- a. Working with the vendor to see what would be possible. We anticipate it would be something along the lines of a language line done via a video call. The screen on a phone is small so we are uncertain whether that will suffice.

8. Other questions

- a. Warren asked about the voting commission. He said he knew someone from an impacted community and in particular voters with disability were to be appointed. Cynthia advised that the composition of the commission was still being finalized and he could reach out the Keith Carson's chief of staff as the Board of Supervisors were responsible for the commission.

9. Close Meeting



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MEETING ATTENDEES

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

CYNTHIA CORNEJO – DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

DAVID PINK – ELECTION DIVISION MANAGER

LOLITA FRANCISCO – ELECTION DIVISION MANAGER

MICARDO REYNOSO – POLL WORKER TRAINING COORDINATOR

JEFF NORMART – POLL WORKER RECRUITING

BETTY DAVID – OUTREACH COORDINATOR

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

REX SARAZAN – FOCUS INTERPRETING

DENISE LOTZ – FOCUS INTERPRETING

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FRED NISEN – DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA

WARREN CUSHMAN – CRIL HAYWARD