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Fresno County LAAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 07/16/2020 4:00 PM

Location

Meeting was held via WebEx Video Conferencing due to COVID-19.

Attendance and Introductions

The Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM with the following members present telephonically: Brandi Orth, Cindy Lee, James Kus, Susan Anderson, Luis Ojeda, Kamal Kaur, Katie Moua, Adam Rodriguez, Angela Delgado and Silvina Elliott.

Review of Minutes

After introductions were made, Susan offered a few minutes for everyone to conduct a quick review of the minutes from the last LAAC meeting that took place on April 28, 2020. Without any objections, a motion was brought forward by Brandi to accept the minutes, seconded by Marco, and approved.

Review of Outline for Language Workshops

Susan discussed the language workshops for the November election. Due to COVID there will be no in person meetings. Workshop presentations will be held via teleconferencing. A

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PowerPoint will be presented, translated into the appropriate language. The translated presentations will upload to the online Toolkit and made available to everyone.

Silvina updated the committee on the language workshop dates. Assistance was requested to help find organizations that work with the Vietnamese, Chinese and Tagalog communities.

The committee reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that will be used for the language workshops and suggestions were made for additional slides for clarity and added information.

Review of Bilingual Election Workers in March and Need for November

Susan stated that there is a large need for bilingual workers for the November election; 133 Spanish speakers, 40 Hmong speakers, 23 Punjabi speakers, 5 Chinese speakers, 3 Vietnamese speakers, 3 Tagalog speakers, 3 Khmer speakers, 15 Laos speakers.

Election Worker Recruitment and Plan to Work with Community Organizations

Cindy stated that, we are reaching out to and partnering with local community groups to recruit workers. There is a need for Vote Center workers as well as workers in the warehouse. Contact has been made with community groups to hire seasonal workers who were furloughed due to COVID-19.

Preparation for the November Election

Susan updated the committee on the preparation for the November election. Vote Centers and Drop box locations are being finalized.

COVID-19 Impact to Operations

Susan explained that due to COVID, there will be updates to make vote centers safer. Plexiglass barriers will be used, and face masks will be required. Fewer booths will be used to allow for proper social distancing, there will still be at least three accessible booths. Cleaning schedules will be implemented to sanitize vote centers regularly.

Feedback from Partners on Outreach

As discussed in the meeting, feedback was requested from LAAC members. Feedback will be shared at the September LAAC meeting.

Outreach Material for General Election

A voter education PowerPoint is being developed. The PowerPoint will be available in Spanish and all minor languages via the toolkit in mid-August.

Election of New Chair

Election for the new chair was held. Susan nominated Kamal Kaur the new chair. Kamal accepted the nomination. Without any objections and no other nominations, a motion was brought forward by Silvina to accept Kamal as the new Chair, seconded by Katie, and approved

Update on Vote Center and Drop Box Locations

Susan updated the committee on Vote Centers and Drop Boxes. A few vote centers used in the March election have dropped out due to COVID. These vote centers were primarily retirement homes. Fresno County Elections is partnering with Fresno County Public Library to utilize the libraries as Vote Centers. There will also be 20 extra drop boxes added to make voting more convenient.

Date for next meeting (September 24, 2020)

The next meeting will be in September 24, 2020 at 2:00 PM.
Location will be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.