



County of Fresno

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Fresno County VAAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 05/09/2019 11:00 AM

Location

Fresno County Elections Training Facility
4525 E Hamilton Ave
Fresno, CA 93702

Attendance

The Meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM with the following members present: Sarah Harris, Charity Tokash, Susan Anderson, Brandi Orth, Cindy Lee, Rhonda Wendt, Russell Chappell, Yonas Paulos, Douglas Loera, Christopher Anderson, Elisia White, Susan Coulter, Shannon Mulhall, Yolanda Franklin, Annette Wholaver, Valarie Cooper, Dennis Jeppson, Jonas Palos, and Feng Vang.

Review of Minutes

After introductions were made, Sarah asked if all participants had a chance to review the minutes from the previous VAAC meeting on March 28, 2019. There were no requests to read the minutes aloud. A motion was brought forward to accept the minutes, seconded and accepted by the committee.

Fresno Voter's Choice Act Flyer

The floor was turned over to Susan Anderson who advised that a marketing firm had been hired to come up with a flyer to help people vote. She presented a flyer developed by the County Graphics department "The Future of Voting" for discussion and possible improvements. The flyer lists the How, When, Where, and Support you need to be able to vote. The flyer is available on the web-site.

Consideration, Criteria, and Concerns regarding Vote Center Placement

Placement of Drop Boxes and Voter Centers was discussed and locations will be determined with maps available on the website for locations. It was mentioned that "patterns" rather than "shading" should be used to show districts for people that are color blind. Locations will be determined and maps made available next week. It was also stated that all voters will receive a ballot by mail. There will be 4 day or 11 day centers, which will be listed on the website.

Voting Centers and placement of Drop Boxes are determined by information derived from a variety of sources. Some of the boxes will be walk up boxes (similar to a US Postal box) and some will be drive up boxes. All Drop boxes will be ADA Accessible.

Status of Fresno County Elections Administration Plan (EAP)

UNOFFICIAL DRAFT of the Elections Administration Plan (EAP) was discussed at length and is still being updated and revised.

How Members of VAAC can help Fresno Elections

Various ways to reach voters was brought up including social media, workshop for disability and language barriers, direct contact, postcards, etc.

Voter materials should be printed in Arial font at an 18 pt. Ballots are printed in languages set by the Secretary of State based on most recent census.

It was suggested that there be “Disability Awareness Training” for staff helping with voting. Also recommended was inviting various groups such as NAMI, ARC to represent those that are aging, or with mental health.

Future of the VAAC

The next meeting will be equipped with a better conference call system, such as Zoom or Skype, to allow those who are not able to physically be present participate.

The next meeting date will be July 09, 2019, at 11:00 AM in the Fresno County Elections Training Facility.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.