

County of Fresno

COUNTY CLERK/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

BRANDI L. ORTH

Fresno County VAAC Meeting Minutes Thursday, 07/16/2020 10:00 AM

Location

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

Attendance and Introductions

The Meeting was called to order at 10:17 AM with the following members present telephonically: Brandi Orth, Susan Anderson, Cindy Lee, Vidal Medina, Sarah Harris, Russ Chappell, Valarie Cooper, Charity Tokash, James Kus, Marco Rodriguez, Sharon McPherson, Liz Shields, Yonas Palos, Silvina Elliott.

Review of Minutes

After introductions were made, Vidal offered a few minutes for everyone to conduct a quick review of the minutes from the last VAAC meeting that took place on April 30, 2020. Without any objections, a motion was brought forward by Sarah to accept the minutes, seconded by Charity, and approved.

Preparation for the November Election



Susan updated the committee on the preparation for the November election. The process of confirming Vote Centers is underway. Fresno County Elections is partnering with Fresno County Public Library to utilize the libraries as Vote Centers. All vote centers will be 4-days. Voters will be encouraged to use drop boxes. 20 extra drop boxes have been added to make voting more convenient. Employee recruitment has started, and flyers will be made available in the coming days.

COVID-19 Impact to Operations

Susan stated that due to COVID, a few Vote Centers have dropped out due in part to being senior care living facilities, but they are being replaced with buildings in the same area. Processes are being developed related to COVID-19 and making vote centers safe. Cleaning schedules will be implemented to sanitize vote centers regularly. Fewer booths will be used to allow for proper social distancing, there will still be at least three accessible booths.

Voter Accessibility Open House

Due to COVID, the open house for this election will take place on a video conference platform. It was advised by the committee that a detailed video should be created to show voters what accessible options are available. An online event will be schedule for September.

Date for next meeting (September 17, 2020)

The next meeting will be in September 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Location will be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.