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Fresno County VAAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 01/16/2020 11:00 AM

Location

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

Attendance and Introductions

The Meeting was called to order at 11:05 with the following members present: Brandi Orth, Sarah Harris, Charity Tokash, Silvina Elliott, Celeste Martin, Shelley Celaya, Latoya Rodrick, Douglas Loera, Nysen Armenta, Susan Anderson, Yonas Paulos, Michael Guidry, Valerie Cooper, James Kus, and Cindy Lee.

Review of Minutes

After introductions were made, Sarah provided a few minutes for everyone to conduct a quick review of the minutes from the last VAAC meeting that took place on January 16th, 2020. Without any objections, a motion was brought forward by Brandi to accept the minutes, seconded by Yonas, and accepted by the committee without any nay votes or abstentions

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Voter Accessibility Workshop Debriefing

Sarah started off the discussion on the Voter Accessibility Workshop. The Workshop was a success with over 100 participants. Sarah suggested that appointments should be implemented for future Voter Accessibility Workshops in order to maintain an adequate number of participants.

Charity suggested that reaching out to attendees and setting up an outreach program with a machine or two, instead of having them come here, can possibly facilitate the whole process and reduce time. Sarah added that having a trial run of setting up the vote center would work well.

Charity suggested that day programs should attend Voting Centers prior than the Election day to facilitate the process for the attendees and reduce time.

Sarah stated that flyers should be created in addition to the website to make information more accessible.

Brandi pointed out that some attendees at the work shop were not eligible or registered to vote. It is critical that attendees are aware of their eligibility beforehand in order to cast a valid vote.

Overview of Election Worker Training Segments

James discussed that the Election Worker Training includes an expanded accessibility section for the introductory class that all workers will have to complete. The classes will be using accessibility training from the APPLE program used by Contra Costa County. Workers will have a hands-on training that allows workers to get a glimpse of the importance of accessibility.

Charity commented that workers should have knowledge about the equal privacy screen.

Sarah commented that Election Workers should offer service and the accessible equipment.

Demonstration of Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail (RAVBM) with Jobs with Access Speech (JAWS) Screen Reader

Nysen explained that the Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail is for anyone with a disability. Any voter can call the office and ask for a link that will be provided by email. After they sign up, the voters will be flagged on the system as Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail. They will automatically receive this link for future elections.

Sarah demonstrated how the actual process works.

Topics and Date for next meeting (April 17, 2020)

Future topics were discussed for the next meeting, which will be on the agenda for the next VAAC meeting.

The next meeting will be in April 17, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Elections Warehouse Training Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.