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Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Registrar of Voters Office (ROV)
Karie Lew, Disability Rights California
Jessica Cruz, NorCal Center
Madison Ramirez, ASL Interpreter

The meeting started with introductions by the ROV office including Jennie Hulstine – Elections Manager, Maria Rocha – Assistant Registrar of Voters, and Donna Linder – Clerk Recorder/Registrar of Voters (attending remotely). Also in attendance were Karie Lew and Jessica Cruz.

1) Office Updates

New Elections Manager, Jillian Kraut, starting on Monday, 7/28/25 and will be running the election Staffing Unit.

2) Member Updates

No specific "updates" given for organizations. Everyone expressed gratitude for the opportunity to be involved in the process and to work collaboratively.

3) Next Elections:

- *Gubernatorial Primary Election - Tuesday, June 2, 2026*
- *Gubernatorial General Election – Tuesday, November 3, 2026*

4) Increased accessibility for D/deaf and hard of hearing voters

The meeting has primary focus on discussing accessibility services for deaf and hard of hearing voters in Stanislaus County with discussions centers around ASL interpretation options and voting accessibility challenges. The group explored various service delivery methods including in person interpreters, VRI, and pre-recorded videos, while considering budget constraints and local interpreter availability. They discussed outreach opportunities and voter education strategies, including participation in community events and sharing best practices from other counties.

Jennie to look into Multilingual Virtual Poll Worker System offered by Inclusion Solutions which was brought up by Karie Lew.

ROV asked for ideas for outreach opportunities to recruit deaf and hard of hearing poll workers and volunteers that can assist during an election. Jessica will be sending information on ROV having a

booth at Family Day in Stockton on 9/13/25. ROV considering offering to partner with San Joaquin ROV at a booth for event.

Karie shared videos from Washington State and South Carolina that include ASL interpretation and captions, suggesting these could serve as models for California.

5) 2025 meeting dates and times:

- *Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 10:00am*

At this meeting we will discuss possible 2026 dates and availability.

6) Open Discussion

Nothing additional to add.