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Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Registrar of Voters Office (ROV)
Karie Lew, Disability Rights California
Kholoud Rashid, DRAIL

1) Introduction

2) Office Updates

ROV to open recruitment of extra help workers in January for the 2026 elections.

3) Member Updates

Karie reported that Disability Rights California voting hotline has been receiving a high number of calls, particularly about signature issues and ballot concerns for this Special Election. ROV requested calls for Stanislaus County be referred to their office to provide specifics on local procedures.

Kholoud discussed efforts to educate people about the upcoming election and the importance of returning ballots on time. ROV reminded the deadline to register to vote for this election has passed but voters can still vote conditionally at the ROV office or any vote center.

4) Next Elections:

- Statewide Special Election – Tuesday, November 4, 2025

ROV mentioned that for this election there would be fewer vote centers due to time constraints and location availability, however the number of drop boxes remained the same as usual. Five vote centers open Saturday, 10/25.

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

5) ASL Services for 2026 Elections

- Contacts, Volunteers, Outreach ideas?

Continued conversation about providing ASL services at Vote Centers. Discussed progress on increasing accessibility for ASL since the last meeting.

Due to time constraints and budget for the Special Election, ROV is unable to provide ASL services for this election but looking into options for 2026.

ROV discussed the desire to have ASL services available in the 2026 Elections and is looking for known contacts, volunteers and outreach ideas from the VAAC. Looking for assistance with recruitment of extra help and volunteers that use ASL. Requesting additional contacts if known beyond just NorCal Center.

Kholoud offered to look into the cost of their language line service that includes ASL and to see if she could find any ASL volunteers.

The committee discussed the need for collective advocacy to the state for providing ASL services.

ROV Office to continue working towards having ASL interpretation in website videos.

6) 2026 proposed meeting dates and times:

- January 14, 2026
- April 8, 2026
- July 22, 2026
- October 7, 2026

Proposed meeting dates discussed and will be followed up with an email to all VAAC members before finalizing.

7) Open Discussion

No further discussion.