

Santa Cruz County

Voting & Language Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 18, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

701 Ocean St., 3rd Floor PLH Conference Room & Via Zoom

Minutes

Attendees: Gail Pellerin, Veronica Elsea, Fred Nisen, Beatriz Flores, Jackey Vizzier, Janet Crosse, Helen Ruiz-Thomas, Emma Gordon, Lynn Stipes

Introductions – welcome our new member Jackey Vizzier!

Legislative Update – Governor issued and executive orders, all registered CA voters to receive a ballot in the mail. There is new legislation in the works to back up the executive orders. There is a pending lawsuit regarding the executive order and a Stay of order in place.

State VAAC – Meeting was held on May 20. There was discussion on the plan for voting in November. Some obstacles include, standing in line and social distancing. There was minimal use of the RAVBM in the March elections. Veronica expressed concern that they are only wanting to look at the top three issues, all of the issues are important. Next meeting is July 15.

Voter Outreach – Helen Ruiz-Thomas says she has been getting asked about implementing outreach programs during the pandemic. She is looking at doing some online training. Gail reminder her about outreach at all the assisted living facilities and to update contacts. Lynn suggested Facebook Live to do outreach events. There was talk about getting plexiglass barriers to be able to table at events. Gail has been working with the Census on outreach. Janet asked about state outreach and Gail went over some of the options at the state level. She would like to see us utilize Facebook Live and You Tube for 1 to 2-minute videos. Beatriz commented that the City of Watsonville would like to join in the outreach efforts/

November Election – Gail Pellerin Gavin Newsom signed an Executive Order that all active, registered voters in California shall be mailed a ballot. Legislature is backing the executive order with new laws to come.

Voting locations: 1/10,000 voters = minimum of 17 locations. Some suggested locations are Twin Lakes Church, Resurrection Church, School Gyms, Loma Prieta.

Ballot drop boxes: 1/15,000 = minimum 11, we will have 14

Poll worker training – Lynn is working with Scytl to develop online training. They have a basic plan available. For \$5000 they will take our power point and videos and turn

them into an online training. Scytl will track who has taken the training and their scores and report back to us.

County Commission on Disabilities – Lynn Stipes reported that the Commission has been pretty quiet due to COVID. Have been holding meeting by Zoom and had to cancel events scheduled for the anniversary of ADA. Hoping to do something at a later date. Lynn shared a new form developed by Nancy Yellin to help people self-assess and prepare for an emergency. She calls it “PEEP” Personal Emergency something, something.

Meeting dates in 2020:

Thursday, September 17 – changed from August

Thursday, November 19