

**Santa Cruz County**  
**Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Thursday, August 21, 2014  
10 a.m. - 701 Ocean St. Basement – Cafeteria

**Minutes**

- I. In attendance: Veroica Elsea, Peter Heylin, Michael Molesky, Amy Sheppard, Helen Ruiz-Thomas, Gail Pellerin, Lynn Stipes
- II. Elections
  - A. June 3, 2014 –
    1. Many cancellations for poll worker and EVS workers on Monday, June 2.
    2. Veronica mentioned that it took her 45 minutes to vote. What can we do to help this process?
    3. Many equipment and supplies issues, Hoping to have new Program Coordinator at the Operations Center soon, this should help for November.
  - B. November 4, 2014 Election –
    1. The Cabrillo Host Lions club is looking to Adopt-A-Poll.
    2. Surveys of polling sites are in process.
    3. New Binder Project should be completed before Nov Election
  - C. Changes in Elections Staff – Welcome to Helen Ruiz-Thomas new Program Coordinator, voter outreach and registration.
- III. Polling Places
  - A. Looking for new polling sites, Peter suggested the Library in Soquel and will give us more information on contact person. The Library does have some access issues and would require a ramp. Also, the Brookdale Lodge is under new ownership and could possibly be a good place for the future.
  - B. Polling place canvassing and resurveys – in process hope to have completed by November election.
  - C. Site specific binder revamp project – to start in July/August to be completed by November.
- IV. State VAAC
  - A. SOS Election Day Hotline & HAVA complaints – there will be people out monitoring in November.
  - B. Survey of voters with disabilities – need more responses, Gail asked that it get forwarded to any committees.
  - C. ASL Voter Guide for November – new voter guides, Amy let us know that she is fluent in ASL should we need her.

V. Multilingual Services Program

A. Website – Will have translations for November in Spanish, Chinese and Tagalog.

B. Emails – we now have email links for all three languages on our website.

C. Phone lines – message lines in Chinese and Tagalog are now available and we have translators to monitor them.

D. Polls –SOS has identified the following number of polling sites as needing additional languages: 5 Chinese ( at UCSC), 4 Tagalog (in Watsonville) and 70% of poll sites countywide for Spanish. We are working on recruiting bilingual poll workers.

VI. Future Agenda Items

Quarterly meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month:

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