

Santa Cruz County

Voting & Language Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 20, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

701 Ocean St., 3rd Floor PLH Conference Room

Minutes

Legislative Update – Gail Pellerin talked about SB207 which will go into effect for the March primary. Voters will be able to change party or address by signing a letter at the polls. Also discussed same day voter registration and the development of new flow charts to demonstrate the new laws.

State VAAC – Gail Pellerin announced that the March 18 meeting has been cancelled. The first meeting of 2020 will be held on May 20, 2020.

All counties are now mandated to provide Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail. Santa Cruz County has one and it is up and running. It is still not as good as we would like, but we are hoping to update. No one has, as of this meeting date, used it yet.

Voter Outreach – Helen Ruiz-Thomas is now in voter assist mode. She was at the Vista Center yesterday and plans to go back in November. Vote art exhibit is now up. It is amazing and will be up through November. Election outreach, Helen is working on possible rides to the polls through Uber or Lyft.

March Election – Gail Pellerin, there will be some new polling sites and changes to others. Main Street Elementary will be used, Aptos United Methodist Church will now be a triple, Odd Fellows Hall in Boulder Creek will be a new addition. It is upstairs but has an accessible elevator.

Poll worker training is going well. There are 4 classes left for clerks, and several for the Electronic Voting System training.

There was discussion of changing the time for future meetings to 11:00am

Future Meeting dates in 2020:

Thursday, May 21

Thursday, August 20

Thursday, November 19