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Yolo County Elections Office Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting Information: <https://yolocounty.zoom.us/j/2220952025>

Meeting ID: 222 095 2025

1. Welcome from Yolo County Elections Staff-

María D. Coronel welcomed members in attendance.

2. Attendees Introductions

Attendees shared their name and organization affiliation- Karie Lew, Kate Laddish,

3. Review and approval of proposed agenda

Agenda was approved-No changes

4. Review and approval of July 2022 minutes

Minutes approved

5. Election Office Updates-

• **Observers report & website** <https://www.yoloelections.org/get-involved/election-observers>

The Yolo County Elections Office received a very valuable and comprehensive Poll Monitoring Report from the June Primary Election (Observers Report that was put together by poll workers observers affiliated with the Asian Americans Advancing Justice Asian Law Caucus). The Yolo County Election Office team using this feedback created a mini action plan on for the upcoming November 8, 2022 General Election (e.g., making sure all poll workers are displaying their name tag, and if bilingual, they have the additional name tag in the language they are bilingual in).

Observers also requested to make sure all accessibility equipment is on and always running (often time if equipment isn't rebooted it goes onto sleep-mode or energy save mode).

• **Voter Outreach Efforts**

○ **Woodland Community College Voter Registration Drive (VRD), Sept. 15, 2022**

There were a few who registered through the QR code at Woodland Community College event, recruit diverse poll workers as well.

○ **National Voter Registration Day, September 20, 2022 at Project Homekey Ready**

<https://wsmercycoalition.org/project-homekey>) and Yolo County Public Defender's Office VRD Improve collaboration with public service agencies who have been impacted by the legal system: Probation, Public defenders and the district attorney's office creating a list of events that will be taking place at the local level at Project home key (homeless shelter/rehousing program in West



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Sacramento) taking voter registration information to the event on September 20, 2022 with the support of Yolo County Public Defender's Office requested in various languages.

- **Voter Education Workshops**

Townhall style, week of September 26 - 30, 2022 daily, a different language daily. Focus on answering voters' questions, accessibility concerns, election services, etc.

- **Yolo County Probation Department VRD, October 6, 2022**

Will take place in woodland anticipating having the influx of individual recently released from prison and county jail and non-county assigned to county probation provide information of voter rights and upcoming elections.

- **Mobile Vote Center Schedule**

<https://www.yoloelections.org/voters-choice-act/mobile-vote-center>

- Voter Education & Outreach ads, revamped banners, and new Univision 19 campaign

6. Key Topics Follow up-

- **Elections Office website updates-**

- Committee specific tab. VAAC and LAAC committee specific links in the *Get Involved* section have been updated by Melinda Dubroff. When visiting this section of the website you will see one specific to the language Accessibility advisory Committee and one specific to the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee.

FAQs section on Elections website specific to voters with disabilities- Karie Lew requested for the update to include information specific to Voting rights for those voters under conservatorship and provided DRC link specific to this topic (<https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/publications/your-voting-rights-when-you-are-under-conservatorship>)

- **Translated version of the Diverse Poll Worker recruitment flyer distributed to all partners**

The Elections Office received the official translation in all our threshold languages that will be made available in Chinese, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, and Spanish, hoping to recruit diverse individuals to come serve as Election Workers at our Vote Centers.

- **Ongoing Diverse Poll Worker recruitment-** Flyers in all threshold languages

7. Action Items-

- Committee members suggested to send a survey listing additional dates/times, as proposed by those in attendance during today's meeting and select the one with the highest votes as the final date since current proposed date/time poses a challenge to Kate Laddish, who is a consistent attendee and contributor to this committee. Maria to send an email containing a link to a *Survey Monkey* invite later today. Committee members will have until end of business day Friday, September 30, 2022 to submit a response. Once new reoccurring meeting dates/times is identified, committee members will be sent a new calendar series meeting invite.

- **TikTok video participation-** "Get Involved", "Get out to Vote", in various languages.

Invitation for all committee members, their team members, colleagues, friends, acquaintances, or even family members. Please send us a brief five, ten, second clip or video with the phrase either "Get involved" or "Get out to Vote" in any language.



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8. **Members' input on topics for future consideration-** Committee members made a strong suggestion to only provide a brief report on ongoing outreach efforts, and an increased focus on Election Office website updates. Moving forward, María to only to list ongoing outreach efforts on agenda (events, location, date, etc.) and if any committee members are interested in learning more about a specific outreach effort to then reach out to María for additional details.
9. **Around the table-**
Committee members suggested to have the meeting preceding the November 8, 2022, General Election focus on voter education efforts- Workshops, early voting, Vote-by-Mail, Vote Center and Ballot Drop Box location and services messaging.
Kate Laddish suggested to reach out to Jesse Loren regarding participation in the Winters Community Festival (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TJFQjI7UXIJGnUkfhCQZm4AYIkdTqEEV/edit>)
10. **Upcoming VAAC meetings dates–**
To be determined based on responses from survey.
11. **Meeting adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.