

Fresno County Voter's Choice Act Advisory Committee (VCAAC) Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 15, 2019 4:00 PM

Opening remarks were made by Brandi Orth, Registrar of Voters for the County of Fresno. Brandi advised that the County Board of Supervisors approved the new voting equipment, and that it will be paid for by State and Federal grant funds. She explained the copies of the Unofficial Draft and the flyer that were handed out which is what we are meeting about today.

Introductions were made and there were 72 in attendance.

Susan Anderson, consultant for this project was introduced to go over the Unofficial Draft. She advised this committee meets the third Wednesday of the month, and will continue to do so through the summer with plans to have the draft finalized in September. A recommendation was made for an evening meeting for those that normally work during this time. It was stated that our evening meetings have much lower attendance.

Each category of the draft was discussed:

Voter Education and Outreach Plan - We will be using various methods of media, workshops with both bilingual and disability communities, general community presence, and direct contact with voters. The budget for the education outreach is \$50,000 which will be used for a media consultant and production costs. The hiring process of a consultant is being done through the RFP process. (Request for Proposal)

Vote Center Model – The VCM was discussed as well as the Vote Center locations. There will be 46 (maybe more) Vote Centers and 31 Drop Boxes. Centers and Boxes will be distributed equitably across the county. Vote Centers will provide a high level of service at each Center, as well as a telephonic translation service in the required language of the voter. All Centers will have accessible voting booths so that all voters can vote privately and independently. A Security/Contingency Plan is in place for each center.

Susan introduced Cindy Lee, Program Coordination for this project, and advised that all comments, questions and suggestions on the following attachments should be submitted to Cindy at her email address, [clee@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:clee@fresnocountyca.gov)

Attachments:

A – Election Code Section 4005 (a) et seq/Cross Reference to EAP

B – Television and radio stations

C – Print and Electronic Media

D – Community Organizations, Cities, and Special Districts

F – Community Meeting/Events

G (1) G (2) G (3) – Vote Center Layout Diagrams

H – Vote Center Locations, Operating Hours, and Maps

I – Election Board Members with Numbers/Languages Spoken

J – Ballot Dropbox Locations

## K – Acronyms Used in Plan

Ravi Gill, Systems and Procedures Manager was introduced and asked to explain the maps showing the data to be considered for Vote Centers and Ballot Drop Boxes. Maps are highlighted in various shades based on the data. Suggestions were made to make the maps easier to understand. All of the maps will be available on the website.

Susan advised that members of this group should not be soliciting locations or contacting potential Voting Centers. Suggestions may be emailed to Cindy Lee.

The meeting ended at 5:30 and the next meeting will be the third Wednesday of June.