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Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC)

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Attendees:

ROV Office (ROV)

Siestse Goffard, Asian Law Caucus (ALC)

Aashika Srinivas, Asian Law Caucus (ALC)

Sam David, Assyrian community advocate

Carmen Morad, Assyrian community advocate

1) 2024 Presidential Primary Election Review

ALC shared feedback on the 2024 Presidential Primary Election. ALC visited 20 counties. Four vote centers in Stanislaus County were visited. Overall feedback from observers were positive on language and accessibility. The workers appeared to be well trained. The layout of 1 vote center was a little tight. A more detailed report will be sent to the county for review. ROV explained that in an election year, we have contracted with vote centers for the November election to keep them the same as the March election. This is to keep sites consistent for voters. ROV is also limited in options for space to use as vote centers for the number of days required. ROV will review to make the best adjustments possible. ALC noted a vote center visited had facsimile ballots displayed in a clear and conspicuous manner. ROV appreciated the recognition but also explained that this can be very hard to do at other sites that are much smaller in size.

Carmen Morad shared her experience working as an election worker at a vote center. She was a greeter at first then exchanged different jobs with other workers throughout the day. She expressed that the vote center was well run and felt everyone was well-trained. Carmen said she had no complaints and gave kudos for it being so organized.

2) Website review

Stanvote.com now has a page dedicated to information directly related to accessible voting services. The page includes new educational videos. The LAAC is invited to review the page to give feedback.

3) Member updates

ALC shared information on the "Know Your Rights Workshop" hosted by the organization throughout the Bay Area and Northern California prior to the March election. The workshop covered

topics including how to register, how to vote and how to request language materials with historical context to motivate individuals to vote. Ten workshops were hosted with up to 27-88 people in attendance. More people attended the in-person workshops. The workshop was hosted with other local community events. ALC offered to provide this workshop in Stanislaus and planned to begin in the summer. Carmen Morad expressed interest in this workshop. ROV asked for ALC to send details by email so that it could be shared out with LAAC members to include those who could not attend this meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.