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**Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)**

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

Registrar of Voters Office (ROV)

Karie Lew, Disability Rights California (DRC)

Kholoud Rashid, Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living (DRAIL)

Dr. Jacqueline Forte, MJC Disability Services & Programs for Students (DSPS)

Blanca Marin, West Modesto Community Collaborative

- 1) Agenda and minutes will be posted on stanvote.com

*DRAIL shared that there is a Zoom feature that transcribes meetings. This feature could be used to generate the minutes.*

- 2) 2024 Presidential Primary Election

- Key Election Dates:
  - January 5<sup>th</sup> - UOCAVA mailing and Report of Registration
  - January 25<sup>th</sup> – County voter information guide mailing begins
  - February 5<sup>th</sup>- Vote by mail mailings begins. Ballot drop boxes are available.
  - February 24<sup>th</sup> – 6 vote centers open through Electin Day
  - March 2<sup>nd</sup> – All 32 vote centers open through Election Day
  - March 12<sup>th</sup> – Last day to received ballots postmarked on Election Day.
- All vote centers will have a designated parking space for curbside assistance. Some will have curbside ballot marking device (Touch Writer). List will be provided in county voter information guide and postcard mailing.
- Observer Hotline will be available when vote centers are open. This line should be used to report concerns/issues at vote centers. The number will be distributed to members by email before February 24, 2024.

*DRAIL asked if this could be shared with the public. The ROV Office confirmed this number is not for public distribution. This line is monitored by managers.*

- 3) Website updates: Separate page with info directly related to services for accessible voting.

- Video project completed: RAVBM and Touch Writer use
- Previous VAAC feedback incorporated.

4) Member updates

*DRC*

*-Shared that US EAC has videos relating to accessibility in elections. The videos include English captions. These videos could be used for training.*

*-Followed up on services offered to make voting accessible for deaf voters. DRC has followed up with 9 other counties. The use of multilingual virtual pollworker tablet was brought up as an idea to consider. This has also been used in Merced County to test the fluency of bilingual workers. San Benito is acquiring the system using HAVA accessibility funding available.*

*MJC Disability Services & Programs for Students*

*-Recommended review of website compliance to OCR standards. This means any link or text is accessible without use of a reader. The requirements will be sent to ROV for review.*

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.