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Yolo County Elections Office Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) Agenda

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 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 (2 mins.)

Maria Coronel, Outreach Specialist

2. Attendees Introductions (5 mins.)

Ed Castro, Anne De Medeiros- Sacramento Regional Manager for the State Council and Developmental Disabilities, Sheldon Yip- Yolo County Office of Education board member trustee, Karie Lew- Voting Rights Attorney at Disability Rights California, Kristy Lee-Davis resident and Election worker, Kate Laddish-Chair of the Yolo County In Home Supportive Services advisory Committee and co-founder and co-leader of Democracy Winters

3. Review and approval of proposed agenda (3 mins.)

Agenda approved as is.

4. Review of January's 2023 meeting minutes (5 mins.)

A few grammatical issues fixed. Clarification that the Election's Office will act as a Vote Center with ballot marking device and all other services that are available at a vote center, including conditional voter registration. Minutes approved.

5. Election Office Updates (10 mins.)

- **Website Review- Edit recommendations compilation list**
- **City of Davis All-Mail Ballot Special Municipal Election- Outreach and important dates**
Office will be posting weekly updates on topics such as: important deadlines, when ballots are being mailed out, where ballot drop boxes are located and when they open.
- **Ballot Drop Boxes and Ballot Marking Devices (Touch Writer) availability at Elections Office**
Starting 29 days before Election Day, these services will be available from 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday.
- **Outreach Efforts- County-wide Youth Voter Registration Drive and Youth Empowerment Summit 2023**



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During the two-week Voter Registration Drive, Yolo County Elections staff will be performing site visits at each of the local high schools to encourage students to participate in the drive. We will also be promoting the Youth Empowerment Summit (YES) and seeking local youth who are interested in assisting with the planning of the event such as topics covered at the event, what they want to learn and get out of the YES event.

6. Action Item- Elections Office Website Review- FAQs (25 mins.) <https://www.yoloelections.org/get-involved/learn-more-from-trusted-sources>

FAQs updated: information on Vote by Mail Ballots, information about Vote Centers, how secure and protective Vote by Mail Ballots are. Video links added to the website that explain topics such as, Vote by Mail ballots and the process of verification of signatures, step by processing of ballots. Links to the vendor Hart and their FAQs, whose equipment the Yolo County Elections office uses for election services. Kate Laddish- concerns about writing out the myths, rather just state the fact. There can be unintended consequences by stating myths. Or pose the myth as a question that the facts will answer such as, "Are outside ballot drop boxes secure? They are secure..." additionally making the url straightforward. Kristy Lee- Take out the word "trusted" as it is subjective. "Facts about Voting" preferred title. All participates agree on recommendation of FAQs having direct factual statements.

7. Members' input on topics for future consideration- "Voter Satisfaction Survey" (5 mins.) Topic currently on queue to be included in March's meeting (most recent survey sample to be emailed for members' review prior to meeting).

Anne De Medeiros- Suggests looking into plain language, which is something that her office can help with. Simple language makes the information accessible and clear to a wider audience.

Yolo County Elections is in the process of transitioning from a .org to a .gov website. This will improve the accessibility of the website.

Karie Lew- Election Administration Plan (EAP) 2-year review taking place in 2024, however the Secretary of State has suggested conducting the EAP review this year prior to the primary elections and wondering what the County Of Yolo plans to do

Kate Laddish- shared information on disability language workshops upcoming. Also planning on sharing the slides from the presentation as well. Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network's access & functional needs training series, which includes accessible communication (March 15) and disability etiquette (April 12):

<https://fireadaptednetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/FACNetAFNTraining2023.pdf>

<https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/latest-news/statement-voters-with-disabilities-in-shasta-county-may-be-left-with-no-option-for>

8. Around the table- (5 mins.)



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- Karie Lew- shared how accessible voting has been taken away from Shasta County residents. Shared link to information: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB545
 - Also shared information on AB 557:
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB557
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB545
 - AB 557: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB557
 - Anne De Medeiros shared Renee Bauer's information, she covers Shasta County. SCDD North State Office Manager: Renee.bauer@scdd.gov
 - Kate Laddish shared that her experience with the Congressman Mike Thompson and with his staff was that they were very open about issues that come up in this committee and of interest with this group.
- 9. Upcoming VAAC meetings dates– March 15, 2023, April 19, 2023, May 17, 2023, June 21, 2023, July 19, 2023, August 16, 2023, September 20, 2023.**
- 10. Meeting adjournment (5 mins. buffer)**
- Adjourned at 7:01pm