

Santa Cruz County

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 18, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

701 Ocean St., 3rd Floor PLH Conference Room

Minutes

In Attendance: Shiri Gradek, Amy Shephard, Janet Crosse, Veronica Elsea aka: “Daisy Duck”, Helen Ruiz-Thomas, Lynn Stipes, Gail Pellerin

Legislative update – Gail reported new law allowing Elections to contact a voter if their signature does not match. In the past the law only addresses missing signatures.

November 6, 2018 election -

Poll Worker training – Began on Tuesday 10/16. We have 14 Clerk/Inspector Classes, 14 Inspector Workshops, and 20 EVS classes scheduled between 10/16 and Election Day. Veronica is doing great as our blind voter!

Voting update – Much voter interest. We have currently issued over 103,000 vote-by-mail ballots and our voter registration is at 156,000 and rising. Deadline to register and still be on the voter rolls for 11/6/2018 is 10/22/2018. There are two new ballot drop box locations in Freedom and at the Polo Grounds in Aptos.

Election Day activities – Lots going on. We will need help for ballot pick-up during the day and at 8pm. Shiri said she can be a runner on Election Day afternoon/evening.

Election observation – The Logic and Accuracy Board is currently at the Operations center. Everything appears to be running smoothly

We have a new polling site location for this Election. DeAnza Mobile Home Park on the West Side of Santa Cruz. Information on the proposed site was presented and was approved.

State VAAC

Voter Guide for Voters with Mental Disabilities – Gail will send a copy out to VAAC members.

Remote Accessible vote-by-mail ballots – Gail will send out the full details of those requested/used in the June Election. Counties participating in the new Voter’s

Choice Act Vote Center model are: Madera, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento and San Mateo.

November election survey – No update was available. Gail has not received the survey yet.

Voter Outreach

Inmate voter outreach – Gail will be going out to facilities today, tomorrow and Monday.

Last day to register is Oct. 22

Voter assist program – Helen sent our mailers to all residential facilities with information on how to request assistance and what is available. Helen will not be attending the Abilities Expo

County Commission on Disabilities – Has three current openings in districts 1, 3 and 4.

Website – is a work in progress.

Future Agenda Items – Task Force for Vote Centers to be formed in 2019.