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Joint Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VACC) – Shasta & Tehama Counties

Thursday, August 10, 2023 1:00 P.M.

Tehama County Elections / Administration Building
727 Oak Street – Tuscan Room
Red Bluff, CA 96080

Attendees: Jennifer Vise, Ariana Zepeda, Joanna Francescut, Paul Spencer, Kaijie Zheng, Leslie, Janae, John, and Frank Treadway

Agenda

1. Introductions/Roll Call –

Meeting began at 1:05 p.m. Everybody introduced themselves.

2. Recruiting additional community members – Is there a need? –

Discussion took place regarding having County employees who specialize in County accessibility participate in the meetings.

3. Review current VAAC application (Combine with LAAC?) –

The current VAAC application was reviewed. Proposed changes to question regarding accessibility accommodation and adding language to the responsibilities section regarding plan/promote outreach to voters with disabilities. It was determined the VAAC and LAAC application will be combined with changes brought forward at the next meeting.

4. Review and reestablish 5-year and Accessibility Plan –

Discussion took place regarding outreach to voters for the new voting equipment in Shasta County. Training poll workers on accessibility of new equipment. Ensuring poll workers have the accessible voting material/equipment out on the tables at polling locations for voter use. Reviewing the accessibility kit for poll workers. Reviewing Tehama County's poll worker accessibility training at either October or January meeting depending on time.

Curbside voting law is currently optional as amended. Suggestion was made by Paul that counties find a way to be able to fulfill the curbside voting requirement as in the future he said it may not be optional.

5. Next Meeting Topics

- RAVBM Demo
- Voter Outreach – New voting system
- Final Approval of VAAC application
- Recruitment of members

- Review Tehama Accessibility training (time depending)

6. Next meeting date/time –

Next meeting was scheduled for 9:00 A.M on Thursday, October 5, 2023 in Shasta County.

7. Adjourn to convene as the LAAC –

2:10 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

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Joint Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LACC) – Shasta & Tehama Counties

Thursday, August 10, 2023 2:10 P.M.

Tehama County Elections / Administration Building
727 Oak Street – Tuscan Room
Red Bluff, CA 96080

Attendees: Jennifer Vise, Ariana Zepeda, Joanna Francescut, Paul Spencer, Kaijie Zheng, Leslie, Janae, John, and Frank Treadway

Agenda

1. Introductions/Roll Call -

Meeting began at 2:10 P.M. Everybody introduced themselves.

2. Goals/Purpose of the committee –

Plan/promote language accessibility issues. Outreach to language minority communities

3. Review current LAAC application (Combine with VAAC?) -

The current LAAC application was reviewed. Proposed changes to responsibilities section regarding removing “comment on the voter education...” and adding recommendations to improve access to language minority communities. Add a section titled “LAAC’s Role”. It was determined the VAAC and LAAC application will be combined with changes brought forward at the next meeting.

4. Recruiting additional community members –

Discussion took place about attending the local Hispanic Heritage Celebration in Tehama County on September 17th and also attending the Hispanic Celebration in Shasta County. Tehama County will work on translating our poll worker and student poll worker application into Spanish. Both counties will come up with questions for a Spanish Language survey to determine the needs of the community. Translated applications and Survey to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Additional discussion took place regarding advertising on Spanish radio, using Latino outreach, contacting churches and other organizations with access to minority language communities.

5. Next Meeting Topics -

- Spanish Survey review (possibly using survey monkey)
- Final approval of LAAC application
- Tehama County report out about attendance at the Hispanic Heritage celebration
- Member recruitment

6. Next meeting date/time -

Next meeting was scheduled for 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, October 5, 2023 in Shasta County.

7. Adjourn -

2:35 P.M. Meeting adjourned.