

Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC)
Meeting Summary 06/09/2021

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Introduction: Made via Teams teleconference. The following participants were in attendance:

- Rosa Gonzalez
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board
- Julia Nuñez
Assistant Public Information Officer/Chief Executive Office

Ventura County CCR and Elections Staff:

- Michelle Ascencion
Assistant Ventura County Clerk-Recorder
- Miranda Nobriga
Program Administrator/Public Information Officer
- Mayra Enriquez
Program Supervisor II
- Christi Hill
Records Technician IV
- Agnes Valenzuela
Records Technician IV
- Jessica Ocegueda
Records Technician III

II. Introductions/purpose of Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC)

Target demographic: Limited English Proficiency (LEP) voters are those who are eligible to vote but may experience more difficulty in the voting process due to limited English proficiency. Our LAAC members are our advocates for those communities.

III. 2021 Election News

We are currently focusing on the City of Oxnard vacancy Election for November 2, 2021 as well as the Gubernatorial Recall Election. We discussed that it is our desire

to reach out to the leaders within communities with limited English proficiency to utilize them as advocates for voting.

IV. LAAC Membership Drive

Discussed our efforts to reach out to the different community groups representing all of the different languages within their community. Each group was asked via email to provide a contact of someone within their community whom we can send voting material specific for the language represented within their community.

V. Translation Materials/Glossary

In our efforts to become a Voters Choice Act (VCA) county, we will translate all public communications (bulletins, flyers, guides, etc.) Spanish, Vietnamese, Gujarati, Chinese and Tagalog on our website. The Elections Division holds a glossary with Election terms that are translated in Spanish. We would like to do the same for the languages in Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Gujarati.

VI. Bilingual Poll Workers

We are starting to look at the language demographics to make sure the Polling Places for Elections are staffed with enough bilingual poll workers. We also discussed reaching out to the leaders of the groups in our local communities to see if they have any members who are bilingual and interested in working at polling locations.

VII. Update on Voters Choice Act (VCA) progress

We are currently looking for locations throughout Ventura County to expand Ballot Drop Box locations. We have begun reaching out by phone to local radio stations and news organizations of all languages in our community explaining our desire to provide tools for them to inform their listeners with up to date voter information.

VIII. 2021 Quarterly Meeting Dates

- September 8, 2021
- December 8, 2021

IX. Adjournment

Next meeting: September 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.