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VOTING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAAC)

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2019, 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

555 County Center, Room 311 3rd Floor Redwood City, CA

Members Present

Craig McCulloh, Chair
Wilhelmina (Sammi) Riley, PCC
Bill Hershon, Disability Rights California
Fred Nisen, Disability Rights California

Staff Present

Kenny Lin, VAAC Coordinator

Guests Present

Sarah Verity, Gatepath

- I. Introductions and Announcements (5 minutes)
 - a. Fred attended the state VAAC meeting
 - i. There were several voting systems that will be tested in Sacramento
 - ii. Can email votingsystems@sos.ca.gov to sign up for testing
 - iii. Fred will send out email about the testing
 - b. The SoS will most likely have a standardized emergency medical ballot in time for the 2020 March primary
- II. Review & Approve Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2019 (5 minutes)
 - a. Fred motioned to approve minutes
 - b. Bill seconded
 - c. Approved unanimously
- III. VAAC Recruitment (15 minutes)
 - i. Will vote on new member Sarah Verity
- IV. November 2019 and March 2020 Vote Center Locations (25 minutes)
 - a. Vote Center Layout
 - i. Send VAAC the ADA reports for November Vote Centers
 - ii. Look into adding seating for waiting voters
 - iii. Look at accessibility for poll books especially signing/screen reading
- V. March 2020 Primary Challenges (20 minutes)
 - a. Problems with party affiliation-DMV – Should outreach to voters ahead of Election Day to go check online to their party affiliation is correct

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- VI. New Voting System Outreach (20 minutes)
 - a. Will display new voting system at future outreach events
 - b. Advertise in city newsletters
 - c. Libraries could host events (weekends are good libraries are crowded)
 - d. Social media
 - e. Newspaper (Daily Journal)

- VII. Upcoming Events (10 minutes)
 - a. Inclusion festival August 8th Thursday at Red Morton Park
 - b. Transition to Independence Fair Saturday October 12th El Camino High School
 - i. Get a table for Elections and VAAC together
 - 1. Could help with VAAC recruitment
 - c. Seniors on the Move – September (Sammi will email me with more info)
 - d. Gatepath could host an event
 - e. See if we can partner with Kevin Mullin/Jerry Hill on a new system demo

- VIII. Decide on Next Meeting Time
 - a. August 22nd 10:30-12