BALLOT DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BDAC) MEETING
ZOOM 9-30-2021 TRANSCRIPT

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00:03:05.400 --> 00:03:09.660
REINA MILLER: Good afternoon, everyone we're just along with few more minutes for people to join.

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00:03:10.740 --> 00:03:14.820
REINA MILLER: Please let me know if you guys could hear me properly or view or if I should adjust my audio.

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REINA MILLER: It is 230, but I want to get rid of a few more seconds for people to join and i'm still getting guests in the waiting room we'll get started in just a moment.

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REINA MILLER: Okay let's go ahead and get started good afternoon everyone I hope everyone was able to get some rest after the recall i'm going to go ahead and get started with roll call.

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00:05:54.930 --> 00:05:56.130
REINA MILLER: Already, with a net.

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Annette Lim: Present Thank you.

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REINA MILLER: Ryan, I can other.

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Brian - LA County: yeah here.

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00:06:04.950 --> 00:06:07.350
REINA MILLER: Thank you, Christopher.

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REINA MILLER: David.

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David Magedson: doesn't.

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REINA MILLER: win.

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REINA MILLER: laffy.

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00:06:40.650 --> 00:06:41.310
REINA MILLER: Thank you.

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00:06:43.500 --> 00:06:43.980
REINA MILLER: James.

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00:06:45.210 --> 00:06:45.450
REINA MILLER: With.

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00:06:52.980 --> 00:06:53.730
REINA MILLER: Jennifer tasks.

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00:06:56.700 --> 00:06:57.240
Jennifer Tagg, San Mateo Elections: i'm here.

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00:06:57.840 --> 00:06:59.910
REINA MILLER: Thank you Joanna.

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00:07:07.470 --> 00:07:08.310
REINA MILLER: john Barker.

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00:07:16.410 --> 00:07:17.040
REINA MILLER: Karen Ray.

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00:07:18.210 --> 00:07:18.780
Karen Rhea: here.

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00:07:20.820 --> 00:07:21.150
REINA MILLER: Kathy.

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00:07:28.170 --> 00:07:28.920
REINA MILLER: Kelly standard.

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00:07:29.730 --> 00:07:30.330
Kelly Sanders: i'm here.

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00:07:32.040 --> 00:07:35.700
REINA MILLER: Oh, thank you Cathy and thank you Kelly list Oviedo.

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00:07:37.140 --> 00:07:37.560
Liz Oviedo: here.

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00:07:41.820 --> 00:07:42.450
REINA MILLER: Where we have our.

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00:07:48.180 --> 00:07:49.110
REINA MILLER: Marina Ortega.

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00:07:54.360 --> 00:07:55.320
REINA MILLER: natalie or Donna.

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00:07:56.760 --> 00:07:58.080
Natalie Adona: Donna here.

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REINA MILLER: I don't know sorry, thank you, yes, and please correct me if i'm saying your your name wrong Thank you stephanie hell.

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00:08:11.760 --> 00:08:12.030
REINA MILLER: hey.

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00:08:17.010 --> 00:08:17.850
REINA MILLER: travis Ebert.

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00:08:20.340 --> 00:08:20.640
here.

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00:08:24.330 --> 00:08:25.380
REINA MILLER: Victor covering.

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00:08:30.960 --> 00:08:32.010
REINA MILLER: Whitney wasn't very.

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00:08:34.080 --> 00:08:34.440
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: here.

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00:08:36.480 --> 00:08:41.550
REINA MILLER: Thank you and Marina I have you here, and anyone else from the board that they did.

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00:08:43.440 --> 00:08:43.920
REINA MILLER: But I must.

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00:08:52.440 --> 00:08:55.200
REINA MILLER: hey Joanna Joseph call.

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00:08:57.600 --> 00:08:58.320
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: Yes, i'm here.

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00:09:00.960 --> 00:09:03.270
REINA MILLER: And then I think I saw john Gardner going to.

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00:09:12.210 --> 00:09:13.650
REINA MILLER: anyone else on the boards that I missed.

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00:09:28.620 --> 00:09:33.570
REINA MILLER: So, my name is brianna Miller anyone else in the SOS through the call.

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Kirsten Larsen: Jason Larson.

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Robbie Anderson: robby Anderson.

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00:09:40.500 --> 00:09:41.370
Steven Carda: Stephen Carta.

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00:09:43.830 --> 00:09:44.460
Jannell Jackson-CA SOS Weber: Jackson.

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00:09:47.070 --> 00:09:47.400
Raj Bathla : bryce.

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00:09:48.900 --> 00:09:49.260
Taylor Kayatta: Taylor.

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00:09:54.480 --> 00:09:55.110
NaKesha Robinson: Robinson.

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00:09:58.350 --> 00:09:59.250
D. Dawson-Secretary of State OVSTA: Danielle Dawson.

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00:10:11.160 --> 00:10:12.210
REINA MILLER: anyone else from a thought.

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00:10:17.700 --> 00:10:18.780
REINA MILLER: Any members of the public.

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Trent Lange: Land California clean money camp.

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00:10:29.040 --> 00:10:31.860
Dora Rose LWVC (She/Her): or rose league of women voters of California hi everybody.

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00:10:33.570 --> 00:10:36.690
Andrew Muse-Fisher, LWVC, he/him: i'm Andrew me especially also with the League of women voters of California.

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Susan King Roth: I system.

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00:10:50.070 --> 00:10:53.910
Susan King Roth: i'm here on behalf of the California voter foundation.

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00:10:56.370 --> 00:10:56.910
Thank you.

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REINA MILLER: Any other members of the public.

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REINA MILLER: Any other members of the committee that I may.

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REINA MILLER: or may wait.

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00:11:19.740 --> 00:11:19.950
Nichole Becker - Asm Elections Com: Thank.

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00:11:25.170 --> 00:11:25.680
REINA MILLER: You.

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00:11:29.280 --> 00:11:31.830
Nicolas Heidorn - Sen Elections: Remember the committee but Nicholas sat on the Senate elections.

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00:11:45.510 --> 00:11:51.180
REINA MILLER: Great, let me make sure we met quorum one second.

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00:12:00.930 --> 00:12:11.610
REINA MILLER: Oh, with them declaring corn and we'll go ahead and move over to the agenda item number two we have sls of faith and brought baffle will be providing these updates.

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REINA MILLER: Right whenever you're ready.

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Raj Bathla : All right, good afternoon everybody so during the last meeting, the committee had some questions.

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Raj Bathla : The specificity of two questions, the first one is the analysis on why.

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Raj Bathla : The it's the it's the election for Section 313 one one which says that in the case also prevention of an election in any precinct by the loss or destruction of ballots intended.

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Raj Bathla : For that precinct that inspector or other precinct officer for that person shall make an fha with setting for the fact and transmitted into the government so so the Committee had a specific question regarding that that why the precinct of research is directly transmitting.

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Raj Bathla : The affidavit to the Governor, why not it to the county election official and debt to the SOS SOS Center to the governor or the county election officials Center to the color.

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00:13:19.290 --> 00:13:42.090
Raj Bathla : And was there a need, was it ever used so what I found is that this provision was first elected in the political war in 1872 then was literal mended in the political code in 1891 and it has been in the election for since its inception.

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Raj Bathla : From 1939.

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Raj Bathla : Until now, so.

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Raj Bathla : The there were there weren't any major amendments to these sections, so I could not find a legislative history, going back to 1872 so I apologize for that.

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Raj Bathla : So the most recent amendment was done in 2017 wire Senate, the six they only added subdivision be to this section that is that it does not apply to elections on the music was.

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Raj Bathla : done when the extent that could fly.

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Raj Bathla : Now, whether we needed whether we ever used it sure about that and i'm not sure how therapy go from it, so that was on this first question.

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Raj Bathla : Any questions.

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00:14:38.580 --> 00:15:02.220
Raj Bathla : Alright, so moving on to the second question, it was research on party central committee laws into a specific to election for Section 13102, so it is specific subdivision be so what it says is it says it talks about providing nonpartisan ballot to a nobody reference letter.

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Raj Bathla : or a partisan ballot too long by the reference letter if that quantified body has authorized and be people that are to vote in their prime.

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Raj Bathla : So the question was specifically that if a qualified party authorizes NP people to vote in their primary will that apply to the party central committee's as well.

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Raj Bathla : Whether that person who can vote on the candidate for the South county central.

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00:15:37.620 --> 00:15:51.720
Raj Bathla : So I could not find any direct prohibition in the election code I looked at the comedy central committee's elections provisions, they got this too, so they just say that the ballot the mechanics name should be put on their.

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00:15:53.070 --> 00:15:53.850
Raj Bathla : Data party.

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00:15:55.320 --> 00:16:12.090
Raj Bathla : There wasn't any explicit permission, so I think we, we would like to know more like what is the current practice of the counties in this, how do they deal with it right now so maybe this can be a point where we can add some clarification Nicole Nicole.

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00:16:13.140 --> 00:16:18.840
Raj Bathla : And Nicholas boats are here today might shed some light of this, as well and counties are here too, so.

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Raj Bathla : that's the extent I could find and the third was definition of one form of that.

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Raj Bathla : The phrase one form of bad, it has been used in five sections elections.

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Raj Bathla : But nowhere, it has provided any definition so, but the reading of those sections.

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Raj Bathla : suggests that it's just an ordinary meaning like one type of one kind of better I don't think it's it's something more, there is more or less.

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00:16:49.980 --> 00:16:50.670
Raj Bathla : that's all I.

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REINA MILLER: See you have your hand raised go ahead.

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00:17:07.980 --> 00:17:11.610
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: The only reason I think why there's any value in.

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00:17:13.470 --> 00:17:14.910
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Either defining it or.

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00:17:16.440 --> 00:17:25.800
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: neutralizing the definition is because, when we start talking about accessible ballots where you've got an audio format and a visual format.

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00:17:26.400 --> 00:17:35.460
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: The word form and format overlap and I know that in the federal Standards Committee, there was a lot of discussion about is the audio format, the same form of a ballot and I wonder whether that had come up from other.

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00:17:35.820 --> 00:17:40.320
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: People in other states who were wrestling with the same kind of problem and.

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00:17:42.540 --> 00:17:47.070
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: I think what it probably means is that the ballots have to have the same content right and and that each.

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00:17:48.120 --> 00:17:56.430
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: channel for voting has the same power but it's not any i've struggled to figure out how to define it and I know that in the committee meetings at the federal.

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00:17:56.700 --> 00:18:07.440
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: standards we sort of mush mouth or a way around it and then let it go so maybe we do the same thing here, but I just want to flag that that's the one potential place where there might be a real contention at some point.

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00:18:09.060 --> 00:18:15.810
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And maybe having maybe this is a chance to just put it aside for now, but think about the answer for that as we get closer to the end.

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00:18:32.310 --> 00:18:32.670
REINA MILLER: Go ahead.

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00:18:33.960 --> 00:18:41.760
Liz Oviedo: Hello everyone, I believe that a county in the last meeting had a question in regards of creating.

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00:18:43.080 --> 00:18:52.950
Liz Oviedo: In a primary we create for example non non partisan democratic ballot and democratic ballot.

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Liz Oviedo: And the reason is so I believe that was a question last time account he was saying that they didn't know when to create a nonpartisan that the democratic nonpartisan American

independent and.

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00:19:06.930 --> 00:19:16.410
Liz Oviedo: The reason why a nonpartisan democratic, for example, is different to a democratic ballot is because.

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00:19:18.000 --> 00:19:36.240
Liz Oviedo: If a party allows nonpartisan voters to vote for the party ballot, we have to create a ballad that has every single content, except for central committee, so I believe this is the reason why the the election code came up last time, thank you.

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00:19:45.990 --> 00:19:47.670
Raj Bathla : So, just to clarify.

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00:19:49.980 --> 00:19:57.690
Raj Bathla : So whenever any NPP authorized vetted a party authorize NPP to vote in their primary.

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00:19:59.310 --> 00:20:08.010
Raj Bathla : So there, there are two banners one for that that particular primary election and one from the central committee is that how it goes practice.

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00:20:08.370 --> 00:20:28.710
Liz Oviedo: know, for example in Santa Clara county a ballad could have I don't know 50 contest or 30 contest, or maybe let's say 10 contest it depends in we have many different types, but if if a party is allowing a water to cross over vote for their.

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00:20:30.000 --> 00:20:30.600
Liz Oviedo: For their.

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00:20:31.620 --> 00:20:41.400
Liz Oviedo: For their party, it creates a different type of balance that would have every single contest, you will have the local contest.

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Liz Oviedo: and believe it will have the let's say it will have everything except for the central committee because the parties don't allow voters to vote for the.

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00:20:55.320 --> 00:21:06.210
Liz Oviedo: Central Committee, unless they belong to the party and i'm not sure if he was Sam appeal, but someone was asking last time, why we have to create.

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00:21:06.990 --> 00:21:12.360
Liz Oviedo: Two different and it doesn't have to be the Democratic Party, sometimes the American independent party allows.

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00:21:12.750 --> 00:21:26.700
Liz Oviedo: nonpartisan borders to cross over or it could be the Republican Party as well, so this is the reason why there's another battle that is almost identical, with the exception of the contest that he says central committee, thank you.

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00:21:35.250 --> 00:21:35.820
Raj Bathla : I believe that.

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00:21:35.910 --> 00:21:37.500
Jennifer Tagg, San Mateo Elections: The code section, the.

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00:21:38.610 --> 00:21:48.870
Jennifer Tagg, San Mateo Elections: is not clear, it just says the parties can authorize you know them to vote the nonpartisan can vote a partisan ballot and it's it's not entirely clear.

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00:21:49.800 --> 00:22:01.980
Jennifer Tagg, San Mateo Elections: You know that the non part of the value that they get is not the down ballot it's the nonpartisan DEM without the central committee's so it's just not entirely clear where that code section where that comes from.

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00:22:04.650 --> 00:22:12.720
Natalie Adona: Right, I think Raj that my impression is that all the counties may be doing something a little bit different you know I know in Nevada.

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Natalie Adona: We don't often have the central committee's actually going to ballot, because there are not enough candidates to warrant their presence on the ballot so.

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00:22:23.220 --> 00:22:32.400
Natalie Adona: You know it, I don't know that Nevada has you know, had any sort of opportunity to sort of distinguish between the.

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00:22:32.880 --> 00:22:43.770
Natalie Adona: Non no pretty preference democratic ballot or republican ballot and just your standard democratic or republican or whatever party valid that we're talking about here.

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00:22:44.610 --> 00:23:01.260
Natalie Adona: So I think it's going to depend on the strength of the central committee's and to me the the larger question for you know just speaking from the code is you know if the state committee decides that it's going to allow crossovers.

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00:23:02.550 --> 00:23:18.960
Natalie Adona: Does that mean, do we need to be specific authorization from the sort of county central committee that they're also going to allow a crossover Where does this is a sort of across the board right I think that's where the some of the confusion is, at least for me.

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00:23:21.930 --> 00:23:26.970
Raj Bathla : I think that this can be a good point where the Community.

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00:23:28.020 --> 00:23:32.220
Raj Bathla : can recommend a coaching clarification so.

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00:23:48.990 --> 00:23:50.790
Liz Oviedo: So I agree natalie.

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00:23:51.990 --> 00:24:11.370

Liz Oviedo: Most central committee contest come off the ballot, because they have many seats sometimes they have seven seats to a contest so most of them come off, but occasionally occasionally for accounting, some of them stay stay on creating an extra set of balance for us.

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00:24:32.820 --> 00:24:38.760
REINA MILLER: Oh, can I ask is this is this a recommendation of local change that the committee would like to.

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00:24:40.020 --> 00:24:46.050
REINA MILLER: Potentially discuss about doing or should we move on to the next item.

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00:24:49.380 --> 00:24:50.550
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: i'm sorry.

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00:24:52.290 --> 00:25:05.550
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: I think we need to do a little bit of research on it, because i'm wondering if this is an older code section that actually was removed as part of updating the central committee rules and procedures and.

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00:25:06.960 --> 00:25:10.020
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: That was happened when the in pvp came into place.

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00:25:12.540 --> 00:25:21.630
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: So I just was trying to get clarification from my from Kathy darling Alan because we did used to do this in the past, so we no longer do this practice anymore.

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00:25:22.140 --> 00:25:34.140
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: So I think we need to research and see where that law might have changed in is it part of the central committee code sections like this, I don't know if if it's 70 hundred or wherever that is.

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00:25:35.280 --> 00:25:38.430
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: To see if that's where it was changed in there.

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00:25:45.870 --> 00:25:50.970
REINA MILLER: Should we put it on the agenda for next time to allow for for everyone to have a chance to look into it.

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00:25:52.500 --> 00:25:58.110
REINA MILLER: Or maybe two months from now, when do we think that people would have time to look into this.

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Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: This is.

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00:26:03.480 --> 00:26:05.310
Natalie Adona: The next meeting seems fair to me.

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00:26:07.410 --> 00:26:20.070
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: This is when I just one suggestion is that if you do make any changes to it, besides simply eliminate entirely that it might be a chance to rewrite it so it's clear, so that the next Committee and bazillion years doesn't have the same problem we're having now.

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00:26:28.410 --> 00:26:34.440
REINA MILLER: Great we'll put it on for the next agenda as an agenda item for next time in October.

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00:26:37.650 --> 00:26:40.230
REINA MILLER: and any other questions on the sls update.

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00:26:48.180 --> 00:26:55.470
REINA MILLER: I will let natalie or Joanna take over agenda item number three reconstruction questions discussion.

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00:26:59.250 --> 00:27:11.820
Natalie Adona: Alright cool I actually you know I think Joanna you had a series of questions as are bringing structure to Item number three and I thought that they were really good.

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Natalie Adona: And you know it's our opportunity to talk about you know that the recall the recent recall election in the context of the scope of this committee so yeah Joanna I.

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Natalie Adona: welcome your leadership on Item number three if you don't mind being put it on the spot.

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Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: Well, actually natalie I think your question to start a conversation would be really great and then.

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00:27:46.410 --> 00:27:47.430
Natalie Adona: What was my question.

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00:27:48.210 --> 00:28:06.870
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: Your question is did the recall election raise other questions about instructions or question wording that this committee can address but, first and foremost, what part of the instructions worked well and what didn't and why is what I think we should start out with.

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Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: So, for example in shasta county.

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00:28:12.090 --> 00:28:15.270
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: I don't want to tell me about my mail voters to use pencil.

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Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: So that's a huge thing that I actually did a bomb abella I said use flu or blocking.

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00:28:24.570 --> 00:28:32.040
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: And then the target area is definitely not on our right, so we just did not include that word in there, so.

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Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: What are some things that you guys what worked well.

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00:28:37.410 --> 00:28:41.250
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: In the instructions or what did you do differently that worked well.

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00:28:42.360 --> 00:28:43.530
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: If we want to start with that.

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00:28:49.800 --> 00:28:53.400
Natalie Adona: Well, to sort of eliminate any awkward pauses.

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Natalie Adona: And you know folks should feel free to just you know sort of jump in I agree Joanna that the instruction that you know vote by mail voters.

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00:29:04.830 --> 00:29:14.700
Natalie Adona: can use a pen or a pencil and then in Division 14 telling voters that you know in lieu of using a pen or pencil they need to use.

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00:29:15.630 --> 00:29:28.200
Natalie Adona: Something that is sort of authorized by the election official I don't exactly remember what it is, but indicates that you need to use something different, when you vote on a ballot in person versus.

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00:29:29.190 --> 00:29:37.290
Natalie Adona: Voting on a vote by mail ballot, first of all, I mean pencil I mean it's read by the machines right but.

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00:29:37.950 --> 00:29:46.650
Natalie Adona: I would prefer people use blue or black ink and you know for the next thing the the vote by mail ballot is the same as the in person ballot.

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00:29:47.010 --> 00:29:55.200

Natalie Adona: Why are we saying that you can use pen or pencil in one instance, but not another that that doesn't seem to make sense to me.

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00:29:56.160 --> 00:30:09.000
Natalie Adona: They should be using blue or black ink we all instruct them to do it and, in fact, our voters had called us saying you know you're a big says use blue or black ink my ballot says pen or pencil.

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00:30:09.750 --> 00:30:30.570
Natalie Adona: What is it that we can use, and you know, unfortunately I have to tell people this language is codified, I have to include it to be instructions right so yeah I and i've seen in the chat that people generally don't like the pencil either anyone else have any thoughts on that.

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00:30:34.440 --> 00:30:46.470
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: My only thought is a codifying exact instructions that are dictated to every county in a world where we have multiple voting systems and multiple voting systems changing over the years, is just bad practice.

177
00:30:46.920 --> 00:31:04.050
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: And we need to get it, and I think most of us probably do this, those are a guideline to what inform it should be, but in substance, probably ends up being something else so since we're already have probably doing this need to make that.

178
00:31:05.490 --> 00:31:16.680
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: what's encode the guidelines things that you, you know, have to hit hit what type of thing you're going to use not specific to them the oval or the.

179
00:31:17.730 --> 00:31:24.030
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: target or the whatever not to the right to the left, I mean, in general, we need to make it more general.

180
00:31:25.530 --> 00:31:35.970
Jennifer Tagg, San Mateo Elections: yeah I would agree, I one of the other code sections that's coming it's like similar to, or it must be you know, like so you don't have to use the exact wording.

181
00:31:36.570 --> 00:31:49.620
Jennifer Tagg, San Mateo Elections: Exact example for the qualified right and it just has to write the person's name, while we want them to fill in the oval and write the name, so you know with travis says anything that's super specific it's going to be wrong, and in some counties.

182
00:31:53.400 --> 00:32:04.260
Brian - LA County: yeah this is la county too, so we tailor our instructions, a little bit based off what's on the ballot also identifying if it's just one contest or it's a measure.

183
00:32:04.770 --> 00:32:21.570
Brian - LA County: Only are are generally a major election, and also in the code there's that wording about returning your your damage ballot to appreciate board member which doesn't apply anymore, for doing a little by mail balance right.

184
00:32:23.310 --> 00:32:33.570
Natalie Adona: yeah and yeah Brian I agree with that, and you know just you know, unfortunately, you know when we are programming the the balance into our system.

185
00:32:34.200 --> 00:32:41.370
Natalie Adona: As far as I can tell, we can't make a distinction between a vote by mail and an in person ballot when it comes to the instructions.

186
00:32:41.910 --> 00:32:50.460
Natalie Adona: Right, we have to just put it all on there, so you and I think that maybe a little less specificity would be.

187
00:32:50.910 --> 00:33:06.450
Natalie Adona: You know sort of helpful, you know, particularly when it comes to the in person versus by a male it doesn't make sense to give different instructions on what is substantially the same ballot you're just getting it delivered in a different way right.

188
00:33:08.190 --> 00:33:12.930
Liz Oviedo: hi natalie this is list again so for our county Santa Clara county.

189
00:33:14.130 --> 00:33:28.350

Liz Oviedo: We provide sharpies at the vote Center and I oversee the adjudication with the dominion system, and we can see why it's recommended to you sharpies when voters vote in person.

190
00:33:28.860 --> 00:33:36.030
Liz Oviedo: And it is not the ballot but it's the scanners, so all ballots at the vote centers are scan through the High pros.

191
00:33:36.510 --> 00:33:51.720
Liz Oviedo: And the scanner is not, I mean not not hyper was the the tabulate are those black machine, so the the scanners on those machines, the the quality of the scan is not as good as the hyper was in the office.

192
00:33:53.070 --> 00:34:02.730
Liz Oviedo: So if I water water votes enter and marks there riding with sharpie it's, we can see it better, when we do ballot adjudication.

193
00:34:03.360 --> 00:34:20.430
Liz Oviedo: If a vote by mail voter voter home with a with a pen or blue or black black ink there's no problem at all, because the scanner the high pro is a better quality scanner so I can see why it's recommended to you sharpies one voters vote in person, thank you.

194
00:34:22.680 --> 00:34:25.350
Natalie Adona: On our balance they bleed through.

195
00:34:27.390 --> 00:34:28.050
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: cloud sharp.

196
00:34:31.980 --> 00:34:44.790
Liz Oviedo: And maybe Karen can I believe Karen is here Karen Ray but it, even though it bleeds through it's it's it reads better when inspecting the balance and the education process.

197
00:34:54.060 --> 00:34:59.730
Natalie Adona: So I mean is the recommendation, I know that we want you know something that is.

198
00:35:02.160 --> 00:35:02.760
Natalie Adona: driven.

199
00:35:04.290 --> 00:35:18.060
Natalie Adona: A little bit more broad I don't know about you know, putting you know sharpie specifically have maybe a valid instructions, but I think we can all agree that pencil is something that we all want to eliminate right.

200
00:35:21.120 --> 00:35:25.140
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: Again, you mentioned that any specific device or method.

201
00:35:26.460 --> 00:35:28.080
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: is probably the way to go, so.

202
00:35:28.170 --> 00:35:31.710
Natalie Adona: yeah okay well what would you suggest that it just not.

203
00:35:32.400 --> 00:35:34.680
Natalie Adona: owe me anything about marking.

204
00:35:35.430 --> 00:35:36.480
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: No, no, no, no.

205
00:35:39.630 --> 00:35:42.360
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: I don't know i'm a big picture ideas.

206
00:35:44.460 --> 00:36:00.540
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: travis so what key points will, and so, for us, for our ballot we hit how to voter right in how to bark your ballot, whether it's a pink or blue blue or black kink how to fix it if there's a mistake.

207
00:36:01.980 --> 00:36:09.480
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: What else are we are, how to get a new ballot What else do

you feel needs to be fully required in Code as like.

208
00:36:10.500 --> 00:36:25.110
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: You know use plain language instruction to provide information on how to get a replacement about how to fix it what type of utensil or device to use to mark the ballot What else do we need to hit and.

209
00:36:26.400 --> 00:36:32.640
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: I think those are the categories what the specific language to define those categories and code is.

210
00:36:33.660 --> 00:36:37.890
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: i'm not sure, but I think that those really are the main categories, yes.

211
00:36:38.670 --> 00:36:48.720
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: This is what I certainly agree with you, from all the balance that we've worked on one thing that is helpful sometimes is to provide sample language in the code, but to make it clear that this is editable.

212
00:36:50.190 --> 00:37:00.060
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: By using substantially or whatever we're going to just so there's an exact example of how to do it, I think it helps get rid of some some old bad habits that aren't great language and just provides us.

213
00:37:00.450 --> 00:37:04.080
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: A base of instead of waiting to get to those sections, because I think there's.

214
00:37:04.920 --> 00:37:11.220
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: A number of places where there's instructions or information on the ballot and we're probably going to want to take notes and what we want to do.

215
00:37:11.640 --> 00:37:20.850
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: It as we go through the code and then look at them

holistically at the end, to make sure that what we're doing you know today that we said the same thing, and all the sections and so on.

216
00:37:26.520 --> 00:37:28.140
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: yeah totally agree great idea.

217
00:37:34.680 --> 00:37:42.120
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: What about the size of the font so our instructions, I think, say use 16 point all caps.

218
00:37:43.290 --> 00:37:45.180
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: I have so many comments about that whole section.

219
00:37:45.750 --> 00:37:52.410
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: yeah in this is way down the line, and in terms of going through division 13, but I think there's.

220
00:37:55.380 --> 00:37:55.590
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: well.

221
00:37:58.320 --> 00:38:01.860
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: I just like to recall your guys's instructions for the recall.

222
00:38:05.550 --> 00:38:06.030
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: That we have.

223
00:38:06.360 --> 00:38:14.550
Natalie Adona: hey I think just above anything for me, we didn't have valid instructions for the recall questions.

224
00:38:15.780 --> 00:38:16.290
Natalie Adona: So.

225
00:38:17.520 --> 00:38:27.390

Natalie Adona: I think you know, first and foremost that that needs to be you know if we're going to offer you know valid instructions that has to be uniform through the code.

226
00:38:28.620 --> 00:38:35.430
Natalie Adona: The the fact that there are none for how to vote on a recall ballot is a pretty big omission.

227
00:38:35.970 --> 00:38:39.600
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: yeah there's how to mark your ballot which are kind of generic instructions about.

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00:38:40.770 --> 00:38:48.240
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Any kind of contest, but then there's the specific instructions that go for different types of contest and thinking about them, I think.

229
00:38:49.590 --> 00:38:58.440
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And where they should be on the ballot in a generic enough way that it suits all building systems or allows enough flexibility so.

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00:38:59.760 --> 00:39:02.790
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: A county introducing a new voting system can figure out the best way to do it.

231
00:39:04.500 --> 00:39:09.720
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: So there might be a moment when we have to look at a kind of schematic of a ballot and think about where things are.

232
00:39:11.640 --> 00:39:13.320
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Without getting too prescriptive.

233
00:39:16.290 --> 00:39:31.740
REINA MILLER: And i'm sorry I don't mean to interrupt, but I want to make sure that I don't skip any of the comments that are coming through unless made a comment progression leaving one contest link does not invalidate the other part, over voting one contest does not affect another contest.

234
00:39:33.360 --> 00:39:41.250
REINA MILLER: And we have Kathy who commented that she agrees with Whitney sample language that can be edited as needed by each county.

235
00:39:42.150 --> 00:39:52.260
REINA MILLER: john commented, make the code universal county should provide instructions to use marketing device approved for use with certified voting system for summer law or similar language.

236
00:39:53.940 --> 00:39:57.150
REINA MILLER: And then someone agreed with john Kerry people agree with john.

237
00:39:58.680 --> 00:40:01.170
REINA MILLER: hey sorry, you want to make sure we acknowledge the comments.

238
00:40:04.260 --> 00:40:05.400
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: I wonder if you're.

239
00:40:05.580 --> 00:40:09.750
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Using this committee as a as a sample of the counties if we could get.

240
00:40:10.770 --> 00:40:20.760
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: I don't know if it's possible under the Rules, but if it's possible to to an email ask all of the election officials on the committee, a couple of questions that repeat this and get everybody's answers back.

241
00:40:22.650 --> 00:40:37.080
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: and consolidate and because I think we'd be able to see sort of what the general consensus is or if they're outliers like San Bernardino which said they added some extra instructions, specifically for the recall that might be good ideas to incorporate.

242
00:40:39.180 --> 00:40:45.360
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: yeah and I think that's fine count on our very first meeting the ballad is not necessarily the place for.

243
00:40:46.020 --> 00:41:01.080
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: Every instruction to the voter now, this is a method to vote and to clearly understand your choices and art those, but if we fill it up with too many instructions that loses some of its value as as a palette itself.

244
00:41:02.880 --> 00:41:06.480
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: i've just been dealing with ranked choice voting in New York City where they wrote.

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00:41:08.100 --> 00:41:15.000
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Long instructions for the ranked choice voting ballot and with three languages on the ballot and most of the counties in New York, that was really a challenge.

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00:41:16.200 --> 00:41:23.520
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And I sort of fell twice on my own petard because I had written most of those words but i'd never intended, all of them to be used at once.

247
00:41:27.390 --> 00:41:30.570
Natalie Adona: Well, you know I think one of the things that sort of hard about.

248
00:41:31.080 --> 00:41:39.420
Natalie Adona: You know, things like the ballot instructions and you know the form and the type and you know the fonts and stuff I mean there, there is one section of the code that says.

249
00:41:39.690 --> 00:41:48.330
Natalie Adona: Basically, County shall follow these instructions to the letter, or you don't have an efficient palette that can be cast and counted right so.

250
00:41:48.930 --> 00:41:59.970
Natalie Adona: You know, while I agree that there's gotta be some flexibility for the counties, because we all are using different voting systems, depending on where you vote.

251
00:42:01.110 --> 00:42:05.160

Natalie Adona: You know that there's a concern that you know if you deviate from.

252
00:42:06.240 --> 00:42:13.140
Natalie Adona: It from what is in Division 13 that you know, maybe you don't have a valid ballot that can be counted.

253
00:42:14.370 --> 00:42:31.860
Natalie Adona: This this came up in during the November election, the litigants were not successful because of the timing, I think of their litigation, and you know it could come up again and there could be a judge that says yeah, this is what the code says you can't do this.

254
00:42:33.600 --> 00:42:34.290
Natalie Adona: So.

255
00:42:34.800 --> 00:42:49.830
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: one suggestion for this is two things one is to do what we've just said, which is enumerate the minimum set of instructions that must be on the ballot right and then provide some sample texts that people can then edit to match the voting system.

256
00:42:51.030 --> 00:42:57.180
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: The other is to think in general, I mean that's generally applies, which is to figure out what the minimum is and then.

257
00:42:57.450 --> 00:43:06.060
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Also, think about what are the special cases, so in a recall ballot, there may be, you know extra instructions that are worth adding on that ballot that you wouldn't have anywhere else, or so on.

258
00:43:06.870 --> 00:43:10.410
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And I think the same thing with type we might think about things like.

259
00:43:11.130 --> 00:43:19.920
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: What is the smallest size, we would want to allow a candidate name to be it was the smallest size, we would want to allow small type to be right.

260
00:43:20.250 --> 00:43:33.720
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And then, but then not be quite as precise about you know 14 1618 exact things, but what you're doing is trying to establish a hierarchy that says this is big invisible, this is very visible, this is clearly secondary and.

261
00:43:35.100 --> 00:43:46.320
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Maybe that could be done in sort of one place, that these things, apply to all contests and then here's the take the sections that are exceptions or additions for the special kinds of contests and kind of lay those out.

262
00:43:47.400 --> 00:43:48.870
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: So that you have a.

263
00:43:50.520 --> 00:44:00.150
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: preferably a visual picture, but also a word picture of what constitutes a ballot in a schematic enough way that it doesn't it doesn't refer to any single voting system.

264
00:44:01.800 --> 00:44:10.170
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Because what you want is a consistent experience in terms of, say, the tech side, so that everybody in the state can read the ballot but.

265
00:44:12.060 --> 00:44:24.150
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: You know and and you probably don't want one county you'd have 16 point names and, of course, have 12 point names because that's mean nothing, or one to have eight point names because that's just not a very equal situation and.

266
00:44:25.890 --> 00:44:31.710
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: The federal rules about minimum font size are there for good reason, and so they might be a place to start because they're fairly.

267
00:44:32.970 --> 00:44:34.080
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Minimal about.

268
00:44:37.830 --> 00:44:40.830

Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: What has to be on on both electronic and.

269
00:44:42.870 --> 00:44:43.710
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Paper balance.

270
00:44:48.030 --> 00:44:58.860
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And then I think that could be you know I mean, I think I don't know what should go in code, but I think when there are good ideas for things that might be included in a ballot when there's a need to include it that might be worth.

271
00:44:59.520 --> 00:45:03.450
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Gathering up somehow whether it's in code or simply as guidance.

272
00:45:04.530 --> 00:45:05.730
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: For situations.

273
00:45:10.140 --> 00:45:12.510
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And being, of course, as short as possible.

274
00:45:13.920 --> 00:45:16.440
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Because every inch on that ballot is precious.

275
00:45:40.200 --> 00:45:41.910
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: Did anybody get specific.

276
00:45:43.110 --> 00:45:49.320
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: phone calls are consistent question from voters about how about the recall ballot.

277
00:45:50.970 --> 00:45:52.080
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: natalie would you guys get.

278
00:45:53.460 --> 00:45:56.190

Natalie Adona: I guess an easier question is who didn't get calls.

279
00:45:58.050 --> 00:46:04.380
Natalie Adona: About that yeah I think the majority of our questions were.

280
00:46:05.820 --> 00:46:12.840
Natalie Adona: centered around well you know if I vote one way on Question one, then, how do I deal with question to.

281
00:46:13.980 --> 00:46:23.040
Natalie Adona: And this probably sounds familiar to a lot of you that you know, some people believe either do misinformation, or you know some other.

282
00:46:23.910 --> 00:46:33.990
Natalie Adona: Some other means that you know if they voted no on the recall that that somehow disqualify them from selecting a candidate for the question to you.

283
00:46:34.590 --> 00:46:47.850
Natalie Adona: The other main question that had come up from our voters, is how to deal with the right end space, a lot of people wanted to write in the governor's name and had heard.

284
00:46:49.290 --> 00:47:03.570
Natalie Adona: Through you know, whatever means by which they get their news that somehow writing in governor newsome would invalidate their entire balance, which of course is not true so.

285
00:47:05.130 --> 00:47:16.410
Natalie Adona: You know the recall instructions which I think were you know, probably the the minimum that we would want to go with were you know, really.

286
00:47:17.310 --> 00:47:28.620
Natalie Adona: I think it was just one line you know to vote on the recall question mark the voting target next to the word, yes or no, and then you know the rest of the instructions are already codified for any time you have.

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00:47:29.130 --> 00:47:42.300
Natalie Adona: A contest with candidates on them, so in I don't know if that means that we need to add in you know sort of further education on the ballot instructions and then I take travis's point.

288
00:47:43.230 --> 00:47:49.800
Natalie Adona: That you know you don't want to have an entire novel for somebody to read before they're voting right.

289
00:47:50.640 --> 00:48:07.110
Natalie Adona: there's there's some educational elements that we need to take care of but yeah i'm curious to know whether there are other things that we should include if there is a I know that there's a lot of local recalls where this could be helpful in terms of instructions.

290
00:48:09.450 --> 00:48:11.910
Stephen Aye: This is Steve from plaster I would just.

291
00:48:12.990 --> 00:48:30.090
Stephen Aye: want to say when you get to instructing voters the vig is a good place for that I realized, a lot of people don't read the big but we can't educate we can't force everybody to be educated and if we would have had 103 candidates in this election.

292
00:48:31.110 --> 00:48:39.660
Stephen Aye: Every additional even a single sentence in the header creates a bigger problem so just want to make sure we balance that right.

293
00:48:40.440 --> 00:48:45.540
Jennifer Tagg, San Mateo Elections: yeah and I would say, you always have to be careful that no not saying that and if these were but you're.

294
00:48:46.020 --> 00:48:50.040
Jennifer Tagg, San Mateo Elections: you're not putting something on the ballot that could be leaning one way or the other, or.

295
00:48:50.430 --> 00:48:59.910
Jennifer Tagg, San Mateo Elections: You know you think it's very clear and it turns out that

people were misinterpreting it so, the more you put on that you haven't really tested with the general public there's always that concern to.

296
00:49:05.070 --> 00:49:13.260
REINA MILLER: And then I want to read a comment from Dora echoing natalie the League of women voters got a lot of questions about whether.

297
00:49:15.330 --> 00:49:25.380
REINA MILLER: Whether or not it was permissible to go on question to if they voted no question one, there was a source of confusion even amongst educated voters.

298
00:49:27.690 --> 00:49:38.820
REINA MILLER: And in San Bernardino also received phone calls because voters were concerned that, if they voted no on the recall question they cannot vote for a candidate, they call to see clarity about what is alone.

299
00:49:39.930 --> 00:49:40.320
REINA MILLER: Thank you.

300
00:49:52.170 --> 00:50:04.080
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: How many counties did a separate big in ballot and two separate millions, and if you did do several millions, did you include instructions forum with your.

301
00:50:05.310 --> 00:50:06.090
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: valid as well.

302
00:50:10.890 --> 00:50:16.200
Natalie Adona: You mean specific to how you vote on a recall ballot I don't think that we did.

303
00:50:18.450 --> 00:50:26.790
Natalie Adona: And we we gave everyone the sort of required materials you needed for a recall like you know the cost estimate and.

304
00:50:28.170 --> 00:50:32.670

Natalie Adona: The proponents statement and in everything that I think we.

305
00:50:33.930 --> 00:50:42.960
Natalie Adona: Admittedly, over here might have underestimated a little bit people's need for for some education on how to vote on recall.

306
00:50:50.490 --> 00:50:52.710
Natalie Adona: yeah we did them separately but yeah.

307
00:51:18.390 --> 00:51:29.670
Natalie Adona: It looks like a lot of counties are weighing in in the chat it looks like a lot of them did have some separate mailings the big and the ballot some included.

308
00:51:31.470 --> 00:51:37.770
Natalie Adona: sort of more general instruction some had instructions, you know specific, I think, to.

309
00:51:39.120 --> 00:51:44.910
Natalie Adona: To the recall in here and how to utilize tools, like our a vm.

310
00:51:48.150 --> 00:51:55.170
Natalie Adona: And I think moving forward, it could be, I did this This obviously sort of falls outside of.

311
00:51:57.630 --> 00:52:11.850
Natalie Adona: Division 13 including instructions in the big that sort of supplements what is appearing on in the ballot instructions would probably be helpful.

312
00:52:12.990 --> 00:52:20.490
Natalie Adona: You know I would suggest you know, considering or this you know the body considering what more things we could say.

313
00:52:21.540 --> 00:52:29.610
Natalie Adona: In the ballot instructions that might be helpful to voters, you know, for example, you know beyond just.

314
00:52:30.750 --> 00:52:32.400
Natalie Adona: Selecting yes or no.

315
00:52:33.900 --> 00:52:45.420
Natalie Adona: letting people know somehow through some clear and simple language that you are eligible to vote on a question to, no matter how you vote on Question one.

316
00:52:47.250 --> 00:52:49.470
Natalie Adona: could be helpful to people.

317
00:52:54.180 --> 00:52:59.850
REINA MILLER: Just the committee think it might be a good idea to kind of survey county and see what instructions, they use.

318
00:53:00.270 --> 00:53:14.310
REINA MILLER: And what they would like and would not like, and then that way, the committee can make a recommendation, or is there a way that we can kind of figure out what it is that we would like changed or you know or not changed or leave it.

319
00:53:19.050 --> 00:53:22.170
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: I think a survey would help us make better decisions.

320
00:53:22.410 --> 00:53:23.040
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: For sure.

321
00:53:23.070 --> 00:53:27.630
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: So definitely ideal to get that going and.

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00:53:29.640 --> 00:53:33.420
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: As far as what questions are we going to ask a survey because we're going to get.

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00:53:34.800 --> 00:53:36.570

Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: 58 different answers.

324
00:53:38.010 --> 00:53:38.460
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: Right.

325
00:53:40.710 --> 00:53:48.450
Natalie Adona: I mean you can structure, a survey to get more at the information that you need you know I.

326
00:53:49.890 --> 00:54:06.660
Natalie Adona: believe that sort of low hanging fruit to actually codified the question that you know we all used, and I hope we all use the devote on the recall question mark the voting target next to the word, yes or no, that seems to be the minimum.

327
00:54:08.370 --> 00:54:09.600
Natalie Adona: And you know.

328
00:54:10.680 --> 00:54:19.380
Natalie Adona: eliciting suggestions for either how to improve upon that or you know what what should be added, I think it's a pretty straightforward survey.

329
00:54:22.230 --> 00:54:27.540
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: I have a general process question so imagine we get all these surveys back.

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00:54:28.410 --> 00:54:34.140
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: And we want to make a change, do we just noodle that changes through in this meeting, or does somebody.

331
00:54:34.380 --> 00:54:43.830
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: You know, go write it off on their own and bring it back to the group for approval or or what's the process if we decided that yet changing this would be a good idea, and this is the general direction.

332
00:54:46.590 --> 00:54:57.330

REINA MILLER: Usually in other committees on what we do is usually the committee talks about what they want to recommend to change as a group, and then someone will get fined or volunteer to write up.

333
00:54:57.630 --> 00:55:04.680
REINA MILLER: an actual letter of Recommendation to the Secretary of State, and then, which will be passed along to everyone else to review and make edits.

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00:55:05.160 --> 00:55:11.790
REINA MILLER: And then we'll do one final review by everyone, after those edits and then usually during that following meeting, it is.

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00:55:12.150 --> 00:55:20.100
REINA MILLER: voted on submitted, and then I pass it along to upper management so that's usually a profit so someone can take the lead on.

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00:55:20.460 --> 00:55:29.730
REINA MILLER: Writing it to, and then we could share with the committee, but what the body of the letter should be a agreements between the committee of what it is that they're recommending.

337
00:55:31.260 --> 00:55:40.560
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: I suggested that one thing that should be possible, is it before we get to the lighting of the formal letter, it would be really nice if we could come into.

338
00:55:41.520 --> 00:55:50.760
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: A meeting with some drafts, so we can begin talking about it, because then, if everybody looks at it goes well, that draft is great, then the discussion is very short and it's very concrete.

339
00:55:51.240 --> 00:56:02.310
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And if we want to suggest alternates maybe if it's easy ones we just fix it and if it's more complicated than a couple of people can be volunteered to go.

340
00:56:03.090 --> 00:56:12.690
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: come up with a new draft to come to bring back because it's

really hard to edit in a bit committee and it's especially hard to edit when we can't when we're not seeing what's the editing is being done live.

341
00:56:25.770 --> 00:56:29.940
REINA MILLER: Thank you think that's a great idea I don't know if the committee agrees, maybe that would be easier.

342
00:56:34.770 --> 00:56:48.030
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Just to say it, as the non election official not about to have to run the electronic you know so they have elections, but on i'm always happy to do take a crack at taking a pile of texts and today to one or two alternatives.

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00:56:49.140 --> 00:56:50.340
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: for consideration.

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00:56:58.020 --> 00:57:02.820
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: So, for instance, if you if you did a quick survey and collected, a number of like what did people put on their balance.

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00:57:03.960 --> 00:57:05.580
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: You know I can always do some of that work.

346
00:57:08.730 --> 00:57:25.710
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: Thanks Whitney I think if we get the survey going, and we can have Whitney do a quick, you know you want to do a collection first and then unit off turn to write our women for now in Germany opinions or any.

347
00:57:28.260 --> 00:57:33.600
Natalie Adona: that'd be my My opinion is that this is a fair suggestion.

348
00:57:34.890 --> 00:57:39.060
Natalie Adona: Because I mean, I have to get to my recorder responsibilities at some point.

349
00:57:41.790 --> 00:57:52.170
Natalie Adona: And you know, I think that you know if you know if someone wants to volunteer

to assist with me in that that.

350
00:57:54.060 --> 00:57:54.870
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: is great.

351
00:58:02.700 --> 00:58:13.260
REINA MILLER: Okay, so just to be clear Whitney and travis will be in charge of drafting the letter putting together the letter after we collect some survey responses that correct.

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00:58:14.550 --> 00:58:15.390
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: Yes.

353
00:58:17.490 --> 00:58:28.050
REINA MILLER: And then, for the survey itself isn't going to be, I think, since in the chat which i'll get to, but the question is, basically, how can we improve the instruction.

354
00:58:29.220 --> 00:58:31.110
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: So the question is what instructions, did you.

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00:58:31.170 --> 00:58:32.160
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: put on your ballot.

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00:58:32.700 --> 00:58:33.240
one.

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00:58:34.680 --> 00:58:40.680
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: I mean the easiest thing to ask is just give us instructions or even the ones that we know that are going to be included us, but especially anything.

358
00:58:41.100 --> 00:58:54.420
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: That you added about how to handle the two questions and then you might also ask if anybody did additional instructions in the vague where they thought they had more leeway to explain things better, because that would be good text to have.

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00:58:57.030 --> 00:58:59.730
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Because, in effect, that is their their suggestion for what.

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00:59:02.070 --> 00:59:03.030
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: What might be improved.

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00:59:09.780 --> 00:59:15.720
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: I think would be important to also class and maybe if they don't gather this or don't know it's Okay, but.

362
00:59:16.350 --> 00:59:33.510
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: kind of what was a common thing you would see when adjudicating balance or reviewing them after you see done was a common mistake or something that voters were consistently doing like putting on a ride and forgiving newson where we connect count it, and then we will see it a lot.

363
00:59:35.850 --> 00:59:44.730
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: Of trick ourselves a what I would like to say humbling is a very good adjudication guide so willing to share that around.

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00:59:46.530 --> 00:59:51.090
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: Probably stole it from another county and tweak that but i'll tell you that for us.

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00:59:51.720 --> 00:59:52.620
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: i'd love to see that.

366
00:59:53.820 --> 01:00:04.050
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: I think we still have time you guys to or somebody else but yeah it would be great to see you just kind of seeing what people are having to educate consistently so.

367
01:00:09.570 --> 01:00:11.070
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: i'm dropping them in the chat here.

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01:00:23.880 --> 01:00:26.940
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: And I agree with Brian from La instructions.

369
01:00:29.340 --> 01:00:33.060
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: there's nothing that will work for all counties, we have to be specific to the county.

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01:00:41.250 --> 01:00:51.900
REINA MILLER: Okay, so I won't have to draft up the question send it out to the group just to confirm any suggestions or any additional questions feel free to respond back to that email with what.

371
01:00:52.470 --> 01:00:59.310
REINA MILLER: should be included and then maybe we can move forward with sending up survey out, so we will put this as an agenda item for next time.

372
01:01:00.330 --> 01:01:03.360
REINA MILLER: and see how many services with us by then maybe go from there.

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01:01:04.980 --> 01:01:05.280
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: yeah.

374
01:01:11.580 --> 01:01:25.530
REINA MILLER: So, for now, I would say, because of the timing, we should probably move forward to the Item number four or maybe which five and four, since I think we might run out of time, but i'll let you guys decide.

375
01:01:36.270 --> 01:01:48.330
REINA MILLER: And maybe i'll tell you guys what I did, and then you could decide after that, so I received three Committee members submitted election code and from those I overlap them to see which one.

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01:01:50.250 --> 01:01:59.640
REINA MILLER: were mentioned more than one and then also which ones were specific to the document that we're currently working on, so I highlighted those and I can share that with the group.

377
01:02:00.060 --> 01:02:13.260
REINA MILLER: And maybe if we would like to focus on those highlighted one code sections that people had more interest to first and then we could go back and finish all the other sections, there were some sections that that were.

378
01:02:14.340 --> 01:02:28.650
REINA MILLER: compiled in the list that are not part of the live document that we're doing right now, but maybe that's something that we could talk for a future agenda, and I can always share that list of code via email with the group.

379
01:02:34.440 --> 01:02:39.210
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: I say let's move forward with side and then i'll help lead into four as well.

380
01:02:53.910 --> 01:02:55.530
REINA MILLER: We stopped.

381
01:02:57.660 --> 01:03:01.020
REINA MILLER: At 13103, but let me go through and.

382
01:03:02.280 --> 01:03:03.420
REINA MILLER: kind of show the group.

383
01:03:04.470 --> 01:03:07.200
REINA MILLER: Which one were recommended to talk about.

384
01:03:54.870 --> 01:03:56.370
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: it's a section for instructions.

385
01:03:58.440 --> 01:03:59.190
Natalie Adona: turns.

386
01:04:00.690 --> 01:04:02.910

Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: Blue tackling that one with our survey and.

387
01:04:03.120 --> 01:04:03.510
Draft.

388
01:04:09.330 --> 01:04:15.000
Natalie Adona: So i'll just jump in if we're sort of ready to go here.

389
01:04:17.790 --> 01:04:30.990
Natalie Adona: um my question I get this this also was on my mind for for the recall to I mean it looks like that we are required to print, the number of Congressional Senate and assembly district.

390
01:04:32.520 --> 01:04:37.980
Natalie Adona: In addition to identifying those offices, if they do appear on the ballot.

391
01:04:40.140 --> 01:04:50.700
Natalie Adona: And you know i'm curious to know what the value in doing that is and so to including that on the header you know, particularly in.

392
01:04:51.750 --> 01:04:52.890
Natalie Adona: Elections where.

393
01:04:54.150 --> 01:05:02.220
Natalie Adona: If they are there, you know to appear and you already know, or it sort of doesn't matter because none of those contests appear.

394
01:05:03.270 --> 01:05:09.540
Natalie Adona: Just curious to know what the what the US is that part of 13 to agree.

395
01:05:11.040 --> 01:05:11.850
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: We don't do it.

396
01:05:14.280 --> 01:05:18.150

Natalie Adona: I didn't do it for the recall that didn't seem to make sense.

397
01:05:26.430 --> 01:05:32.220
Brian - LA County: yeah we didn't do it also also the 30 point font for official ballot.

398
01:05:33.600 --> 01:05:42.900
Brian - LA County: There it is it's very big and it's especially an issue for us with some of the languages were in Spanish it doesn't get fit across the whole.

399
01:05:44.160 --> 01:05:48.780
Brian - LA County: legal size paper on top, and then it gets broken into two lines.

400
01:05:50.340 --> 01:05:57.150
Brian - LA County: Up 25% or higher are 20 to 24 would be really good but 30 gets really, really big.

401
01:05:59.520 --> 01:06:06.450
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: I think that's a women's point earlier a minimum specification would be better, and not a giant maximum specification.

402
01:06:07.170 --> 01:06:15.780
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And I think four languages, perhaps something that says that the intent is for this to be to fit on a single line in that the language can be adjusted to to do that.

403
01:06:20.040 --> 01:06:25.080
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: there's there's very little in here in this code that really addresses the challenges of multilingual balance.

404
01:06:27.000 --> 01:06:37.710
David Magedson: mean, is there any value in having something that big if the point of something something that biggest so the voters can read it, when you have much smaller font sizes on the ballot.

405
01:06:38.550 --> 01:06:39.030

Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: Correct.

406
01:06:39.630 --> 01:06:43.590
David Magedson: yeah no that's that's such a dramatic gap and the margin.

407
01:06:45.000 --> 01:06:46.980
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And we really.

408
01:06:47.490 --> 01:07:03.630
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: said, the way we thought about font sizes when we're looking at national standards was the size of the candidate name and then everything was was sort of float up or down from that so you were allowed to go to points down for instructions and you could go up to X point bigger.

409
01:07:04.800 --> 01:07:08.160
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: For things but it, but it was all kept in relationship.

410
01:07:10.620 --> 01:07:21.570
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: Exactly and we're losing space to these huge words at the top, causing us to shrink candidates names or question font sizes, is completely defeated.

411
01:07:22.710 --> 01:07:23.940
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: Any point of it being big.

412
01:07:24.990 --> 01:07:25.320
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: Right.

413
01:07:26.220 --> 01:07:32.700
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: To ever say you came to take on doing a draft of 13 to a four to afford to have five all these instructions.

414
01:07:32.970 --> 01:07:35.550
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Because I just I have a huge hit list on them or things like.

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01:07:37.290 --> 01:07:37.650
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: You know.

416
01:07:39.630 --> 01:07:47.580
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: To vote for qualified right in Canada right the person's name in the blank place provide for that purpose, after the names of the other candidates for the same office, instead of just for the space provided.

417
01:07:48.000 --> 01:07:49.830
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: hey i'm done yeah.

418
01:07:52.080 --> 01:07:56.760
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Because I think some of this is just easy and we're all going to look at it and go, obviously, and some of it is going to be a little trickier.

419
01:07:59.010 --> 01:07:59.670
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: will connect.

420
01:08:00.150 --> 01:08:00.450
yeah.

421
01:08:02.130 --> 01:08:02.670
Have a little.

422
01:08:04.080 --> 01:08:04.770
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Google document.

423
01:08:08.760 --> 01:08:11.820
Liz Oviedo: I wanted to suggest 18 point instead of 20.

424
01:08:12.780 --> 01:08:19.230
Liz Oviedo: It is really difficult to fit all the translated languages, even with 20 point.

425
01:08:19.650 --> 01:08:22.560

Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: yeah I think 18 is plenty big.

426
01:08:24.060 --> 01:08:34.740
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: That when those worlds were written i've done some research on this was tended to be written at a time when you didn't have old that just wasn't you didn't have a lot of type of graphical options, so they just make things bigger.

427
01:08:35.790 --> 01:08:47.340
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And that was sort of all they did, or they made it all caps because they was the only way to make it look bold and we are now, and you know well into the 21st century, and we can we have different we have better printers these days, so we can do.

428
01:08:50.040 --> 01:08:53.310
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: You know, we can make it a little less screaming and face.

429
01:08:54.240 --> 01:08:59.160
David Magedson: i'm, for I don't remember who suggested, maybe travis the minimum size recommendation.

430
01:08:59.250 --> 01:09:02.130
David Magedson: I mean go or 12 building the flexibility.

431
01:09:02.700 --> 01:09:02.940
yeah.

432
01:09:04.230 --> 01:09:07.110
REINA MILLER: And then I see someone has their hand raised and that do you have a comment.

433
01:09:07.890 --> 01:09:23.820
Annette Lim: I just had a question I mean because we don't print, the number of the Congressional Center assembly district that just for us how we report purposes, but I don't see the reason why you should be on the ballot, we have that information in our databases well.

434
01:09:23.850 --> 01:09:28.470

Natalie Adona: yeah and it's supposed to be printed before the ballot instructions.

435
01:09:28.920 --> 01:09:29.190
yeah.

436
01:09:31.320 --> 01:09:33.510
Natalie Adona: It just it doesn't make sense.

437
01:09:35.790 --> 01:09:40.830
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: yeah and and i've seen somewhere, just like it's it's always done an initial so it would be like.

438
01:09:41.550 --> 01:09:56.790
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: CD one ad to, and no one knows what it is, anyway, but when you get down to assembly district, it says assembly district one right so um I think it's good to include the number of the district, it is, but it ought to be with the contest, not necessarily in the header.

439
01:09:58.380 --> 01:10:00.120
Annette Lim: And if the contest, is it on the ballot.

440
01:10:00.240 --> 01:10:01.410
Annette Lim: It doesn't then hell.

441
01:10:02.250 --> 01:10:02.490
No.

442
01:10:04.080 --> 01:10:04.860
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: I don't think so.

443
01:10:05.700 --> 01:10:09.660
David Magedson: Does anybody know what the initial motivation for having that information on the ballot was.

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01:10:10.050 --> 01:10:11.190
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: It was like valid style.

445
01:10:12.780 --> 01:10:13.770
David Magedson: Okay, so.

446
01:10:14.130 --> 01:10:17.880
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: It was sort of identifying the jurisdictions that this ballot was covering.

447
01:10:19.560 --> 01:10:20.970
David Magedson: For the voter presumably.

448
01:10:21.660 --> 01:10:28.530
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Well, presumably for the voter, but you know, but when when we start printing them an eight point type it's not really not for anyone is it.

449
01:10:29.340 --> 01:10:33.690
David Magedson: Right, especially when, at the end of the day, I mean that that's almost the purpose of the precinct monitor.

450
01:10:35.460 --> 01:10:37.530
David Magedson: The voting have their voter registration and.

451
01:10:38.190 --> 01:10:40.800
David Magedson: How, you know where you're supposed to be voting and how you're supposed to be voting.

452
01:10:41.190 --> 01:10:41.580
David Magedson: that's right.

453
01:10:43.740 --> 01:10:49.020
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: I mean in New York, where all the things are broken up into ED nav tables and it's really confusing I mean.

454
01:10:51.150 --> 01:11:03.510
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: But it's because they want you to have the right ballot handed to you, but nobody is it's not being used that way right shopping it's not being used to check those things, and we should either make it useful or or or cut it.

455
01:11:09.240 --> 01:11:17.430
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: mean I have seen some that have a very small version of it that's right under the ballot style thing, especially for vote by mail where there's a.

456
01:11:17.880 --> 01:11:29.520
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: code that has the ballot style and the district name, so that they can do a quality check that the right ballad is getting into the right envelope, but no one's doing it by reading the the the district's.

457
01:11:30.690 --> 01:11:37.500
David Magedson: Right yeah I would I would argue, again, I mean that's that's what you're using the press present information or the outside information at the top of the ballot for.

458
01:11:38.100 --> 01:11:38.490
yep.

459
01:11:50.670 --> 01:11:53.190
Annette Lim: suggestion to see if we can remove that.

460
01:11:54.480 --> 01:11:54.810
Annette Lim: Pretty.

461
01:11:55.140 --> 01:11:55.620
Liz Oviedo: Much.

462
01:11:55.830 --> 01:11:59.970
Liz Oviedo: i'm not sure I understand the suggestion you need to remove it.

463
01:12:01.980 --> 01:12:02.970

Liz Oviedo: Sorry yeah.

464
01:12:03.180 --> 01:12:07.740
Annette Lim: Go ahead yeah I do we really have to have that if nobody's really using it.

465
01:12:08.430 --> 01:12:11.640
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: At the top of the ballot, not in the contest and the contest, you need it.

466
01:12:13.320 --> 01:12:14.430
Annette Lim: But not at the top of the hour.

467
01:12:14.970 --> 01:12:19.080
Natalie Adona: Right it's definitely there before the contest where you're voting for the candidates.

468
01:12:19.680 --> 01:12:20.460
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: it's already.

469
01:12:21.420 --> 01:12:24.360
Natalie Adona: Right I just don't know why it needs to be printed twice.

470
01:12:25.020 --> 01:12:30.060
Annette Lim: Well, and then, if the if the context isn't on the ballot they're going to confuse people thinking where's that contest.

471
01:12:30.330 --> 01:12:31.500
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Right right.

472
01:12:34.830 --> 01:12:35.700
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: Oh for removing.

473
01:12:36.780 --> 01:12:37.680
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: i'm all for anything.

474
01:12:39.720 --> 01:12:40.620
REINA MILLER: From a three moving.

475
01:12:40.710 --> 01:12:41.820
REINA MILLER: Across the top of the ballot.

476
01:12:42.690 --> 01:12:44.070
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Across the top of the ballot.

477
01:12:46.200 --> 01:12:46.530
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Oh.

478
01:12:46.800 --> 01:12:47.850
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Well, this is all about.

479
01:12:48.210 --> 01:12:51.090
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: This is all the header I mean I would regret this whole section.

480
01:12:52.830 --> 01:12:58.320
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: I don't know why it has to be an all capital letters we don't know why it has to be 13 points and I think.

481
01:12:58.830 --> 01:13:08.490
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: What we're doing here and 13 two or three and in the following sections is defining what what what the header of the first page of the ballot is, and again I think we could be.

482
01:13:08.820 --> 01:13:13.860
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: much clearer about saying this section is going to cover the header and here's the things that have to be there i'm.

483
01:13:17.850 --> 01:13:25.110

REINA MILLER: Removing the section and basically coming into a new language on what to use that correct oh.

484
01:13:25.380 --> 01:13:26.190
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Oh, should we placing.

485
01:13:26.250 --> 01:13:27.720
Replacing replacing think.

486
01:13:28.860 --> 01:13:29.130
yeah.

487
01:13:35.580 --> 01:13:46.200
REINA MILLER: And this might be moving forward 13 tool for should is the plan to kind of review all of the action and replacing them.

488
01:13:47.130 --> 01:13:49.050
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: For two four to five.

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01:13:52.380 --> 01:13:57.840
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: To 6207202 a sixes also to a six.

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01:13:59.550 --> 01:14:01.290
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: The plan is to.

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01:14:02.700 --> 01:14:20.940
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Look at is for travis and I to look at the text and come back with some recommendations for what texts of the required for all those instructions, so that, instead of starting from stuff that we all kind of agree needs to be changed start from potential change.

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01:14:22.890 --> 01:14:30.570
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And that would also address the issues that we've been talking about about making it flexible enough for counties, to make it accurate to their voting systems.

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01:14:44.580 --> 01:14:53.370
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And I think if we get this right for this section anyplace else there's texts that we're talking about, we can just sort of do the same thing and we'll have half of it done because a lot of it is repeats.

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01:15:06.540 --> 01:15:13.440
REINA MILLER: Well, for now, I think we can leave those sections alone and kind of come back to it when travis and Whitney have an update.

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01:15:19.230 --> 01:15:21.120
REINA MILLER: One three to 6.5.

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01:15:21.990 --> 01:15:22.830
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Yes, it does.

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01:15:29.010 --> 01:15:35.340
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: Some of that's a bit untouchable, because the top two language, but I think we should put it in there.

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01:15:35.760 --> 01:15:40.860
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: I think we should put it in there, I think we could get it, I think we could cut the number of words by a third.

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01:15:41.520 --> 01:15:48.360
Jennifer Tagg, San Mateo Elections: yeah it might those two voter nominated texts they're exactly the same, are they Am I.

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01:15:48.390 --> 01:15:49.830
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Know they're not quite.

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01:15:49.830 --> 01:15:50.010
Jennifer Tagg, San Mateo Elections: Not.

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01:15:50.610 --> 01:15:51.660
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: A little difference.

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01:15:53.280 --> 01:16:00.720
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: yeah I think we I think i've actually a couple of times have made the suggestion through a couple of channels in legislation that never got past but.

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01:16:02.010 --> 01:16:11.310
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: we've got a couple of versions that have been written by various groups to help to just say like it's not new anymore, so now we maybe don't have to over explain it quite as much.

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01:16:12.270 --> 01:16:13.860
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: yeah I know that.

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01:16:14.940 --> 01:16:27.720
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: At least i've heard in several of these conversations that that very specific languages part of getting this whole thing top to past, I mean yeah so that's been some time, and maybe that's a little more flexible now.

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01:16:28.830 --> 01:16:29.670
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: But doesn't hurt to try.

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01:16:31.470 --> 01:16:34.350
Travis Ebbert,Contra Costa CA Elections: Because he had I wording is so legal ease and confusing it.

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01:16:34.440 --> 01:16:35.100
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Oh God.

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01:16:37.320 --> 01:16:37.800
James Lasby: So much.

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01:16:38.700 --> 01:16:45.090
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: Yes, and you know if we if you guys keep having senators

with 35 candidates.

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01:16:50.490 --> 01:16:53.370
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: You know the first the first page of the ballot is so precious.

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01:16:58.560 --> 01:17:04.890
Natalie Adona: and not to sort of throw a new thing and because I think this all sounds fine to me.

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01:17:06.270 --> 01:17:25.740
Natalie Adona: But I did want to you know sort of raise the it's not really an issue I think if if no one's saying it's an issue, but when I when I looked through division 13 i'm noticing that there really isn't anything in the way of instructions for counties that use ranked choice voting.

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01:17:27.600 --> 01:17:33.120
Natalie Adona: And maybe there's a good reason for that I heard someone say and grown so sorry.

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01:17:34.830 --> 01:17:40.530
Natalie Adona: As long as we're talking about the absence of instructions for for people voting on recalls.

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01:17:41.100 --> 01:17:50.190
Natalie Adona: There are two jurisdictions that I know of that use ranked choice voting, they may deploy these in in different ways, so maybe it's not feasible to.

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01:17:51.030 --> 01:18:03.540
Natalie Adona: include any of that in the code, but you know I do want to put it out there that sometimes ranked choice voting is a source of confusion for people where someone's instructions might be helpful.

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01:18:04.050 --> 01:18:13.230
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: There are recommended instructions from writers writing resource Center we help write them and we've actually just did a very large test of them in New York City so.

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01:18:14.340 --> 01:18:16.710
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: We have some I have some thoughts.

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01:18:22.020 --> 01:18:28.470
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: But interesting I mean just to follow on that that one of the interesting things about the New York City primary which was.

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01:18:28.800 --> 01:18:39.240
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: A large multi multi contest with with not 35 candidates per 10 and 15 candidates for some of the contest the both the exit polling and our research and a couple of other.

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01:18:40.560 --> 01:18:51.930
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: sources of information suggest that the voters were not confused by how to mark their ballot, there was a lot of issues, but what what should one do in a red dress wedding less than making decisions about about who to vote for.

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01:18:52.320 --> 01:18:59.160
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: But that those instructions actually worked pretty well as that the voter at around it, so that people understood how to market.

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01:19:00.870 --> 01:19:09.060
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And so there's a face there's at least a large jurisdiction that's done that's done that well or reasonably well.

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01:19:11.880 --> 01:19:15.600
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: We were all geared up for a lot of voter confusion and just did not see it.

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01:19:16.770 --> 01:19:20.850
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: So that was one of those unexpectedly quiet books that didn't bark.

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01:19:28.320 --> 01:19:39.780
Whitney Quesenbery, Civic Design: And since we're looking at this note about minimum size, I

was looking ahead, and I noticed that a couple of places do say at least endpoints so there's already a model for setting a minimum in the code already.

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01:19:47.550 --> 01:19:55.290
REINA MILLER: If that's a good place to stop and open up for public comment and future agenda item, or do we only have 15 minutes left.

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01:19:57.300 --> 01:19:59.640
Natalie Adona: I think so, what do you think Joanna.

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01:20:01.770 --> 01:20:02.730
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: Yes, please.

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01:20:06.180 --> 01:20:09.630
REINA MILLER: Great so i'm going to open it up for public comment or features and the item.

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01:20:13.290 --> 01:20:18.030
REINA MILLER: And I think we already have a few agenda items, so we are will do another follow up on the survey.

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01:20:19.080 --> 01:20:27.870
REINA MILLER: Of follow up on the committee to research section 13102 will continue with agenda item number four.

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01:20:30.330 --> 01:20:32.640
REINA MILLER: And anything else that we should add on to the agenda.

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01:20:36.450 --> 01:20:36.750
Natalie Adona: So.

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01:20:37.440 --> 01:20:43.770
Natalie Adona: Can I ask them when we get back to division 13 where are we going to start.

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01:20:47.490 --> 01:20:47.880

REINA MILLER: I just.

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01:20:48.360 --> 01:20:51.510
Natalie Adona: sort of prepare myself to to have the conversation.

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01:20:51.960 --> 01:21:02.130
REINA MILLER: Yes, I believe that the sections that were highlighted are being addressed it was the instructions that people wanted to prioritize so we would go back to where we stopped last time, which.

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01:21:06.480 --> 01:21:12.330
Natalie Adona: I believe we stopped at way 13 104 there's one on 313.

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01:21:19.980 --> 01:21:23.550
REINA MILLER: yep, so we will continue on 13103 okay.

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01:21:29.640 --> 01:21:32.790
REINA MILLER: And I actually think we have we have 90 minutes next time.

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01:21:33.930 --> 01:21:35.670
REINA MILLER: Based on today, I think that might be.

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01:21:37.020 --> 01:21:43.680
REINA MILLER: All that we can do within that timeframe so maybe we should, if everyone agrees, maybe we should leave it at just those items for now.

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01:21:49.200 --> 01:21:54.420
REINA MILLER: And i'll open up for public comment, we do have trend on the line that would like to see so Trent.

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01:21:56.370 --> 01:22:10.800
Trent Lange: hi everybody Thank you ran a Trent Lang a California, the money campaign we are the sponsor of SP 90 and at 1416 the belt disclose act that you discussed have initial discussion on at your July eighth meeting.

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01:22:12.660 --> 01:22:17.610
Trent Lange: Thank you very much for that we are authors believe these bills are very important to.

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01:22:18.720 --> 01:22:28.530
Trent Lange: Give voters the crucial information about who supports on poses ballot measures information that a poll after poll consistently shows the vast majority of voters want.

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01:22:29.250 --> 01:22:35.070
Trent Lange: But that which many voters don't actually know when they vote that's why we think this information is important.

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01:22:35.670 --> 01:22:47.670
Trent Lange: we're very grateful for the feedback you already gave at that July 8 meeting particular empty node or concerns like anonymous space, it would add to the ballot the timeline reading supporters and opponents who would be allowed to modify names, etc.

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01:22:49.530 --> 01:22:59.700
Trent Lange: we've already made a number of amendments to the bills originally to address concerns received by CAC Oh, but look forward to working on these additional concerns.

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01:23:01.350 --> 01:23:18.150
Trent Lange: To that purpose, the chairs of the Senate assembly elections committees requested that this committee both provide feedback that you already somewhat you already gave but also give recommendations about how the bills might be amended to display the specified content and matters most.

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01:23:19.260 --> 01:23:25.920
Trent Lange: effective and consistent with good valid design principles understand we didn't have time to do that at that last.

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01:23:27.180 --> 01:23:33.270
Trent Lange: Meeting, but we would love, if you could schedule on a future agenda a discussion of.

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01:23:34.590 --> 01:23:51.690
Trent Lange: Further discussion and especially about recommendations about how we in our authors could work with with you and the committee's to improve the bills, the way that they display it I would be able to help at that meeting, if you whenever it is scheduled.

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01:23:52.710 --> 01:24:01.530
Trent Lange: To describe some of our polling which we think answer some of the questions that that a few of you raised, and then also discuss possible.

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01:24:02.280 --> 01:24:12.600
Trent Lange: ways that it could be improved we're very much led love your input on that and it'd be great if we could schedule on the future agenda, and thank you very much for already the feedback, you have already.

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01:24:13.200 --> 01:24:18.030
Trent Lange: Given, I look forward to talking with any of you individually happy for them to that would like to thank you.

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01:24:24.630 --> 01:24:40.650
REINA MILLER: Thank you um as the committee is there would we like to take on this as an agenda item and, if so, which should we schedule for discussing i'm doing it and on to the next agenda or maybe the following month i'll leave it up to the committee.

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01:24:42.870 --> 01:24:44.940
Natalie Adona: Just a clarifying question.

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01:24:46.500 --> 01:24:53.550
Natalie Adona: So is the asked to provide further feedback on the the these bills, the.

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01:24:54.750 --> 01:24:59.610
Natalie Adona: I think SP 90 and the other ones wasn't quite clear what the answer was yes.

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01:24:59.670 --> 01:25:06.990
Trent Lange: of further feedback on SP 19 at 1416 and then especially your recommendations.

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01:25:07.530 --> 01:25:14.010
Trent Lange: You know we're looking at some of the concerns that you have and we're going to talk with a couple of individual registrar's about things so.

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01:25:14.430 --> 01:25:24.840
Trent Lange: So we'll want to there'll be a couple different parts of build a few different possibilities to address the concerns that were outplayed as as well as possible, so we would very much like.

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01:25:26.460 --> 01:25:32.910
Trent Lange: This committees recommendations on how we and the authors and the elections committees could amend the bills.

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01:25:33.480 --> 01:25:42.360
Trent Lange: If they go forward, which is certainly our our and our authors intent, because we think this information is so important, but we'd love to have your recommendations on specific things we can do to improve.

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01:25:43.800 --> 01:25:49.500
Trent Lange: improve the layout and make it reduce any reduce the burdens as possible.

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01:25:51.540 --> 01:25:53.640
Natalie Adona: I mean, my opinion is.

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01:25:55.530 --> 01:25:57.780
Natalie Adona: You know, I think that you know, while.

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01:25:59.040 --> 01:26:10.380
Natalie Adona: i'm always willing to give feedback, you know, I think, maybe the more appropriate venue is for the cea CEO legislative committee to provide for their feedback.

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01:26:12.210 --> 01:26:27.780
Natalie Adona: And you know I say that only because we have I don't know how many more meetings, but maybe four or five and we've got the entirety of division 13 to get to you know, of course, if people disagree with me, you know i'm i'm only one person, but.

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01:26:29.040 --> 01:26:39.120
Natalie Adona: You know, I think that you know our legislative committee chairs are really good and they're great at synthesizing information from all of the counties and providing.

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01:26:39.630 --> 01:26:51.480
Natalie Adona: To you, so if there are substantial changes that we need to discuss and lunch Committee I think that's probably the most appropriate space to do it, but you know i'm open to other suggestions.

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01:27:03.900 --> 01:27:09.810
Liz Oviedo: I think, since the bill affects the length of the ballot, I think we.

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01:27:11.370 --> 01:27:22.350
Liz Oviedo: We should at least you know have make just a little bit of room to provide feedback, I think it is important to see if they bill passes.

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01:27:23.850 --> 01:27:32.520
Liz Oviedo: All the state props in in the authors would be included in the in the ballot the names of the authors and their.

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01:27:33.960 --> 01:27:40.140
Liz Oviedo: Their occupations, so it would lengthen our ballot, so I think.

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01:27:41.220 --> 01:27:51.180
Liz Oviedo: Even, it is a good suggestion for CA CEO to provide a feedback, but since it's been requested from us, I think we should grant justice.

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01:27:52.200 --> 01:27:58.620
Liz Oviedo: You know, maybe a short time to to allow the feedback that this is just my opinion.

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01:28:03.480 --> 01:28:18.420
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: I also think that there's some people on this committee that are on the ledge committee are able to attend those committee so maybe get getting different feedback from this group versus the lead committee Is there anyone willing to kind of do a quick.

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01:28:20.010 --> 01:28:31.230
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: Analysts over it, or review it and provide feedback or work with somebody else and then presents the group as far as changes that might be causes issues on the link to the ballot.

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01:28:37.560 --> 01:28:47.100
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: And I agree there's a comment in the chat would it be best for the committee to learn what the CAC alleged committee has already provided so we're not duplicating efforts.

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01:28:50.610 --> 01:28:52.140
Joanna Francescut, Shasta County: anyone else have opinions on that.

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01:28:59.700 --> 01:29:11.520
Brian - LA County: So, Brian would la county so sorry about that um yeah I saw when the spreadsheets that was done during this and some of the changes were made and some words.

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01:29:13.680 --> 01:29:21.570
Brian - LA County: i've been kind of reviewing it and I base a lot of my comments to see SOS.

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01:29:22.980 --> 01:29:24.030
Brian - LA County: From that document.

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01:29:26.040 --> 01:29:26.370
Brian - LA County: It.

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01:29:29.550 --> 01:29:40.440
Brian - LA County: To me it's covering pretty much the same stuff, but most of the main concerns are are from the section, and I think we should just go and review it.

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01:29:45.240 --> 01:29:52.230
Trent Lange: And we of course would be happy to work further with CAA co lead committee, you know, maybe do a pass at that first before.

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01:29:53.460 --> 01:29:56.640
Trent Lange: Maybe you guys want to look at further any any remaining.

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01:29:58.380 --> 01:30:06.150
Trent Lange: Questions because we do, we do want to, we do think this information is really crucial towards voters, which is why we're doing.

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01:30:06.570 --> 01:30:12.450
Trent Lange: we've sponsored these bills and why the authors are working with us, but we do want to there are multiple ways of.

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01:30:13.170 --> 01:30:22.230
Trent Lange: displaying it to use as little extra space and address some of these other issues as possible, so that people can still see supporters and opponents so.

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01:30:22.770 --> 01:30:30.960
Trent Lange: Recommendations for me about the best ways I know that the committee chairs That was something that they wanted to see also because it's going to be in their committees in January.

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01:30:31.440 --> 01:30:44.670
Trent Lange: So it doesn't have to be done next month, but but maybe we can do a first pass with CEO and and then possibly you know, a present for a short thing for final recommendations from this group, but just to suggest just a thought.

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01:30:53.310 --> 01:31:01.920
Natalie Adona: I mean, I think that sounds it sounds fine to me to go through the ledge committee first.

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01:31:03.510 --> 01:31:14.220
Natalie Adona: And you know get their their temperature on it, I mean I think you're just going to have a lot more attendance at that lead committee than you know, perhaps you would here.

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01:31:15.930 --> 01:31:24.540
Natalie Adona: And you know I I have also part of lead committee, or at least i'm one of the the

participating members so.

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01:31:25.350 --> 01:31:38.850
Natalie Adona: You know, I think that you know if down the line, there are significant changes that you know this group would be helpful in providing feedback that you know that's something that we could definitely revisit you know once.

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01:31:40.260 --> 01:31:44.400
Natalie Adona: Everyone has had a chance to you know provide you what you need to be able to move forward.

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01:31:50.880 --> 01:31:51.810
Trent Lange: That sounds good to me.

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01:31:59.190 --> 01:32:12.690
REINA MILLER: Right so maybe so maybe you know natalie and in November early November ish, we can see where you guys are in that CC of alleged committee meeting and see if we wanted added on before the next meeting.

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01:32:13.320 --> 01:32:19.620
REINA MILLER: Actually over 511 next notice needs to be dependent on when the meeting is scheduled and then maybe we can go from there.

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01:32:23.910 --> 01:32:26.010
Trent Lange: Great Thank you all very much.

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01:32:27.630 --> 01:32:30.180
REINA MILLER: Any other comments questions or as an item.

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01:32:36.210 --> 01:33:37.980
REINA MILLER: With the meeting at 358.