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December 31, 2010

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 10335

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: *Debbie O'Donoghue*
Debbie O'Donoghue
Deputy Secretary of State, Voter Education and Outreach Services

RE: Voting Accessibility: Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Secretary of State's Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) was created in 2005 to advise, assist, and provide recommendations to the Secretary of State's office as to how voters with disabilities can vote independently and privately.

The Secretary of State is seeking qualified applicants for the VAAC who meet the criteria in the attached Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Application 2010. The Application is also available on the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_dis.htm. All applications must be received by Friday, January 28, 2011.

The current VAAC members are:

Ana Acton, California Department of Rehabilitation, Sacramento
Ardis Bazyn, Bazyn Communications, Burbank
Elaine Ginnold, Marin County Registrar of Voters, San Rafael
Margaret Johnson, Disability Rights California, Sacramento
Tim McNamara, Los Angeles Assistant Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Norwalk
Maria Monte de Rey, Mission Hills
Gail Pellerin, Santa Cruz County Clerk, Santa Cruz

Additionally, to better coordinate efforts to meet the needs of voters with disabilities, the Secretary of State VAAC members would like to establish relationships with local voting accessibility committees to exchange ideas and information about accessibility issues.

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Please provide the names, email addresses, and phone numbers of your primary and back-up contacts of your local VAAC using the attached form, and return via email to: jane.howell@sos.ca.gov or by fax at (916) 653-3214. We would greatly appreciate your response by January 14, 2011. If you do not currently have a local VAAC, please indicate that on your response.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Howell at (916) 657-2166 or jane.howell@sos.ca.gov. You may also contact me at (916) 653-6173 or debbie.odonoghue@sos.ca.gov.

Thank you.

Attachments to the CCROV:

- Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Application 2010
- VAAC Membership Contact Information Form



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Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Application 2010

Get Involved

The Secretary of State's office is seeking qualified applicants for its Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC). The mission and purpose of the VAAC is to advise, assist and provide recommendations to the Secretary of State's office regarding the implementation of federal and state laws relating to access to the electoral process by voters with disabilities, so that every registered voter can vote independently and privately.

The Secretary of State's office is looking for a person who has a:

- Demonstrated interest and involvement with people with disabilities and/or senior citizens.
- Willingness to dedicate no fewer than 20 hours per year to VAAC meetings and/or activities.

Deadline for Application

All applications must be received by **January 28, 2011**. If you need additional information, please contact Jane Howell at (916) 657-2166 or jane.howell@sos.ca.gov. You can apply by completing the attached application and mailing it to:

Office of the Secretary of State
Attn: Jane Howell, Elections Division
1500 – 11th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Appointments to the VAAC will be announced in February 2011.

Please type or print. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Business Phone () _____ Fax Number () _____

Home Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Present Occupation _____ Employer _____

Are you a registered voter? Yes No

How long have you lived in California? _____

Are you currently an elected or appointed public officer? Yes No

Please list any organizations with which you are presently active and you would represent on the VAAC. Please give the organization name, nature of your activities and duties and approximate dates you have been involved with the organization. *Use additional paper if necessary.*

Please respond to the following questions on a separate page (limit your response to one page):

1) Why do you wish to be considered for membership on the Secretary of State's VAAC?

2) What is it about ensuring that people with disabilities have access to the elections process that interests you?

I hereby declare the information provided in this application for the California Secretary of State's VAAC is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my statement may be verified and I give permission to do so.

Signature

Date

VAAC Membership Contact Information Form

Thank you for providing the Secretary of State's Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee with information about your local VAAC. Please complete the following information, and return it to the attention of Jane Howell via fax at (916) 653-3214 or email at jane.howell@sos.ca.gov.

County: _____

Contact information for VAAC Members:

Primary Contact:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Back-up Contact (if applicable):

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____