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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #24089

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Ryan Reece
Elections Analyst

RE: Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee: Actions from the
April 10, 2024, Meeting

The Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) met and members were sworn in on April 10, 2024, and the following participants were sworn in:

Newly sworn in committee members

- Roxana Castro
- Rebecca Donabed
- Veronica Elsea
- Mary Helen Gallegos
- Aaron Nevarez
- Fred Nisen
- Mike Nguyen
- Mat Ptacek

During the meeting the members discussed committee goals for the 2024 - 2025 term. The following are action items that the committee determined to research:

1. Increasing the number of pre-registered voters in youth demographic.
2. Explore how to expand voter accessibility for the deaf and hard of hearing community.
3. Continuing to research the petition process to expand accessibility for voters with disabilities.
4. Streamlining Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail (RAVBM) process and create documents explaining how to interact with voters with disabilities.
5. Researching how to render RAVBM more accessible for visually impaired voters.
6. Researching ways to make the Safe at Home program more accessible for voters with disabilities.
7. Explore outreach efforts to inform the general public of the VAAC to gather feedback/input. Work with other local VAACs.

8. AB 545 (Ch 658, Statutes of 2023) - ask for feedback from the counties on how curbside voting went in the recent election.
9. Identify opportunities for the VAAC to increase voter turnout among voters with disabilities.
10. Review how counties select vote centers; encourage counties to make sure all vote centers and polling places are accessible to all voters.
11. Increasing participation within the local VAACs.
12. Assist San Luis Obispo County on developing a local VAAC.
13. Build relationships with local accessibility organizations to understand barriers that voters with disabilities face and research potential solutions to remove those barriers and increase turnout.
14. Issue a survey to learn about the experiences of disabled voters during the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election.

These actions and a copy of the meeting minutes for this meeting will be available soon on the VAAC website at: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/vaac/vaac-meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at vaac@sos.ca.gov.

Thank you.