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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #25062

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Nehal Radusinovic
Elections Analyst

RE: Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee: August 20, 2025, Meeting

Attached is the notice and agenda for the next Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. via videoconference and in person at the locations listed on the agenda.

County elections officials and members of the public are welcome to attend in person or by calling in to the conference number listed on the agenda.

This notice and agenda will also be available on the VAAC website at:
<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/vaac>.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions at VAAC@sos.ca.gov.

Thank you.



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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee
(VAAC)

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/vaac>

Date and time: Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

Conference call number: +1 877-336-1831

Phone Conference ID: 9190294

Screenshare/webstream: <https://sos-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/83319464410?pwd=mP2rOXzNq3xesYoyafSi505i8e82ON.1>

Password: 9xMrY%+f

Location: Secretary of State
2nd Floor Boardroom
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Orange County Registrar of Voters
1300 S Grand Ave, Building C
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum
2. VAAC Members Community Outreach Updates
3. Secretary of State
 - Voting Systems (OVSTA)
 - Voter's Choice Act (VCA)
 - Legislation
4. Working groups
 - Petitions/Signature Verification
 - Curbside Voting
 - Outreach to Voters with Disabilities
 - Review "Outreach to voters who do not identify as persons with a disability" recommendations.
 - Increasing Accessibility for Voters who Use ASL
5. Public Comments and Future Agenda Items
6. Adjournment

IMPORTANT NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC:

- This meeting is open to the public and is accessible to the physically disabled.
- In accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, reasonable accommodations are available. Providing accommodation requests at least five (5) business days before the meeting will help to ensure availability of the requested accommodation.
- Any person who needs a disability-related accommodation or modification in order to participate in the meeting, or any person wanting to subscribe to future meeting notices and agendas, may make a request by contacting Nehal Radusinovic at (916) 695-1568, by emailing VAAC@sos.ca.gov or nradusinovic@sos.ca.gov, or by sending a written request to Nehal Radusinovic, 1500 11th Street, 5th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.
- Discussion and action may be taken on any item on the agenda. The time and order of agenda items are subject to change at the discretion of the committee and may be taken out of order.
- Persons interested in addressing the committee on any agenda item will be given an opportunity to speak. The committee may limit the time for each individual speaker.
- The committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised that is not included on this agenda, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code sections 11125, 11125.7(a).)

Recommendations to SOS from State VAAC working group: Outreach to voters who do not identify as persons with a disability

April 16, 2025

1. Description of the recommendation:

The working group is offering simple suggested language which counties can use in their general voter outreach campaigns in order to reach voters who do not use standard disability-related terminology or do not realize that they are eligible for extra assistance. It is hoped that these proposed phrases appear in outreach that reaches all voters, not just in materials designed for those with identified disabilities or agencies who work with persons with disabilities.

The committee recommends that the SOS assist the working group with packaging this messaging to the counties and bringing a recommendation back to the VAAC at its meeting on June 18, 2025.

Suggested language could include the following:

- Want to vote by mail but can't fill out the ballot? Contact your elections department to learn how to do this independently.
- Want to vote in person but have trouble seeing or hearing? Contact your elections department to learn how to vote independently or to get help.
- Can't get to the vote center or precinct? Contact your elections department for help finding options.
- Want someone to help you mark your ballot? Poll workers can do this. Two workers will be present to ensure accurate marking.
- Having trouble reading your sample ballot? Call your elections department for assistance.
- Do you need help getting inside the vote center or polling place? Contact your elections department and they'll help you get in, or meet you at your vehicle.
- Start planning your voting early in case you need more time to access voter materials.
- Your elections department is here for you. Contact us and we'll show you the ways to vote your way!

2. Reason for this recommendation

It has come to the committee's attention that an increasing number of voters may be facing difficulties participating in the voting process because they do not identify as persons with a disability and do not realize what services are available to assist them. If small mentions

of services are included in general public service announcements, these voters may be directed to available help, or family members can help inform voters and encourage them to fully participate in the voting process.

3. Where this recommendation should be sent to or updated at (i.e., SOS webpage or sent to counties as a voluntary survey)

Recommendation should be sent to counties as suggested good practices and cost effective outreach.

4. Proposed timeline for this recommendation to be implemented (i.e., before the November 2024 General Election)

This recommendation could be implemented by June, 2025 to allow counties time to plan future materials.