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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #13113

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Susan Lapsley  
Deputy Secretary of State and Counsel

RE: Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee: Membership

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 on accessibility.

The VAAC membership consists of three county elections officials and five representatives from the disability community. Secretary Bowen is further diversifying the committee by soliciting new members from the public and/or county elections officials. As part of expanding the VAAC, Secretary Bowen also wants to ensure the continuity of the VAAC for future years by establishing appointment terms for existing and new members.

The Secretary of State is seeking qualified applicants for the VAAC who meet the criteria in the attached Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Application 2013. All applications must be received by Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

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  
**Darian Smith**, San Francisco

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 651-7837 or [susan.lapsley@sos.ca.gov](mailto:susan.lapsley@sos.ca.gov).

Attachment to the CCROV:

- Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Application 2013



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## **Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Application 2013**

### **Get Involved**

The Secretary of State's office is seeking qualified applicants for its Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC). The VAAC advises, assists, and provides recommendations to the Secretary of State's office regarding the implementation of federal and state laws relating to access to the electoral process, so 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 in issues related to voting accessibility.
- Willingness to dedicate no fewer than 20 hours per year to VAAC meetings and/or activities for a term of four years.

### **Deadline for Application**

All applications must be received by **January 15, 2014**. If you need additional information, please contact Angela Beane at (916) 653-2744 or [angela.beane@sos.ca.gov](mailto:angela.beane@sos.ca.gov). You can apply by completing the attached application and mailing it to:

Office of the Secretary of State  
Attn: Angela Beane, Elections Division  
1500 – 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Secretary of State anticipates announcing appointments to the VAAC in February 2014.

**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 in California?  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.*

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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 access to the elections process that interests you?
- 3) What qualities, experience, knowledge, or skill do you possess that you believe will make you a qualified applicant?

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.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date