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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #19025

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters
FROM: Adam Quintana
Election Services Manager
RE: Accessible County Voter Information Guides

We have received questions regarding the requirements surrounding accessible formats of county voter information guides.

As a reminder, Elections Code section 13307.7 was amended in 2015 to require a county elections official who provides a county voter information guide on their website to post that voter information guide in an accessible format.

Specifically, Elections Code section 13307(g) requires that all information made available over the Internet pursuant to this section *shall meet or exceed* the most current, ratified standards under Section 508 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 794d), as amended, and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 adopted by the World Wide Web Consortium for accessibility. Additionally, the accessibility reimbursement contracts include a provision for reimbursement for the “development of accessibility materials for county web site, or construction of a county web site for the purpose of providing information to the public on accessibility, if one does not already exist or making a current site accessible.”

The Secretary of State’s office recommends that you review your county’s elections website content to ensure you are following this existing state law.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 695-1604 or AQuintana@sos.ca.gov.