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Voters Choice Act Background (Election Code §4005)

In 2016 California adopted Senate Bill 450, the Voter's Choice Act (VCA), authorizing 14 counties to pilot a new voting model in 2018. The goal was to make voting more accessible and convenient. Under the VCA model, elections officials are required to mail a ballot to all active registered voters 29 days before Election Day. Voters can choose to return the ballot by mail, at an authorized ballot drop box or in-person at the main office or vote center. Vote centers offer an in-person voting option like polling places but are opened three to ten days before Election Day and Election Day, equipped to provide services to voters that could not be offered at polls. VCA expands the voters' options of where and when to vote.

In 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, emergency legislations were enacted including Assembly Bill 860 (AB 860) and Senate Bill (SB 423) to help slow the spread of the virus and keep voters and election workers safe. Due to the pandemic, counties shared similar challenges throughout the state including a limited number of poll workers and facilities that could be open as a polling place. The combination of AB 860 and SB 423 allowed traditional polling place counties like Stanislaus to conduct elections like VCA counties. AB 860 required elections officials to mail a ballot to all active registered voters while SB 423 allowed counties to consolidate polling places and required these locations to be opened 3 days prior to Election Day and through Election Day. As a result, despite challenges, Stanislaus County secured 12 ballot drop boxes locations and opened 26 "satellite offices" allowing voters the option to vote early in-person for the 2020 General Election.

In preparation for the California Gubernatorial Recall Election held on September 14, 2021, Assembly Bill 152 was enacted, allowing counties to conduct the California Gubernatorial Recall Election like the VCA model. All active registered voters were mailed a ballot. Like the 2020 General Election, voters had options in how to return their ballot - by mail, at a drop box, or visit a vote center to vote in-person. Furthermore, on September 27, 2021, Assembly Bill 37, amended Election Code 3000.5, establishing the requirement for all counties to mail a ballot to active registered voters 29 days prior to each future election.

In short, these recent legislative changes and trends in Stanislaus County's voter behavior have necessitated the formal transition and continuance of the VCA model.

Executive Summary



The Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters Office (ROV) mission is to conduct elections with integrity, accessibility, and transparency with efficient use of taxpayer resources. With 77% of Stanislaus County voters already registered to vote by mail (VBM) during the 2020 General Election, Stanislaus County began the process of adopting the VCA model in 2021, receiving formal approval on January 26, 2022. Since the county's formal adoption, it has conducted two statewide elections following the VCA model:

- 2022 Statewide Direct Primary Election (June 7, 2022)
- 2022 General Election (November 8, 2022)

As of January 2023, 27 counties in California have adopted the VCA model with additional counties in the process of transitioning ahead of the 2024 election cycle.

The VCA model requires counties to develop an Election Administration Plan (EAP) that provides transparency informing how the county will meet requirements to provide education and services to voters. Counties are required to review the EAP after two years of approval, make revisions, and present it to the public prior to resubmission to the California Secretary of State Office (SOS). As such, public meetings will be held with community organizations that advocate and represent language minority groups and the disabilities community.

This renewed EAP highlights the county's outreach and education plan for the 2024 election cycle. This plan includes data collected from the 2022 Statewide Direct Primary Election and 2022 General Election along with solutions and improvements developed in collaboration with community organizations, election workers, the department's Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) and Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC). This plan will be submitted to the SOS for review and approval. However, feedback and recommendations to this plan for future efforts are accepted at any time. For additional outreach event ideas or recommendations to improve this EAP, please submit your feedback by email to stanvote@stancounty.com.

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Section I - VOTE CENTERS

Stanislaus County voters are not assigned to a vote center, allowing voters to visit any site that is most convenient. Vote center workers will have the resources required to ensure each person is registered and receives the ballot with the contests they are eligible to vote based on residence. At vote centers, individuals can receive the following services:

- Cast a ballot in-person.
- Register for the first time and receive a ballot without the need to vote provisionally.
- Update current voter registration and receive a ballot.
- Utilize an assistive ballot marking device.
- Pick up a ballot for a household member or family member.
- Request a facsimile ballot (translated copy of the official ballot) in Assyrian (Syriac), Khmer, and Punjabi.
- Drop off their completed vote by mail ballot.

Prior to each election, a list of all vote centers, address and hours of operation will be posted on www.stanvote.com and printed in the Stanislaus County Voter Information Guide mailed to each registered voter. Additionally, a Voter Services Map will be made available on www.stanvote.com allowing voters to search for the nearest vote center or drop box location on a map. Lastly, all voting locations will also be listed on a postcard mailed directly to each active registered voters. Appendix B shows the postcard mailed to voters for the 2022 General Election.

A. Vote Center Locations

§4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(I)

Using data collected from the most recent census available and current registration, the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters Office (ROV Office) will continue to use the following criteria in determining vote center and drop box locations:

- Vote center and ballot drop-off location proximity to public transportation.
- Vote center and ballot drop off location proximity to communities with historically low vote by mail usage.
- Vote center and ballot drop-off location proximity to population centers.
- Vote center and ballot drop-off location proximity to language minority communities.
- Vote center and ballot drop-off location proximity to voters with disabilities.
- Vote center and ballot drop-off location proximity to communities with low rates of household vehicle ownership.
- Vote center and ballot drop-off location proximity to low-income communities.
- Vote center and ballot drop-off location proximity to communities of eligible voters who are not registered to vote and may need access to same day voter registration.
- Vote center and ballot drop-off location proximity to geographically isolated populations, including Native American reservations.
- Access to accessible and free parking at vote centers and ballot drop-off locations.
- The distance and time a voter must travel by car or public transportation to a vote center and ballot drop-off location.
- The need for alternate methods for voters with disabilities for whom vote by mail ballots are not accessible to cast a ballot.
- Traffic patterns near vote centers and ballot drop-off locations.
- The need for mobile vote centers in addition to the number of vote centers established pursuant to this section.
- Vote center location on a public or private university or college campus.

During the publication of this EAP, the search for vote center locations for the 2024 election cycle is in-progress. The outreach for vote center locations begins early due to challenges in finding sites that are available for the number of days required with rental fees within the county's budget. The ROV Office will continue to collaborate with other county

departments, City Clerks, Stanislaus County Office of Education and various community organizations to establish vote centers convenient for voters.

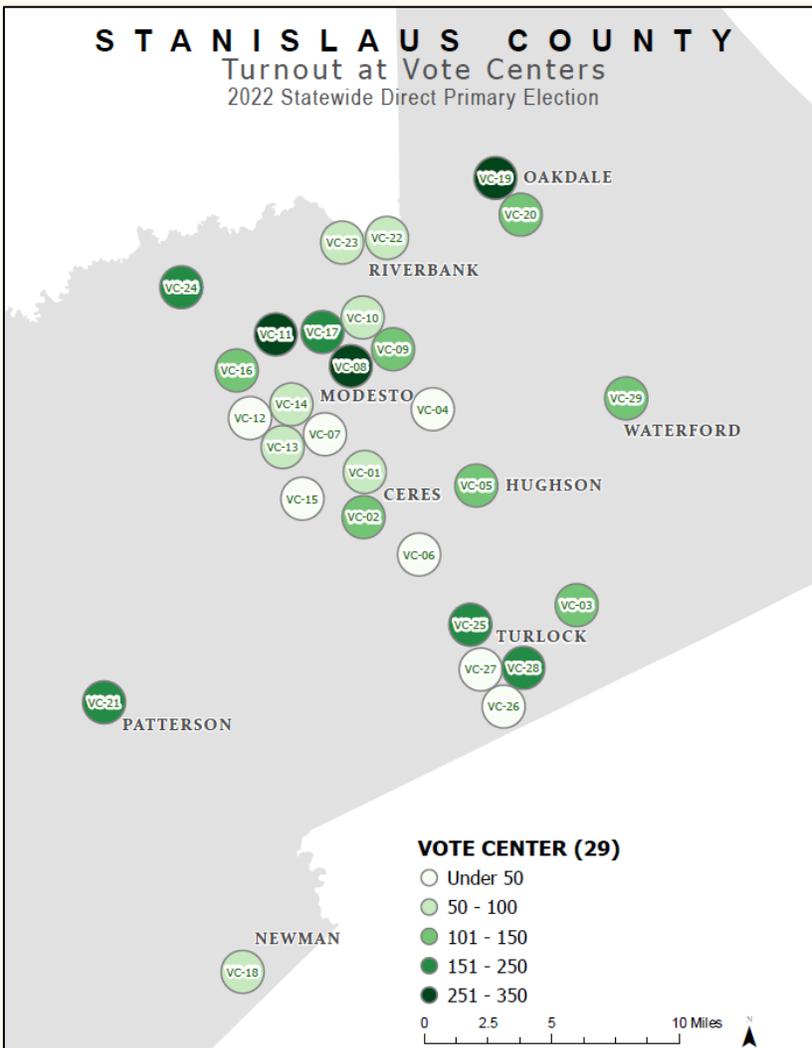
When surveying potential vote center sites, the amount of space is reviewed to ensure vote center services and the footprint of voting equipment can be adequately supported. The ROV Office evaluates each site for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), amount of parking and reliable power supply. It is the ROV Office’s goal to locate vote centers in well-known and fully accessible facilities throughout the county in City of Modesto, City of Ceres, City of Turlock, City of Oakdale, City of Newman, City of Patterson, City of Hughson, City of Riverbank, City of Waterford and unincorporated communities of Salida, Denair, Keyes and Empire. It is also the ROV Office’s best practice to keep vote centers consistent in both the 2024 Presidential Primary Election and 2024 General Election as much as possible.

B. The Total Number of Vote Centers

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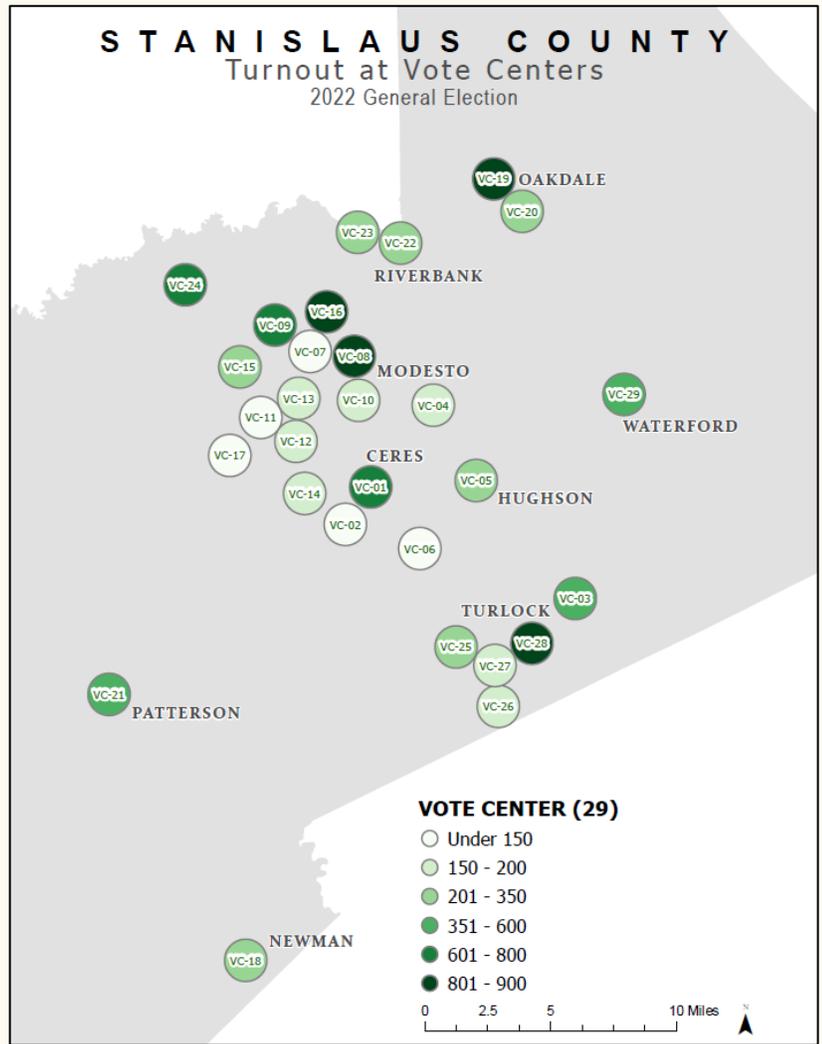
Based on the number of registered voters, the ROV Office is required to establish a minimum of 6 vote centers open for at least 8 hours per day beginning 10 days before Election Day through the weekend and Election Day. A total of 29 vote centers must be open for at least 8 hours per day beginning 3 days before Election Day through the weekend and Election Day. On Election Day, all vote centers will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm as required by law.

The maps below show the level of turnout at each vote center established for the 2022 Statewide Direct Primary Election and 2022 General Election. The ROV Office plans to establish vote centers at the same facilities where possible or within the vicinity of vote centers in past elections. Furthermore, given the data collected, it is the ROV Office’s goal to exceed requirements and establish 32 vote centers. Though roughly only 8% voted at a vote center in the 2022 General Election, 3 additional sites would help balance voter traffic at vote centers in Modesto, Patterson and Turlock, reducing voter wait times on Election Day. This expansion will require the purchase of additional voting equipment.



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2022 General Election Vote Centers	
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C. Language Assistance Available at Vote Centers

Bilingual election workers at vote centers wear buttons to indicate the languages they speak. The buttons say “I Speak _____” in either Spanish, Assyrian (Syriac), Khmer and Punjabi. If a bilingual election worker is not present, a phone interpreter service is also available at every vote center. This service is offered through the California Secretary of State.

Per EC 14282, voters are allowed up to two people to assist in marking a ballot. Voters with language assistance needs may bring a family member or friend to assist at the vote center.

A translated copy of the official ballot called a “facsimile ballot” in Assyrian (Syriac), Khmer and Punjabi are also available at each vote center. A translated sign is posted notifying voters of the availability of facsimile ballots and copies of the facsimile ballots are also posted. Official ballots in Stanislaus County elections are provided in English and Spanish. Other voting materials offered in Assyrian (Syriac), Khmer and Punjabi include the State Voter Information Guide produced by the California Secretary of State.

D. Accessible Services Available at Vote Centers

§4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(X)

Each vote center is surveyed for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines. This includes a survey of the parking lot and ensuring that there are accessible parking spaces.

Election Clerks and volunteers are required to attend training before serving at a vote center. The training includes disability sensitivity and hands-on training on how to utilize and assist voters with the use of assistive ballot marking devices.

All vote centers are equipped with at least three assistive ballot marking devices (HART Touch Writer). The assistive ballot marking device displays voting instructions and the ballot in large type text, touch, and audio formats. The device also allows the use of other assistive devices (i.e., sip and puff, stylus, etc.) When the voter is done marking their ballot, the voter has an opportunity to review their ballot before printing. The printed ballot looks like vote by mail (VBM) ballots. Voters that prefer to mark their votes directly on a paper ballot will have this option available also.

After receiving feedback from voters, the county is working with VAAC members to develop an effective solution for the use of call bells at vote center locations. Each vote center will have a way in which voters can request help from their vehicle parked outside of a vote center. This allows voters who cannot get out of their vehicle to receive services including VBM ballot drop-off, registering to vote or updating voter registration, etc. The ROV Office will also include more information about this service on the department's website, county voter information guide and through fliers distributed to VAAC members, various community organizations and outreach events.

E. Staffing Vote Centers

§4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(IX)

Election workers at each vote center include part-time Election Clerks and volunteers. Of the Election Clerks, one is designated as the vote center Lead. Based on feedback from election workers, the ROV Office's goal is to staff each vote center with three Election Clerks and up to three volunteers on early voting days. The staffing would increase to a minimum of five Election Clerks and five volunteers on Election Day.

Election Clerks are required to attend a two-part training course prior to each election. Election Clerks are expected to:

- Understand role and responsibilities of election workers.
- Understand how to provide professional customer service with disability and cultural sensitivity.
- Understand how to set up a vote center and complete daily opening and closing tasks.
- Understand how to set up voting equipment and how to properly assist voters in utilizing the equipment.
- Understand how to issue the correct form, envelope, and ballot to a voter.
- Understand how to navigate the voter registration system to assist voters in various scenarios.

Election Clerks will receive hands-on training using the voter registration system used at vote centers and on the voting equipment. A Vote Center Handbook is provided to each Election Clerk during training along with reference guides.

Volunteers are required to attend a separate training catered to the duties assigned to volunteers. Volunteers are trained in basic customer service skills as they oversee greeting and line management at vote centers. This also includes how to provide professional customer service with disability and cultural sensitivity. Volunteers receive training on daily opening and closing procedures with hands-on training in setting up and taking down voting equipment including the Touch Writer. They will also receive training in assisting voters who require language assistance.

The vote center lead is required to attend supplemental training. The training provides a refresher on the topics covered during the initial training. The training covers the responsibilities specific to this role and provides a way for leads to collaborate. The experienced vote center leads help to mentor new leads as they are scheduled to work at vote centers 10 to 5 days before Election Day.

The ROV Office will make good faith effort to recruit both Election Clerks and volunteers bilingual in Assyrian (Syriac), Khmer, Punjabi or Spanish to staff at each vote center especially at those established within proximity of language communities. The ROV will continue to work with LAAC members to identify recruitment opportunities including

community events. During the time of this publication, LAAC members are assisting with development of fliers that will be translated in Spanish, Assyrian (Syriac), Khmer and Punjabi and distributed to known ethnic groceries. The fliers include basic information on how to register to vote, the availability of facsimile ballots and promotion of opportunities to become an election worker.

F. Design and Layout of Vote Centers

§4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(XI)

Vote centers will be designed in a way to ensure each voter has the right to cast a private and independent ballot. Each vote center will be equipped with laptops used by Election Clerks to look-up voter registration, ballot on-demand printers, assistive ballot marking devices and a ballot scanner (tabulator). Voting equipment and ballot drop boxes will be placed strategically in the vote center so that they are easily identifiable by voters and can be monitored by vote center staff. See Appendix C for sample design and layout of vote centers. The layout would be adjusted given the facilities' shape and size.

G. Vote Center Security

§4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(VIII)

The ROV Office will ensure election security at vote centers using the following methods and standards:

- Facilities used as vote centers are required to provide the ROV Office with exclusive access to the space.
- All vote center staff will be well trained and prepared to assist eligible voters and follow proper chain of custody procedures and operation of voting equipment.
- Only Election Clerks access the election management system at vote centers. Multi-factor authentication is required to sign-on to the system. Volunteers are not given credentials to sign on.
- All equipment connected to the election management system are in full compliance with all security measures and regulations (§20158) using the ROV Office's IT unit to ensure security is always maintained.
- The HART InterCivic Verity voting equipment (Print, Touch Writer, and Scan) has been certified by the California Secretary of State. It is a paper-based system and does not connect to any network.
- All equipment is verified for the correct version of the software and tested for logic and accuracy prior to each election.
- Keys and codes issued to election workers are required to utilize the equipment.
- Equipment will be sealed with official security seals and will be shut down and physically locked when vote centers are closed. Furthermore, the ballot scanner is placed in a locked security cart when the vote center is closed. The seal placed on the equipment is logged each night and verified upon opening of the vote center.
- Extra unused ballot paper is kept locked in a security cart during voting hours. All paper is returned to the security cart after it is counted by election workers.
- Any and all recorded votes, including paper ballots, ballots submitted on voting equipment, CVR ballots, provisional ballots, and vote by mail ballots, are transported to the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters Office daily after the vote center closes.

H. Prevention Measures and Potential Disruptions

§4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(VIII)(ia), §4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(VIII)(ib)

The ROV Office has developed preventative measures and will ensure election workers are prepared for potential disruptions at vote centers. Vote center workers will be trained in alternate procedures so that voting will continue during potential disruptions. As mentioned, the voting equipment at vote centers includes ballot on-demand printers, assistive ballot marking devices and a ballot scanner. Laptops are also used by election workers to search for registered voters within the county, make updates to a voter's record, or register a new voter.

Prior to each election, all voting equipment is tested for logic and accuracy. During this time, the ROV tests additional equipment to be used as spares in any case a device needs to be replaced. These devices are locked, sealed, and set aside until needed. The ROV Office will have staff on duty to distribute needed replacement materials and equipment for each day vote centers are open. The teams will receive training on how to handle and troubleshoot the equipment.

For redundancy, each vote center will have 3 to 5 laptops for Election Clerks to access. If at any time a laptop fails, there is more than one at each site. This also helps to keep up with voter lines commonly expected on Election Day. For the same reason, each vote center will have 2 ballot-on demand, Verity Print, devices. Select vote centers that are larger in size and in areas of historically high in-person voter turnout, will have an additional ballot scanner added. This will help to decrease voter wait times on Election Day. This is another reason for the need to purchase more voting equipment.

The Verity voting equipment is always plugged into electricity. However, the devices also have an internal battery in case of a power outage. As an additional preventative measure, the ROV Office supplies two universal power supplies at each vote center which provides as an additional back-up power supply ensuring at least one laptop, ballot on-demand device and assistive device could be operational during an outage. All vote centers will have cell phones to connect quickly with the main office when necessary.

Section II - BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS

A. Hours of Ballot Drop Box Locations

§4005(a)(1)(A)

County authorized drop boxes will be open 28 days before the election and through Election Day. All ballot drop-off locations will be open during the facility's normal business hours. The 24-hour outdoor ballot drop box locations will close at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Each vote center will have a ballot drop box for voters who prefer dropping off their VBM where the ballot box is staffed by election workers.

In addition to stand-alone ballot drop box locations, the ROV Office will continue to establish curbside ballot drop off locations as an extra voter service. At these sites, voters can simply drive-up and drop off their VBM in a drop box staffed by an election worker. This service will be offered for 8 hours on the Monday before Election Day and 7:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Prior to each election, a list of all ballot drop boxes and curbside ballot drop off locations, addresses and hours of operation will be posted on www.stanvote.com and printed in the Stanislaus County Voter Information Guide mailed to each registered voter. Additionally, a Voter Services Map will be made available on www.stanvote.com allowing voters to search for the nearest vote center or drop box location on a map. Lastly, all voting locations will also be listed on a postcard mailed directly to each active registered voters. Appendix B shows the postcard mailed to voters for the 2022 General Election.

B. Total Number of Drop Boxes

§4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(II)

Given the county's voter count at the time of this publication, the ROV Office is required to provide 19 ballot drop box locations. The chart below indicates the number of ballot drop box locations established in the 2022 General Election.

2022 General Election Number of Ballot Drop Box Locations	
Indoor Ballot Drop Boxes	25
Outdoor Ballot Drop Boxes	2
Curbside Ballot Drop Off (Staffed Ballot Boxes)	4

The ROV Office will continue to exceed requirements for future elections as this has become a popular method of returning a ballot amongst voters. Of the ways to cast a ballot (i.e., mail, drop box or in-person), this has been the 2nd most popular choice by Stanislaus County voters. For the 2024 election cycle, additional outdoor ballot drop boxes will be purchased to meet demands in the City of Turlock and the City of Patterson. More indoor ballot boxes will also be purchased to meet requirements of Assembly Bill 2815, which requires a ballot drop box on the main campus of each California state university within the jurisdiction for statewide primary and statewide general elections. The ROV Office has also determined the need for more indoor ballot boxes to handle the volume of VBM dropped off at grocery store locations.

C. Ballot Drop Box Locations

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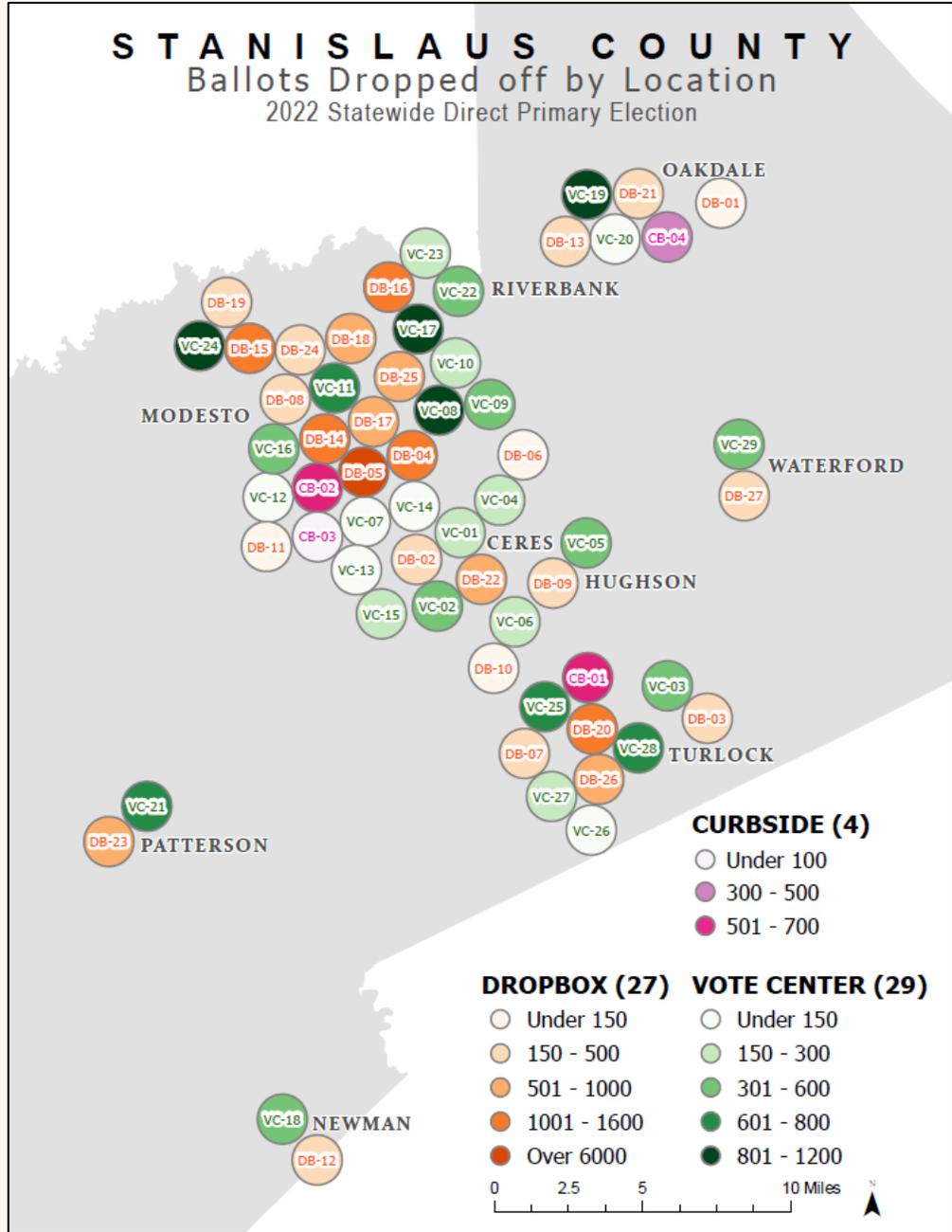
The Stanislaus County Registrar Voters Office has partnered with the community to locate drop boxes in well-known, fully accessible facilities. When establishing ballot drop box locations consideration is given to, but not limited to, the hours in which the business or facility is open, proximity to public transportation, areas of low vote by mail usage and language minority communities. Prior to finalizing the list of drop box locations, each one is surveyed to ensure accessibility by wheelchair. The business or facilities also sign an agreement to ensure the ballot drop box always has a clear unobstructed path of travel for voters.

At the time of this publication, ballot drop box locations for the 2024 election cycle are in-progress. The map below shows voter turnout at ballot drop box locations during the 2022 election cycle. This data will be used to establish ballot drop boxes in areas of need in Stanislaus County.

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VC-27	Turlock CSA South County Service Center
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2022 Statewide Primary Election Ballot Drop Box Locations	
DB-01	Burchell Nursery
DB-02	Ceres City Hall
DB-03	Denair Library
DB-04	Elections Main Office
DB-05	Elections Main Office
DB-06	Empire Library
DB-07	Foodmaxx - Countryside
DB-08	Foodmaxx - Briggsmore
DB-09	Hughson City Hall
DB-10	Keyes Library
DB-11	Maxxvalue
DB-12	Nob Hill Foods
DB-13	Oakdale Library
DB-14	O'Brien's Market - Roseburg
DB-15	O'Brien's Market - Dale
DB-16	O'Brien's Market - Oakdale Rd
DB-17	Postal Connections
DB-18	Raley's
DB-19	Salida Library
DB-20	Save Mart - Geer
DB-21	Save Mart - "F" St
DB-22	Save Mart - Whitmore
DB-23	Save Mart - Sperry
DB-24	Save Mart - Standiford
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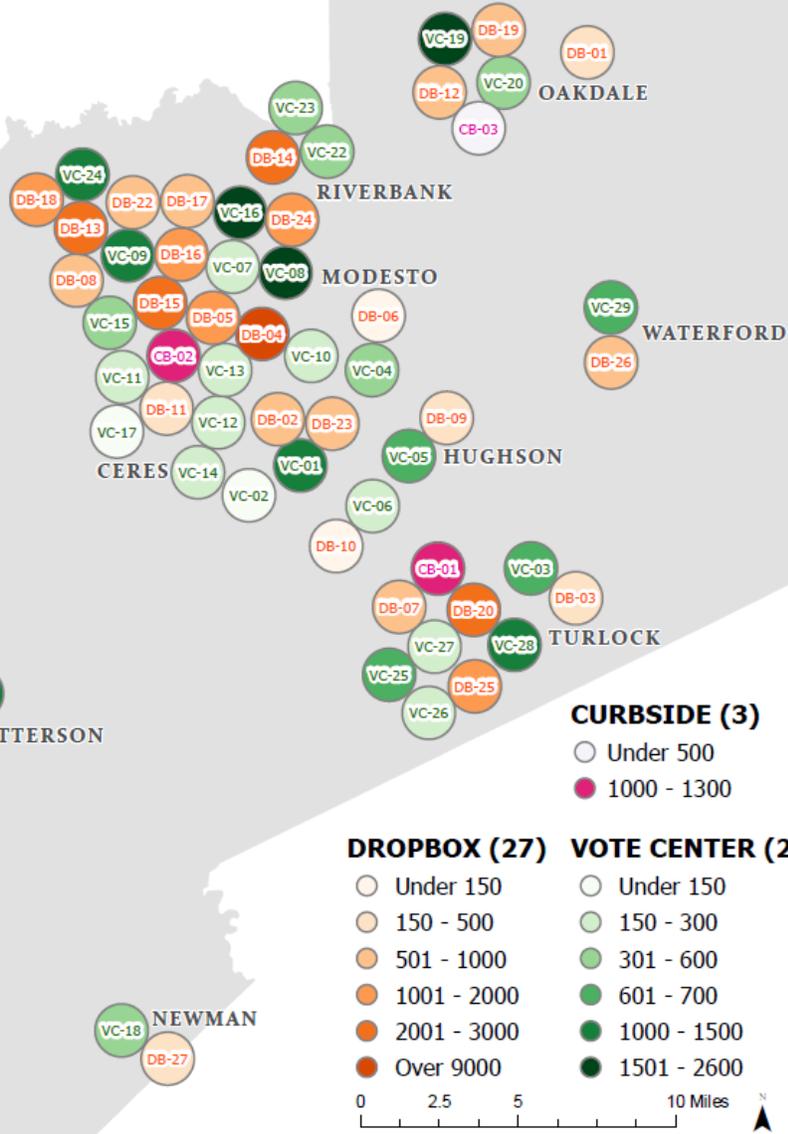
2022 Statewide Primary Election Curbside Drop Off	
CB-01	California State University Stanislaus
CB-02	Gallo Center for the Arts
CB-03	John Thurman Field
CB-04	Stanislaus Culinary Arts Institute



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Ballots Dropped off by Location

2022 General Election



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2022 General Election Curbside Drop Off	
CB-01	California State University Stanislaus
CB-02	Gallo Center for the Arts
CB-03	Stanislaus Culinary Arts Institute

D. Ballot Drop Box Security

Ballot boxes are delivered to facilities the Friday prior to ballot boxes being available to the public. Indoor ballot boxes are chained onto a fixed object. Only ROV Office staff have access to the keys that allow access to the ballots inside. Outdoor ballot boxes are placed only in facilities with 24-hour surveillance cameras.

Ballots from ballot drop boxes are collected by a two-person team of part-time Election Clerks. Each ballot collector is trained prior to each election no matter the number of elections worked. During training, ballot collectors take an oath of office. The training covers how to properly remove and seal the ballot bag, secure the ballot box and chain of custody procedures. Upon arriving at a ballot drop box site, the ballot box is inspected for vandalism and tampering. Ballot collectors in Stanislaus County do not touch the ballots inside ballot boxes. They are trained to simply remove the ballot bag sealing it with a tamper evident seal prior to delivery to the ROV main office for processing. The seal numbers are logged and verified by staff at the ROV main office.

Section III – VOTER SERVICES

A. Language Assistance

§4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(V), §4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(V)

The ROV Office identifies language minority voters by the language preference selected on their voter registration forms. The voter's language preference is recorded to the voter's record in the election management system. Minority language voters may also email or call the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters Office to designate their language preference. Furthermore, the ROV Office receive information about the language assistance requirements from the Secretary of State based on the United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Based on current statistics, the language minority groups in Stanislaus County include Assyrian, Khmer and Punjabi.

For most elections in Stanislaus County the official ballot and county voter information guide mailed to voters are in English and Spanish. As mentioned, facsimile ballots are available in Assyrian, Khmer and Punjabi at each vote center but can also be requested by:

- 1) Mail: Postcard in County Voter Information Guide to 1021 "I" St., Modesto, CA 95354
- 2) Call: (209) 525-5200, Toll-free (833) 646-2136, Toll-free TTY (833) 646-2136
- 3) Fax: (209) 525-5802
- 4) Email: stanvote@stancounty.com
- 5) Visiting the elections office

Copies are automatically mailed to voters registered with these language preferences.

B. Services for Voters with Accessibility Needs

Requesting a Replacement Ballot

§4005(a)(10)(I)(ii)

All voters including voters with disabilities can request a replacement ballot by:

- 1) Mail: Follow instructions on the envelope marking the spoiled box on the ballot return envelope
- 2) Call: (209) 525-5200, Toll-free (833) 646-2136, Toll-free TTY (833) 646-2136
- 3) Visiting the elections office or a vote center

The last day replacement vote by mail ballots can be mailed is seven days before Election Day to ensure it arrives to the voter. Voters with disabilities can also visit any vote center to receive a replacement ballot using an assistive ballot marking device privately and independently.

Requesting an Accessible Vote by Mail Ballot

§4005(a)(8)(B)(iii)

The Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM) system delivers voter guides and ballots electronically to registered voters on their own personal device. By law, all registered voters are eligible to use RAVBM. RAVBM enables individuals with disabilities to use their own assistive technology to vote independently and privately. RAVBM also provides a voting option for any voter who is traveling, lost or damaged a ballot, or didn't receive a ballot.

To mark the ballot, voters can use their own assistive technology, such as a screen reader on their personal computer or smart phone. Once the ballot is marked, it must be printed. Voters can return the ballot using the envelope face in the download package or using the return envelope mailed with the vote by mail ballot. The ballot return envelope mailed by the ROV Office has circular indents which provide a tactile guide for voters with visual impairments to locate the signature line and sign in the proper place. Voters can choose to return the signed ballot envelope by mail, at a ballot drop box or at a vote center.

RAVBM information is provided in the county voter information guide and on the department's website. The RAVBM system can be accessed by visiting the department's website, www.stanvote.com. The RAVBM webpage includes instructions, helpful search tips and system requirements.

Registered voters can use a demonstration RAVBM ballot and voter information guide by visiting the "Remote Accessible Vote by Mail" page on www.stanvote.com.

RAVBM has many safeguards, including:

- Only registered voters can access RAVBM.
- Each signature on the ballot envelope is verified and processed the same as all other VBM ballots.
- If a voter returns multiple ballots, the computer system will accept only the first one. Any additional ballots will be rejected.
- To ensure your privacy, RAVBM doesn't store how a voter has voted.
- The state tests and certifies all RAVBM systems.

Section IV – VOTER EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PLAN

§4005(a)(10)(I)(i), §4005(a)(10)(I)(vii), §4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(IV)

The ROV Office will continue to expand its community presence to better inform voters about the county's voting model. This includes information on vote center and ballot drop box locations, voter services offered at vote centers, and other valuable information specific to voters with disabilities and local language minority groups. The ROV Office will continue to partner with various stakeholders to engage the public and distribute information. This includes:

- County advisory committees - Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) and Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)
- Local service organizations
- Other county departments and various public and government agencies

Additionally, the ROV Office will use various means to further expand its reach throughout the county. This includes:

- Direct mailings
- Social Media
- Department website
- Newspapers

- TV and Radio
- Public service announcements
- Printed educational materials (i.e., fliers, posters, brochures, etc.)
- Attending community events
- Hosting workshops and trainings
- Public presentations

The ROV Office will spend the necessary resources on voter education and outreach to ensure that voters are informed. The ROV Office will work with the Stanislaus County’s Information Technology Department to ensure the department’s website, www.stanvote.com, meets accessibility requirements.

Educational materials and media campaigns will also display ROV Office’s contact information including the department’s website, toll-free TTY voter assistance hotline and email. The ROV Office’s toll-free TTY hotline for deaf and hard of hearing voters is operational year-round.

Based on requirements of the VCA model and public feedback, the ROV Office has developed messaging points to incorporate in communications with the public and educational materials in preparation for upcoming elections. The purpose of the messaging points is to increase awareness about the VCA model, share information so that voters are prepared and to counter mis- and disinformation. Messaging points include:

- Vote early to avoid lines on Election Day.
- The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act - Voters will receive partisan ballots for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election. The top two candidates will then appear on the 2024 Presidential General Election ballot.
- Services specific to voters with accessibility or language assistance needs. This includes Remote Accessible Vote by Mail, Touch Writer devices, assistance from the voter’s vehicle at vote centers and facsimile ballots.
- Security measures as it relates to voting equipment and ballot handling.

After each election, the ROV Office will continue to seek feedback and review voter trends to update messaging points.

A. Community Relations

Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC)

§4005(a)(9)(A), §4005(a)(10)(l)(iii)

The purpose of the Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) is to assist the ROV Office in improving the electoral process for voters with limited English proficiency within the provisions of current election laws. VAAC members advise on ways to improve voter participation and identify ways to address significant disparities in voter participation. The LAAC has also been involved in the EAP process, providing feedback and assistance with translating during public consultation meetings. Current members are part of community organizations that represent and provide expertise on specific language minority communities. The community organizations include the Assyrian (Syriac) American Civic Club, El Concilio, the Jakara Movement and the Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource. The LAAC meets once per quarter. Interested and committed members of the public are encouraged to join the LAAC. Information on how to apply is available on www.stanvote.com, under the “Get Involved” tab.

Since the establishment of the LAAC in June 2021, the ROV Office has built relationships with language minority communities which will continue throughout future elections. The meetings have provided a learning opportunity for the ROV Office on how to make effective voter education efforts. For the upcoming election cycle, LAAC members are assisting the ROV Office with:

- Developing educational fliers and posters to be distributed at local ethnic stores.
- Recruitment of bilingual election workers.
- Scheduling outreach events to inform voters of the VCA model and language assistance services.

Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

§4005(a)(9)(B), §4005(a)(10)(I)(iii)

The purpose of the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) is to advise and assist the ROV Office in improving the electoral process for voters with disabilities. VAAC members advise on ways to improve voter participation and identifies ways to address significant disparities in voter accessibility and participation. Community organizations actively participating in the county’s VAAC include Disability Rights California, National Federation of the Blind, Visually Impaired Persons Support, Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living, West Modesto Community Collaborative, CSU Stanislaus’ Disability Services and Modesto Junior College Disability Services.

The VAAC meets once per quarter. Interested and committed members of the public are encouraged to join the VAAC. Information on how to apply is available on www.stanvote.com, under the “Get Involved” tab.

The VAAC was first established in 2021 and has helped the ROV Office improve ways to educate the disabilities community regarding the VCA model and services for voters with disabilities. The VAAC has also helped to improve the procedures at vote centers, make recommendations to update the website and provide feedback on the EAP. For the upcoming election cycle, the VAAC members are assisting the ROV Office with:

- Developing more effective procedures relating to call bells at vote centers
- Improving information available on the department’s website on voter services for disabled voters.
- Scheduling outreach workshops/events to educate voters on VCA model and voter services for disabled voters.

Other Partners and Addressing Disparities

§4005(a)(10)(I)(iii)

Conducting elections under the VCA model and addressing disparities in voter participation requires collaboration with various stakeholders, local service organizations, other county departments and various public and government agencies. To establish vote centers and drop box locations for the upcoming election cycle, the ROV Office will continue to partner with other county departments including the Library, General Services Agency and Community Services Agency. The ROV Office will also continue to work with government entities including the City Clerk offices and the Stanislaus County Office of Education. These entities often have spaces available in population centers in facilities familiar to voters and meet accessibility requirements. The Stanislaus County Information Technology also assists the ROV Office in the set-up of technology and security at vote centers.

After each election, ROV Office’s schedules a debrief with election workers. The election workers provide valuable feedback on vote center procedures and locations. The information is gathered to update the EAP as needed, improve election worker training, and strengthen the ROV’s voter education plan.

The ROV Office will continue to offer training to NVRA agency and staff of the county’s Sheriff’s department so that they are continually informed of the voting rights of individuals with criminal history. The training covers key facts about the VCA model and how to assist others in completing voter registration cards. The ROV Office maintains contact with the Sheriff’s department to provide refresher training and maintain their supply of voter registration cards. Voter education material covering key facts of the VCA model, voter rights and accessibility services will be mailed to local homeless shelters, and senior and assisted living facilities.

B. Outreach and Education Efforts

Public Consultation Meetings

§4005(a)(10)(A)

In 2021, the ROV Office held public consultation meetings, as required by law, prior to the submittal of the EAP to the Secretary of State's Office. The ROV Office will do the same in 2023 for this renewed EAP. One publicly noticed consultation meeting will be scheduled for each of the county's federal and state required languages which includes Spanish, Punjabi, Khmer and Assyrian (Syriac). Meetings will be held throughout the county, especially in areas where these language minority communities are most concentrated. A translator for these language will also be available to help the ROV Office answer questions and receive feedback.

One publicly noticed consultation meeting will also be scheduled for representatives, advocates and stakeholders from the disability's communities. The assistive ballot marking device, Touch Writer, and the RAVBM system will be available at the meeting for the public to demo.

The schedule for these events will be announced at least 10 days in advance of the meeting date and posted on www.stanvote.com under the "Public Notices." Feedback forms will also be provided at the meetings to allow individuals an opportunity to provide any comments or concerns. The draft of this renewed EAP will be posted on www.stanvote.com ahead of each public consultation meeting so that it is accessible for further public feedback.

Directly Contacting Voters

§4005(a)(10)(l)(i)(X)

The Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters Office will make two direct contacts with voters by mailing a postcard for purposes of informing voters of the upcoming election. Each postcard will include the ROV Office's contact information including the toll-free TTY voter assistance hotline. Samples of these postcards are shown in Appendix A and B.

The first postcard mailing will remind voters of:

- The upcoming election date and when the ballot will be mailed.
- Options to return their ballot.
- For the Presidential Primary Election, the postcard will explain that voters will receive partisan ballots and instructions on how to review and update their registration if needed.

The second postcard mailing will include:

- Options to return their ballot.
- A full list of voting locations including vote centers, ballot drop box and curbside ballot drop-off locations. The list details the address and business hours of each site.

Outreach events, workshops, and presentations

§4005(a)(10)(l)(i)(VI)(ia), §4005(a)(10)(l)(i)(VI)(ib)

The ROV Office will attend various community events throughout the county to deliver the abovementioned messaging points. The ROV Office plans to increase the number of outreach events and workshops ahead of the 2024 election cycle as more in-person events are scheduled and COVID-19 protocols have been reduced. Of the county's education and outreach efforts, community events, workshops and presentations have been the most effective way to address voter questions and concerns. These efforts foster direct discussions between the ROV Office and county voters. Hearing voter questions and understanding their concerns helps to create effective messaging points for media campaigns, public service announcements and social media posts.

The list below shows events that the ROV Office attended during the 2022 election cycle. The ROV Office plans to attend similar outreach events to increase community presence, educate voters on the VCA model and voter services and recruit bilingual election workers.

2022 Outreach Events	Date	Location
Ceres Gurdwara	2/13/2022	5743 E Hatch Rd Hughson
Modesto Farmers' Market	4/7/2022	16th St. Modesto
Portuguese Festival	4/9/2022	Stan. Co. Fairgrounds Turlock
Turlock Gurdwara	4/10/2022	1373 5th St. Turlock
NAACP Student Graduate Event	5/27/2022	Modesto Centre Plaza
West Modesto Community Collaborative Health Fair Clinic	9/24/2022	King-Kennedy Memorial Center

At the time of this publication, the ROV Office has scheduled the following outreach events in 2023:

2023 Outreach Events	Date	Location
El Concilio Job Fair	3/8/2023	1314 H St., Modesto
Latino Community Roundtable Luncheon	3/16/2023	Red Event Center, Modesto
Portuguese Festival	4/22/2023	Stan. Co. Fairgrounds Turlock

The ROV Office will continue to partner with the abovementioned partners to host voter education workshops to increase accessibility and participation of eligible voters. The workshops will include a presentation explaining the VCA model, education on voter services for language minority groups and voters with disabilities and demonstration of voting equipment. The list below shows events the ROV Office hosted during the 2022 election cycle.

2022 Workshops	Date	Location
Voter Education Workshop - Riverbank	1/6/2022	St. Frances of Rome
Voter Education Workshop - Turlock	1/11/2022	Turlock Library
Voter Education Workshop - Waterford	1/12/2022	Waterford Community Center
Voter Education Workshop - Newman	1/18/2022	L.J. Newman Memorial Building
Voter Education Workshop - Modesto	1/19/2022	Veterans Center
Voter Education Workshop - Ceres	1/25/2022	Ceres American Legion Hall
Voter Education Workshop - Oakdale	1/31/2022	Gene Bianchi Community Center
Voter Education Workshop - Hughson	2/1/2022	Hughson Senior Center
Voter Education Workshop - Patterson	2/8/2022	City Hall Board Chambers
Accessible Voting Equipment Demonstrations	10/8/2022	Clerk-Recorder lobby

Similar workshops will be scheduled in 2023 and will strategically increase toward the end of the year as the interest in the 2024 elections increases. For an updated schedule of outreach events and workshops, visit www.stanvote.com.

Additionally, the ROV Office will continue to give presentations to community leaders, schools and local service organizations including but not limited to rotary clubs, Kiwanis Club and Lions Club to educate on the VCA model and key information about the 2024 election cycle. A list of past presentations to service groups can be found in Appendix D.

C. Media and Public Service Announcements

§4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(II), §4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(VIII), §4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(IX)

To supplement the outreach efforts mentioned and broaden the reach across Stanislaus County, the ROV Office will develop campaigns and public service announcements through various media platforms. The purpose of these efforts is to deliver the abovementioned messaging points and to:

- Inform voters of the upcoming election.
- Educate on the VCA model and voter services for language minority groups and voters with disabilities.
- Provide information on how to contact the ROV Office including the toll-free voter assistance hotline.

The chart below lists the various media platforms where Stanislaus County purchased advertisements and public service announcements reaching areas throughout the county for the 2022 General Election.

Media outlets	Media type	Language
Fox 40	TV	English
KCRA 3	TV	English
iHeart Radio / KMRQ-FMM Rock 96.7	Radio	English
iHeart Radio / KJSN-FM Sunny 102.3	Radio	English
iHeart Radio / KFIV-AM PowerTalk	Radio	English
iHeart Radio / KOSO-FM	Radio	English
KBDG-FM 90.9, Assyrian National Broadcasting AGN TV	TV, Radio	English, Assyrian, Khmer, Punjabi, Dari, Mandarin, Arabic, Vietnamese
Univision	TV, Online banner & video	Spanish
Telemundo	TV, Online banner & video	Spanish

The ROV Office plans to pursue these same efforts for the 2024 cycle and expand to other outlets where possible. Other media outlets might include but are not limited to the following:

- Newspapers - Modesto Bee, Turlock Journal, Latino Times, Ceres Courier, Oakdale Leader, Patterson Irrigator, Mattos News
- Magazines – Stanislaus Magazine, Modesto View
- Radio - Radio Lazer (Spanish), Punjabi Radio USA
- Paid social media advertisements.

Social Media

The ROV Office will continue to utilize social media to share information with voters as the election progresses. Posts will include information on how to check and update voter registration and information on vote centers and ballot drop box locations. Posts will be shared with LAAC members, VAAC members, other government entities such as City Clerk offices and various local service groups.

Section VIII - VCA COSTS, SAVINGS AND OUTCOMES

§4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(VII), §4005(A)(10)(I)(v), §4005(g)(2)

Since the adoption of the VCA model, the county has not reported any cost savings under the VCA model despite the reduced number of in-person voting locations. Anticipated savings are offset by a combination of recent election law changes and VCA requirements specifically in voter outreach, technological requirements and the extended days vote centers are open. Also, due to supply chain interruptions caused by COVID-19 pandemic, cost of ballot and CVIG production has increased. Higher long-term per election costs are attributed by:

- The requirement to provide significant voter education and outreach increases direct mailings and paid media advertisement cost by roughly 92%.
- The technology required to run a vote center increases software, security, licensing fees per election.
- The technology required at vote centers and extended vote center business days increases labor costs due to the need to hire part-time Election Clerks instead of having only volunteers paid at stipend of \$95 for Election Day. Moreover, at the time of this publication, the ROV Office is working to increase the stipend paid to volunteers to align with other VCA and similar sized counties.
- The requirement for a ballot tracking system (EC 3019.7) has increased costs to print and mail ballots due to the technology required to print required barcodes that enables ballot tracking.
- The technological infrastructure and equipment required to support vote center services create a need for intensive training. This has increased the number of training courses from eight 3-hour unpaid trainings for volunteers with an additional sixteen 4-hour paid trainings for part-time Election Clerks.
- The additional days vote centers are open plus the days needed to set-up and clean-up the sites have required an increase in rental fees from \$40 per poll to \$120 daily rate per vote center. Some facility fees are higher as the ROV Office endeavors to make good faith effort to establish vote centers following criteria required by law.
- Election clerks and full-time staff accrue overtime pay to staff and support vote centers throughout the 11-day period vote centers are open. Overtime is also accrued to ensure timely completion of canvass.
- Ballot drop boxes require teams of ballots collectors, separate from the part-time Election Clerks, adding to labor costs.

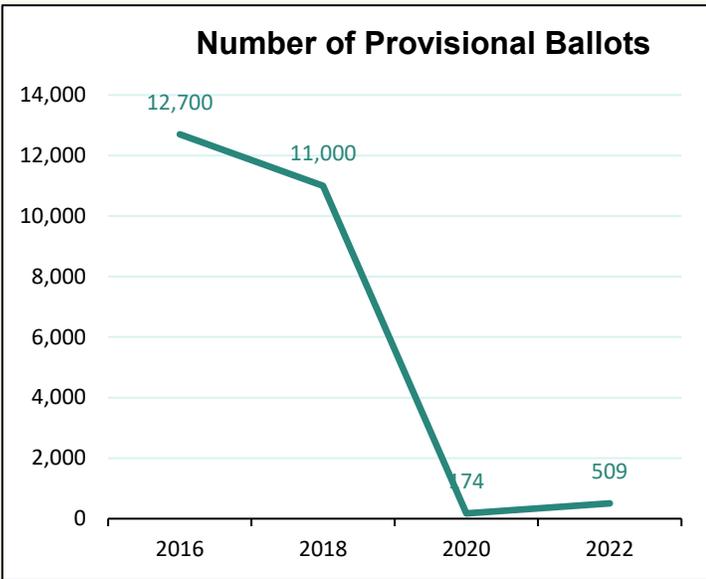
In preparation for the 2024 cycle, the ROV Office anticipates additional one-time expenditures to meet goals as outlined in this EAP. This includes:

2022 Workshops	Estimated Cost
Additional indoor and outdoor ballot drop boxes	\$ 16,600.58
Voting equipment for additional vote centers	\$ 202,469.00
Other technological infrastructure for additional vote centers	\$ 13,635.00

The chart below shows a comparison between the actual costs of 2020 Presidential Primary Election under polling place model and estimates budgeted for the upcoming 2024 Presidential Primary Election under the VCA model. The 2024 Presidential Primary Election estimates reflect recurring costs per election and does not include the additional one-time expenditures mentioned.

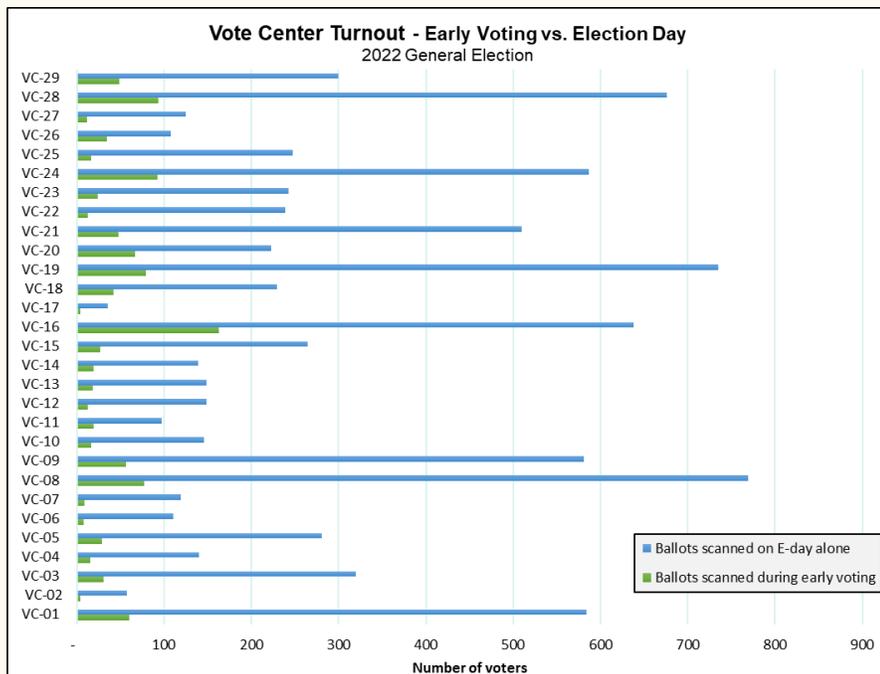
Costs	2020 Presidential Primary Actual Costs w/ polls	2024 Presidential Primary Estimated VCA costs
Staffing		
Election Staff – Full Time & Part Time	\$454,669.45	\$ 765,365
Volunteers	\$ 58,417.40	\$ 49,710
Other department support (i.e., county IT, security, GSA)	\$ 7,000	\$ 9,371
Printing		
Ballots (includes test ballots, VBMs, poll/vote center)	\$ 376,607.55	\$ 845,685.24
Voter Information Guide	\$ 422,748.34	\$ 769,333.68
Envelopes	\$ 16,220.41	\$ 55,350
Vote Center Set-Up and Ballot Drop Box Collection		
Facility rental and custodial fees	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 30,000
Delivery of Equipment and Supplies	\$ 17,545	\$ 23,000
Equipment and Technology	-	\$ 22,100
Printing (i.e., forms, signage)	\$ 12,068.71	\$ 22,350
Poll/Vote Center Supplies	\$ 45,786.21	\$ 23,840
Drop Box Supplies	N/A	\$ 700
Vehicle Rental and fuel	\$ 6,700.35	\$ 25,000
Outreach		
Advertisements (i.e., publications, paid ads, etc.)	\$ 3,223.30	\$ 68,000
Direct mailings (VCA postcards printing and mailing only)	N/A	\$ 83,102
Other Services		
Postage	\$ 135,903.33	\$205,800
Remote Access Vote by Mail	N/A	\$ 2,450
Translation Services	\$ 10,300.62	\$ 28,350
Office Supplies	\$ 2,080.90	\$ 8,000
Other mailings (i.e., Crossover, poll worker availability)	\$ 8,303.00	\$ 22,845
Other maintenance, tech support, professional services	\$ 17,428.43	\$ 27,020

Though the VCA model has imposed higher election costs, it is important to recognize the added value for Stanislaus County Voters. The benefits are found in the additional services for voters, decrease in provisional ballots and reduction in the average canvass period. The VCA model provides additional choices on how the voters can cast their vote in a way that is most convenient for them. Again, the technology at vote centers allows voters to choose any vote center in the county and gives Election Clerks the ability to update a voter’s registration, if needed, and issue the ballot the voter is eligible to vote. In the past, voters who went to the wrong poll or were not registered, had to vote on the precinct ballot available at the poll. This meant the voter may not be voting in all the contests in which they were eligible to vote based on residence. With the services at vote centers, the ROV Office has received thousands less provisional ballots.



Election	Date ROV Office Certified Results	# of days canvass was completed before deadline
November 8, 2016 – General Election (Presidential)	December 5, 2016	1
November 6, 2018 – General Election (Gubernatorial)	November 30, 2018	6
November 3, 2020 – General Election (Presidential)	November 23, 2020	10
November 8, 2022 – General Election (Gubernatorial)	November 23, 2022	10

Provisional ballot envelopes required further review by ROV staff during canvass before counting. By law, county elections officials have 30 days after Election Day to complete canvass and certify election results. With the substantial decrease in provisional ballots received, the ROV Office has certified results earlier than in the past.



As the ROV Office continues to conduct elections following the VCA model, the department will strive to deliver the messaging points discussed earlier, educating voters on language and accessibility services with an emphasis on the option to vote early and avoid vote center lines on Election Day. As more elections are conducted this way, the ROV Office remains optimistic that voters will find benefit in voting early to support the high costs of vote centers.

Appendices

Appendix A

Sample of 1ST postcard mailed to registered voters.

<p>STANISLAUS COUNTY VOTERS' CHOICES</p>  <p>CONDADO DE STANISLAUS OPCIONES PARA LOS VOTANTES</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">THE NEXT ELECTION IS THE GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, 11/08/2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Your ballot will be mailed to you beginning 10/10/2022. Remember to sign your envelope!</p> <p>YOU HAVE 3 CHOICES TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT IN STANISLAUS COUNTY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ BY MAIL: Place your ballot in your signed envelope. You can mail your ballot as soon as you receive it.➤ DROP OFF AT ANY BALLOT DROP BOX: Place your ballot in your signed envelope and drop it off at a secured ballot drop box open on 10/10/2022.➤ DROP OFF AT ANY VOTE CENTER: You can also vote in-person, register, update your registration or get accessibility or language assistance. Some vote centers will be open as early as 10/29/2022 and more sites will open on 11/05/2022. You may choose to go to any vote center in Stanislaus County that is convenient for you. <p>A list of voting locations will be in your county voter information guide. A full list will also be mailed to you by postcard and on an interactive map on www.stanvote.com.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LA PRÓXIMA ELECCIÓN ES LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL DEL MARTES, 11/08/2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Su boleta se le enviará por correo a partir del 10/10/2022. ¡Recuerde firmar su sobre!</p> <p>TENDRA 3 OPCIONES PARA DEVOLVER SU BOLETA EN EL CONDADO DE STANISLAUS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ POR CORREO: Coloque su boleta en su sobre firmado. Puede devolver su boleta por correo tan pronto como la reciba.➤ DEJAR EN CUALQUIER BUZÓN DE BOLETA: Coloque su boleta en su sobre firmado y depositarlo en un buzón de boleta seguro abierto el 10/10/2022.➤ DEJAR EN CUALQUIER CENTRO DE VOTACIÓN: Puede votar en persona, registrarse, actualizar su registro u obtener accesibilidad o asistencia de idioma. Algunos centros de votación estarán abiertos tan pronto como el 10/29/2022 y más sitios abrirán el 11/05/2022. Podrá elegir ir a cualquier centro de votación en el Condado de Stanislaus que sea más conveniente para usted. <p>Una lista de las ubicaciones de votación estará en su guía de información del votante del condado. Una lista completa se le enviara por tarjeta postal y en un mapa interactivo en www.stanvote.com.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.stanvote.com • stanvote@stancounty.com • (833) 772-2260</p>
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<p>DONNA LINDER STANISLAUS COUNTY CLERK / RECORDER ELECTIONS DIVISION 1021 I ST SUITE 101 MODESTO CA 95354-2331</p> <p>Return Service Requested</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEXT ELECTION INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE SOBRE LA PRÓXIMA ELECCIÓN</p>		<table border="1"><tr><td>NON-PROFIT ORG US POSTAGE PAID PERMIT #3 MODESTO, CA</td></tr></table>	NON-PROFIT ORG US POSTAGE PAID PERMIT #3 MODESTO, CA
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Appendix B

Sample of 2nd postcard mailed to registered voters (content outside)



WHERE CAN I RETURN MY VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT?

¿DONDE PUEDO DEVOLVER MI BOLETA DE VOTO POR CORREO?



Official Ballot Drop Boxes
Buzones de Boleta Autorizados



Curbside Ballot Drop-Off Locations
*Ubicaciones de Buzón De Boleta
Para Dejar en la Acera*



Vote Centers
Centros de Votación

Voters are encouraged to go to a vote center early to avoid long lines on Election Day. Vote centers are surveyed for ADA compliance and wheelchair accessibility.

Se alienta a los votantes a ir a un centro de votación temprano para evitar las largas filas el Día de las Elecciones. Los centros de votación son inspeccionados para el cumplimiento de la ADA (Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades) y la accesibilidad para silla de ruedas.

If you choose to return your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the Elections Office within 7 days. See the collection schedule on the USPS drop box or mail slot if you drop it off on Election Day.

Si decide devolver su boleta por correo, debe ser matasellado por el Día de las Elecciones y recibido por la Oficina de Elecciones dentro de 7 días. Vea el horario de recolección en el buzón del USPS o en la ranura de correo si lo deposita el Día de las Elecciones.

In addition to the ballot drop box and vote center locations listed, the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters Office will be open to assist voters on the dates listed below.

Además de las ubicaciones de los buzones de boleta y de los centros de votación que figuran, la Oficina del Registro de Votantes del Condado de Stanislaus estará abierta para ayudar a los votantes en las fechas que se enumeran a continuación.

Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters Office
Condado de Stanislaus Oficina del Registro de Votantes
1021 "I" Street, Suite 101, Modesto, CA 95354

Regular Business Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Horario Comercial Regular: lunes-viernes, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Additional Special Dates / Fechas Especiales Adicionales:

Saturday / sábado, 10/29/2022, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday / sábado, 11/05/2022, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday / domingo, 11/06/2022, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

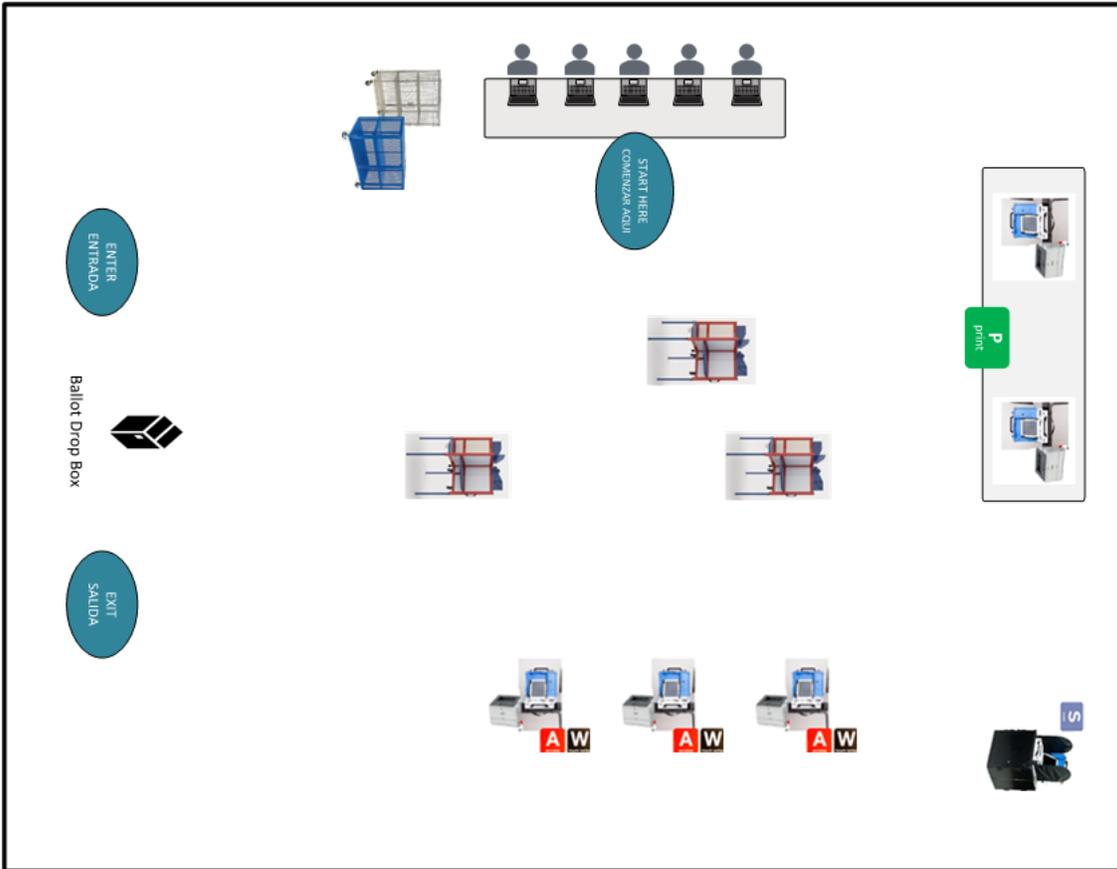
Election Day / El Día de las Elecciones, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sample of 2nd postcard mailed to registered voters (content outside)

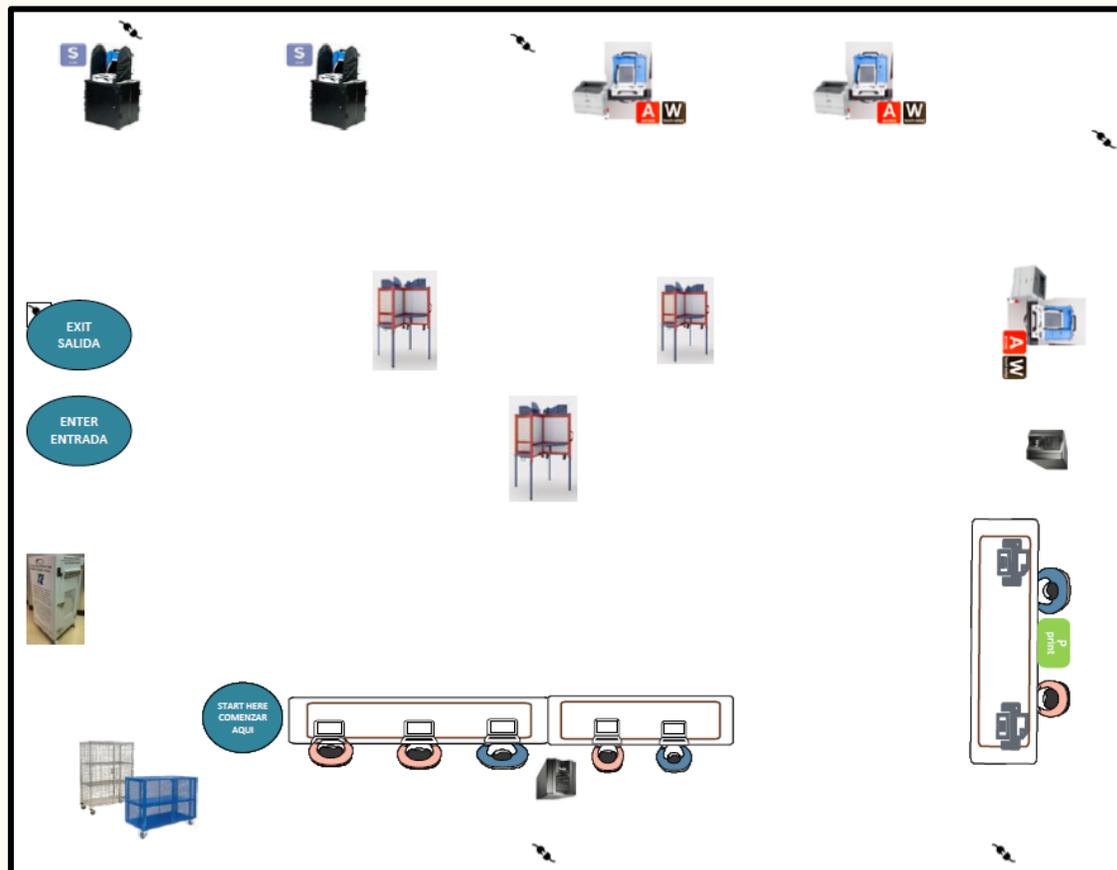
<p>BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS - Available beginning October 10th. On Election Day, all drop boxes close by 8:00 p.m., or close of business if earlier. See business hours. County elections officials will collect ballots from these locations.</p> <p>UBICACIONES DE BUZONES DE BOLETA - Disponible a partir del 10 de octubre. El Día de las Elecciones, todos los buzones de boleta cerrarán a las 8:00 p.m., o cierre de negocio si es antes. Vea el horario comercial. Los oficiales de elecciones del condado coleccionarán boletas de estas ubicaciones.</p>			
<p>Ceres City Hall 2220 Magnolia St., Ceres, CA 95307 Mon-Fri / Jun-vie 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Save Mart 2920 E. Whitmore Ave., Ceres, CA 95307 Sun-Sat / dom-sáb 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Denair Library 4801 Karsey Rd., Denair, CA 95316 Mon-Thu / Jun-jue 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Empire Library 98 Y St., Empire, CA 95319 Tues-Thu / mar-jue 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Fri – Sat / vie-sáb 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Hughson City Hall 7018 Pine St., Hughson, CA 95326 Mon-Fri / Jun-vie 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Keyes Library 4420 Maud Ave., Keyes, CA 95328 Mon-Wed / Jun-mie 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thu / jue 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>FoodMaxx 2020 W. Briggsmore Ave., Modesto, CA 95360 Sun-Sat / dom-sáb 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.</p>	<p>MaxxValue 415 Paradise Rd., Modesto, CA 95351 Sun-Sat / dom-sáb 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.</p>
<p>O'Brien's Market 839 W. Roseburg Ave., Modesto, CA 95350 Sun-Sat / dom-sáb 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>O'Brien's Market 4120 Dale Rd., Modesto, CA 95356 Sun-Sat / dom-sáb 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Postal Connections 1700 McHenry Ave., Suite 65B, Modesto, CA 95350 Mon-Fri / Jun-vie 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sat / sáb 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Postal Connections 3430 Tully Rd., Suite 20, Modesto, CA 95350 Mon-Fri / Jun-vie 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sat / sáb 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Save Mart 2100 Standford Ave., Modesto, CA 95350 Sun-Sat / dom-sáb 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Stanislaus Veterans Center 3500 Coffee Rd., Ste. 15, Modesto, CA 95355 Mon-Fri / Jun-vie 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Yancey Home Center 1632 "N" St., Newman, CA 95360 Mon-Fri / Jun-vie 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sat / sáb 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sun / dom 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Oakdale Library 151 S. First Ave., Oakdale, CA 95361 Mon, Wed, Thu / Jun, mie, jue 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Tue / mar 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Sat / sáb 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Save Mart 1449 E. "F" St., Oakdale, CA 95361 Sun-Sat / dom-sáb 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Save Mart 1035 Sperry Ave., Patterson, CA 95363 Sun-Sat / dom-sáb 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>O'Brien's Market 6331 Oakdale Rd., Riverbank, CA 95367 Sun-Sat / dom-sáb 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>FoodMaxx 1845 Countryside Dr., Turlock, CA 95380 Sun-Sat / dom-sáb 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Save Mart 2595 Geer Rd., Turlock, CA 95380 Sun-Sat / dom-sáb 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Turlock City Hall 196 S. Broadway, Ste 230 (2nd floor / 2^o piso) Turlock, CA 95380 Mon-Fri / Jun-vie 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Waterford City Hall 101 "E" St., Waterford, CA 95386 Mon-Fri / Jun-vie 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters Office 1021 T Street, Modesto, CA 95354</p>
<p>OUTDOOR DROP BOXES - Available beginning October 10th for 24 hours. On Election Day, all drop boxes close by 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>BUZONES DE BOLETA UBICADAS AFUERA - Disponible a partir del 10 de octubre las 24 horas. En el Día de las Elecciones, todos los buzones de boleta cerrarán a las 8:00 p.m.</p>			
<p>Riverchill Nursery 12000 Hwy 120, Oakdale, CA 95361</p>	<p>Salida Library 4835 Sisk Rd., Salida, CA 95368</p>	<p>Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters Office 1021 T Street, Modesto, CA 95354</p>	
<p>VOTE CENTERS - Visit a vote center if you choose to vote in-person. You may also register, update your registration, use an assistive ballot marking device or request a translated copy of the ballot in Assyrian, Khmer or Punjabi. Visit any vote center in Stanislaus County that is convenient for you.</p> <p>Some vote centers will be open as early as 10/29/2022 and more sites will open on 11/05/2022. Vote early to avoid lines on Election Day!</p> <p>CENTROS DE VOTACIÓN - Visite un centro de votación si elige votar en persona. También puede registrarse, actualizar su registro, usar un dispositivo de marcado de boleta o solicite una copia de la boleta traducida en asirio, jemer o purjabi. Visite cualquier centro de votación en el Condado de Stanislaus que sea conveniente para usted.</p> <p>Algunos centros de votación abren tan pronto como el 10/29/2022 y más sitios abrirán el 11/05/2022. ¡Vote temprano para evitar las filas el Día de las Elecciones!</p> <p>The following vote centers will open on 10/29/2022 including weekends and holidays 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Los siguientes centros de votación abren el 10/29/2022 incluyendo fines de semana y días festivos de 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. y 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. el Día de las Elecciones.</p>			
<p>Stanislaus Veterans Center 3500 Coffee Rd., Suite #15, Room 114/115, Modesto, CA 95355</p>	<p>L.J. Newman Memorial Building 649 Orestimba Rd., Newman, CA 95360</p>		
<p>Stanislaus Culinary Arts Institute 1040 Wakefield Dr., Oakdale, CA 95361</p>	<p>Salida Library 4835 Sisk Rd., Community Room, Salida, CA 95368</p>		
<p>Hampton Inn by Hilton – Turlock 1821 Lander Ave., Meeting Room, Turlock, CA 95380</p>	<p>Waterford Community Center 540 "C" St., Waterford, CA 95386</p>		
<p>The following vote centers will open on 11/05/2022 including weekends 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Los siguientes centros de votación abren el 11/05/2022 incluyendo fines de semana 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. y 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. el Día de las Elecciones.</p>			
<p>Ceres American Legion Hall 2609 Lawrence St. Ceres, CA 95307</p>	<p>Harline Elementary School 4295 Central Ave. Bldg. C, Multi-Purpose Rm. Ceres, CA 95307</p>	<p>Denair Senior Center 3795 Alameda Ave. Denair, CA 95316</p>	<p>Empire Library 98 Y St. Empire, CA 95319</p>
<p>United Samaritans Foundation Community Center 2413 3rd St., Hughson, CA 95326</p>	<p>Keyes Community Center 5906 Jennie Ave., Eddie Best Hall Keyes, CA 95328</p>	<p>Casa de Modesto 1745 Eldena Way, R.E. Penney Building Modesto, CA 95350</p>	<p>Century Center 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave., Ste #100 Modesto, CA 95355</p>
<p>Grace Davis High School 1200 W. Rumble Rd., Little Theater Modesto, CA 95350</p>	<p>Hope Commons 300 Trask Ln. Modesto, CA 95354</p>	<p>King-Kennedy Memorial Center 601 Martin Luther King Dr. Modesto, CA 95351</p>	<p>Mancini Hall Senior Center 718 Tuolumne Blvd. Modesto, CA 95351</p>
<p>Martin G. Petersen Event Center 720 12th St. Modesto, CA 95354</p>	<p>Community Services Agency (CSA) - StarWorks 251 E. Hackett Rd., Lobby Modesto, CA 95358</p>	<p>Modesto Junior College West Campus 2201 Blue Gum Ave. Mary Stuart Rogers Bldg., Room 113 Modesto, CA 95358</p>	<p>Veterans of Foreign Wars Modesto Post 3198 2801 W. Hatch Rd. Modesto, CA 95358</p>
<p>Gene Bianchi Community Center 110 S. 2nd Ave. Oakdale, CA 95361</p>	<p>Patterson Library 46 N. Salado Ave., Large Room Patterson, CA 95363</p>	<p>Riverbank Teen Center 3600 "B" Santa Fe St. Riverbank, CA 95367</p>	<p>St. Frances of Rome Church 2827 Topoka St. Riverbank, CA 95367</p>
<p>Comfort Suites 191 N. Tully Rd., Meeting Room Turlock, CA 95380</p>	<p>Turlock CSA South County Service Center 1310 W. Main St., Stanislaus Room Turlock, CA 95380</p>	<p>Turlock Library 550 N. Minaret Ave. Hilmar Cheese Company Community Room Turlock, CA 95380</p>	
<p>CURBSIDE BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS - Drive up and drop-off your ballot with election workers. Locations open Monday, 11/07/2022, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.</p> <p>UBICACIONES DE BUZÓN DE BOLETA PARA DEJAR EN LA ACERA - Conduzca y deje su boleta con trabajadores de elecciones. Ubicaciones abren lunes, 11/07/2022, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. y 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. el Día de las Elecciones.</p>			
<p>Gallo Center for the Arts 1000 Y St., Modesto, CA 95354</p>	<p>Stanislaus Culinary Arts Institute 1040 Wakefield Dr., Oakdale CA 95361</p>	<p>California State University Stanislaus 1 University Circle, Turlock, CA 95382</p>	

Appendix C

i) Sample design of Voter Center layout with one Verity Scan (ballot scanner)



ii) Sample design of Voter Center layout with two Verity Scan (ballot scanner)



Appendix D

List of presentations made by the ROV Office in 2022

Organization	Location
Republican Party	Denny's – 1525 Mc Henry Ave., Modesto
Grand Jury	Virtual
Newman City Counsel Presentation	Virtual
Modesto Realtors	Princeton Event Center
New Law Presentation for Supervisor Buck Condit	Supervisor Condit's office
City of Hughson – City Counsel	Virtual
New Law Presentation for Supervisor Mani Grewal	Virtual
New Law Presentation for Supervisor Vito Chiesa	Virtual
Central Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Virtual
Democratic Central Committee	Virtual
New Law Presentation for Supervisor Channce Condit	Virtual
Turlock Valley Board of Realtors	811 W. Hawkeye, Turlock
Oakdale Board of Realtors	Oakdale Country Club
Modesto Chamber of Commerce	Zoom
Kiwanis	Papapollini - 2501 McHenry Ave., Modesto
Oakdale Rotary	Oakdale Country Club
Resco	Elks Club
First American Title	Teams
Patterson Lions Club	650 N. 6th St., Patterson
Oakdale Sunrise Rotary	Oakdale Country Club, Oakdale
DRAIL	1101 Sylvan Ave., Modesto
Salida Rotary	2832 Healthcare Way, Modesto
Lions Sunset Club	Perko's - McHenry Ave., Modesto
Republican Women	Season's - McHenry Ave., Modesto
N. Modesto Kiwanis Club	Skewers - 821 L Street, Modesto
City Clerk Workshop	1010 10th St., Modesto
Civil Grand Jury	1021 I St., Modesto
KCRA	Zoom
DRAIL	1101 Sylvan Ave., Modesto
All Saints Parish	4040 McKenna Ave., Turlock
Federation for the Blind	Zoom
Sunrise Rotary	Green's on Tenth - 953 10th St.
Kaiser Community Meeting	Zoom
Valley Home Realty	Queen Bean - 1126 14th St
Title Company Meeting	1010 10 St., Modesto
SIRS Meeting	Cristini's - 811 Hawkeye Turlock, CA
Real Estate Jerky (Radio)	1020 15th St., Modesto
American Association of University of Women	Tesoro Gated Community - Oakdale
Bloomberg News	Phone interview
MJC - Democracy in Common Space	Founders Hall, Modesto Junior College
Modesto Realtors	Princeton Event Center