



Elections Office of the Registrar of Voters

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee

January 14, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



- Introductions
- Previous meeting summary
- Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) grant
- Disability Awareness training video
- Polling place survey discussion

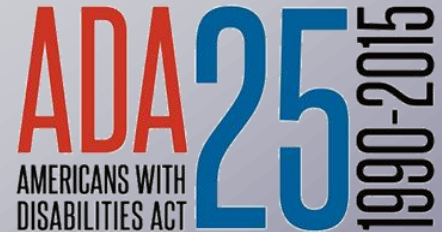


- Elections Office Organization
 - Three divisions – Ten departments
- Organizational Improvements
 - Improved mail ballot program
 - New polling place procedures
 - New poll worker training
 - Improved ballot processing procedures
 - Improved communications efforts
- Upcoming Elections
 - June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election
 - November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election



■ Federal Accessibility Laws

- Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act of 1984
 - Polling place accessibility
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)
 - Protections against discrimination
 - Reasonable accommodations for access
- Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)
- Accessible voting machine at each polling place to allow voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently



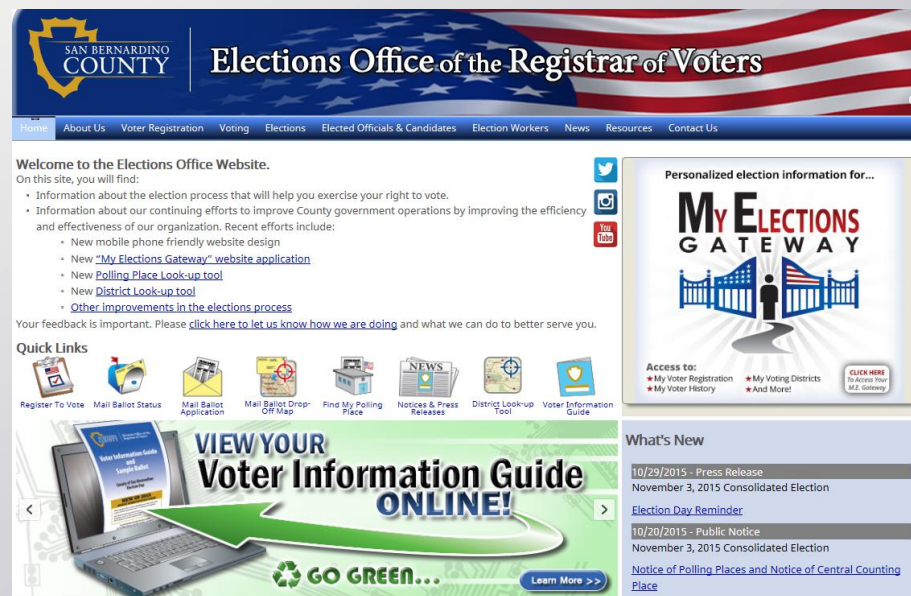
- California Law & Regulations
 - Cal. Elec. Code § 12280
 - Efforts to meet SOS Polling Place Accessibility Guidelines
 - SOS guidelines and checklist
 - Tools for assistance with polling place accessibility
 - Cal. Code of Reg., Title 24
 - Building code regulations

- Efforts by Elections Office
 - Accessible polling places
 - Each polling place is surveyed and photographed
 - Ease of access (main thoroughfares and ADA compliance)
 - Room size
 - Parking availability
 - Clean/Maintained
 - Accessible hours
 - Security
 - Coordinator availability



- Efforts by Elections Office
 - Election Day accommodations
 - Electronic voting machines with audio unit
 - Accessible voting booths
 - Assistance with voting
 - Curbside voting
 - Signage

- Efforts by Elections Office
 - Website accessibility
 - Plain language
 - Converting to accessible documents



- Efforts by Elections Office
 - Poll worker training
 - Sensitivity training video
 - Hands-on voting equipment training



- Efforts by Elections Office
 - HAVA grant funding
 - New accessible voting booths
 - Accessibility of online documents
 - Readability analysis of informational documents
 - Tablets for polling place surveys
 - Poll worker training equipment

- Elections Office VAAC Goals
 - Polling places
 - Improve accessibility surveys
 - Convert to electronic survey tracking
 - Website accessibility
 - Voter Information Guides
 - HAVA grant funding opportunities
 - Automatic door openers for Elections Office

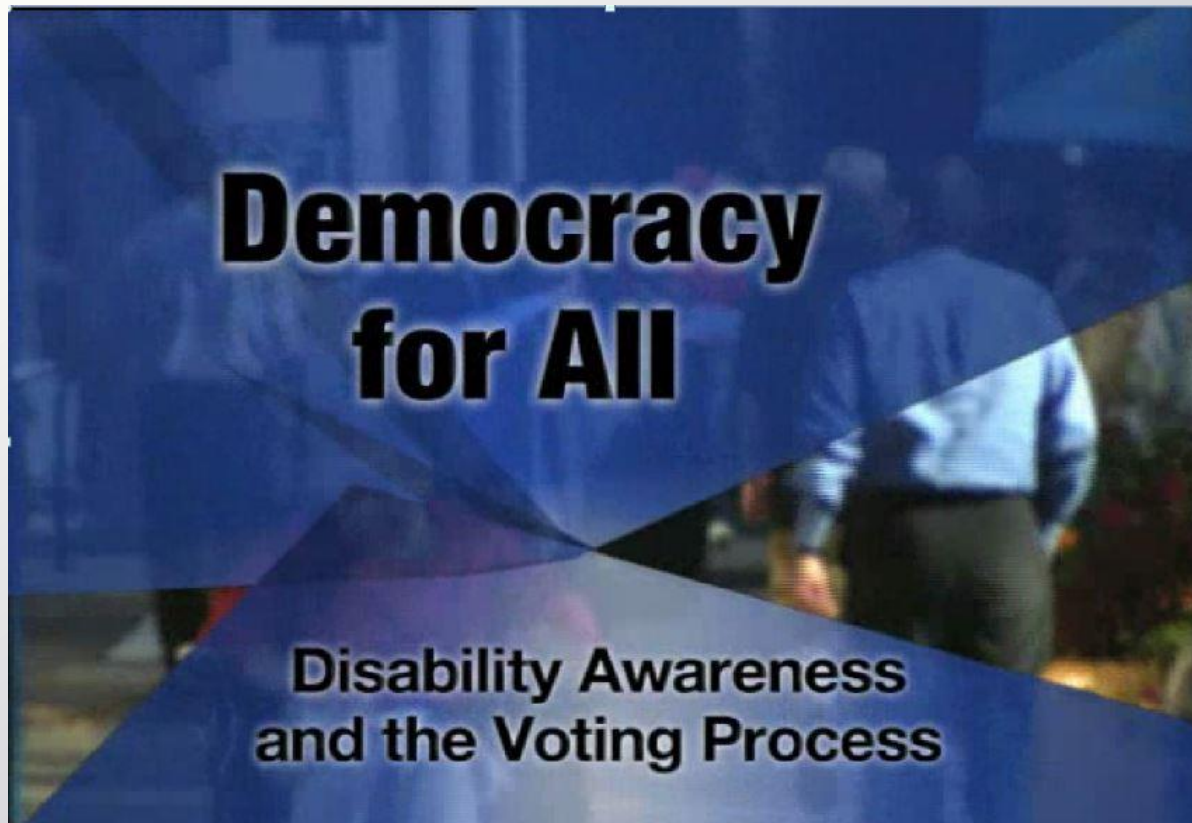


- Elections Office VAAC Goals
 - New voting system purchase and implementation input
 - Poll worker training
 - Training strategies
 - Improve election materials
 - Plain language
 - Readability

- Elections Office VAAC Goals
 - Increase partnerships and cooperation with community groups
 - Voter outreach assistance
 - Feedback on Elections Office performance

- HAVA total grant - \$62,000
 - ADA voting booths - \$20,000
 - Readability software - \$1,500
 - Improving accessibility of web site - \$3,000
 - Total purchases - \$24,500
 - Remaining HAVA funds - \$37,500

- HAVA grant spending options:
 - Automatic door openers for Elections Office
 - Accessible voting booths
 - Voter Information Guide readability



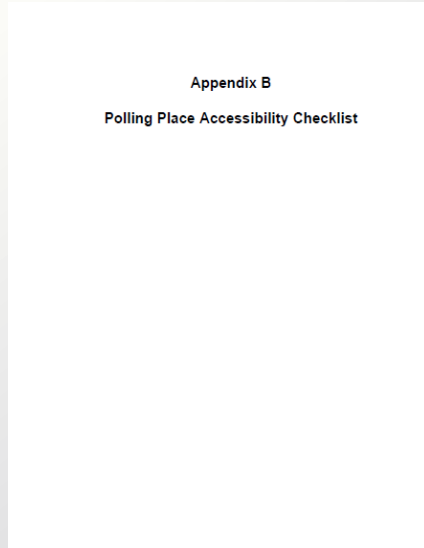
Discussion

Polling Place Discussion

■ Discussion handouts



Polling Place
Accessibility
Guidelines



Polling Place
Accessibility
Checklist

**Polling Place Survey
General Facility Information**

County of San Bernardino
Registrar of Voters

Facility Name: _____ Is this facility owned by a school district, city or county? Yes No

Facility Type: _____ Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: () _____ Phone #: () _____

Fax #: () _____ E-mail Address: _____

Does the Polling Place have a safe and secure space available for storing Election equipment? Yes No N/A

Is the Polling Place able to provide tables for use on Election Day? Yes No N/A

Is the Polling Place able to provide chairs for use on Election Day? Yes No N/A

Does the Polling Place have restrooms available for use by Poll Workers? Yes No N/A

Is the voting area climate controlled? Yes No N/A

Contact Information

Facility Coordinator: _____ Alternate Contact: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Phone #: () _____ Phone #: () _____

Alternate Phone #: () _____ Alternate Phone #: () _____

Fax #: () _____ Fax #: () _____

E-mail Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Notes: _____

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Polling Place
Survey

Section 1: The Parking Area				
Questions	Yes	No	Data	Weight
1 Is there a parking lot on the property?				5
2 What is the total number of parking spaces in the parking lot?			Number of spaces: _____	5
3 Are there a sufficient number of accessible parking spaces for the site of parking lot? (See attached Table 1.)			Van spaces: _____ Auto spaces: _____	5
4 Is there a van accessible parking space at least 9' wide by 18' long?				5
5 Is there a van accessible access aisle 8' wide by 18' long located on the passenger side of the space? (Can be shared with an auto accessible space.)				5
6 Is there an auto accessible parking space at least 9' wide by 18' long?				5
7 Is there an auto access aisle 5' wide by 18' long? (Can be shared with another accessible space.)				5
8 Is the parking space slope 2% or less in any direction?				4
9 Is the access aisle slope 2% or less in any direction?				4
10 Is the parking space surface stable, firm and slip-resistant?				4
11 No ramps are encroaching into the accessible parking space or access aisle?				3
12 Is there an ISA sign at the front of the parking space?				3
13 For van accessible parking spaces, are the words "Van Accessible" added below the ISA?				3
14 Is/are the sign(s) mounted on a pole or wall with the bottom of the lowest sign at least 60" above the ground?				3
15 If the sign(s) are mounted in the path of travel, is the bottom edge of the sign 60" or higher?				4

Polling Place
Survey Analysis

- Section 1: Parking Area
- Section 2: Path of Travel
- Section 3: Doorways, Hallways and Entrances
- Section 4: The Voting Area
- Section 5: Signage
- Section 6: Ramps, Curb-Ramps and Slopes
- Section 7: Elevators and Lifts
- Section 8: Restrooms

- Next meeting
 - March 17 – tentative
 - HAVA grant follow up
 - Polling place survey update
 - Poll worker accessibility training update
 - Website accessibility review
 - Website page for VAAC information
 - Expanding outreach activities

Thank You