



Elections Office of the Registrar of Voters

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee

October 25, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.



- Introductions
- VAAC Goals
- Previous Meeting Summary
- Election Overview
- Election Accessibility
- Web Resources
- Social Media
- Open Forum



- Help improve:
 - Polling place accessibility
 - Website accessibility
 - Poll worker training
 - Printed election materials
- Assist in HAVA grant funding decisions
- Increase cooperation with community groups
- Assist with poll worker recruitment
- Provide feedback on Elections Office performance
- Evaluate new voting system

Previous Meeting Summary

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- Presidential Primary Recap
- Presidential General Election
- Voter Education and Resources



- Election Day - November 8, 2016
 - Over 870,000 registered voters
 - 405 polling places
 - 3,600 poll workers
 - 5 early voting locations
 - 111 contests
 - 390 candidates
 - 23 local measures
 - 17 state propositions



■ Important Election Dates

- Friday, Oct 7 Voter Information Guides delivered
- Tuesday, Oct 11 Early voting begins (Elections Office)
- Saturday, Oct 15 Mail Ballots delivered
- Monday, Oct 24 Voter registration deadline
- Monday, Oct 31 Early voting expands (4 locations)
- Tuesday, Nov 1 Deadline to apply to vote by mail
- Tuesday, Nov 8 Election Day

- What's on the ballot?
 - Party-Nominated Offices
 - President of the United States
 - The party nominating the candidate is listed with the candidate's name.
 - Voters may write in the name of a candidate whose name is not on the ballot.
 - Voter-Nominated Offices
 - Congressional and State Offices
 - The party preference of the candidate is listed below his/her name.
 - Voters may not write in the name of a candidate whose name is not on the ballot.

- What's on the ballot?
 - Nonpartisan Offices
 - County, City and Judicial Offices
 - School and Special Districts
 - The party preference of the candidate is not listed with his/her name.
 - Voters may write in the name of a candidate whose name is not on the ballot.
 - State and Local Ballot Measures

- Voters Have Three Voting Options:
 - Vote by Mail
 - Vote early
 - Vote on Election Day at their assigned polling place





■ Vote By Mail

- Applications can be found at:
 - SBCountyElections.com
 - Back of Voter Information Guide
 - Using M.E. Gateway, voters can now submit an online application to apply for a mail ballot
- Voters can call (909) 387-8300 for one-time application
- Application Deadline – November 1, 2016
- Mail Ballots delivered to U.S. Post Office beginning October 15, 2016

- Vote By Mail
 - Voted Mail Ballots can be returned:
 - By mail – postmarked by Tuesday, November 8 and received within three business days following the election
 - At one of 57 Mail Ballot drop-off locations:
 - City Clerk's Offices
 - County Libraries
 - Map for drop-off locations found on Elections Office website
 - At the Elections Office – 24-hour Mail Ballot Drop Box
 - At one of 5 Early Voting locations
 - At one of 3 mail ballot drive-thru drop-offs
 - At one of 405 polling places on Election Day

■ Vote By Mail

■ Benefits of Mail Ballots

- Increased convenience for voters
- Ability for candidates to track who has voted
 - Reports available daily or upon request
- Earlier Election Night results
- Increased voter turnout in low profile elections
- Lower number of voters at Polling Places allows for cost savings

■ Vote Early:

■ Elections Office

- 777 E. Rialto Ave., San Bernardino
- October 10 through November 7
Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 5, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

■ Four additional locations:

- October 31 through November 7

Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- Ontario Conference Center, 1947 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario
- Rim of the World High School, 27400 Highway 18, Lake Arrowhead
- Victorville City Hall, 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville
- Yucca Valley Town Hall, 57090 Twentynine Palms Hwy, Yucca Valley

- All sites are open on Election Day, November 8, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



- Vote on Election Day
 - Voters must vote at their assigned polling place
 - Polling Place assignments can be found:
 - On the back of the Voter Information Guide
 - On M.E. Gateway
 - On the Elections Office website
 - SBCountyElections.com
 - By calling (800) 881-VOTE (8683) or 909-387-8300
 - Hours - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

■ Polling Place Consolidations

- Consolidations began in 2011 and continues as VBM increases
- GIS & data models to project voter turnout
 - No expected lines or overcrowding
 - Efficient use of space and labor by maintaining a steady flow of voters
- Choice of Polling Places
 - Better quality polling places – (ADA compliant, ample parking)
 - Easy to locate, well-known facilities
 - Keep voters as close to polling place as possible
- Savings for taxpayers and very few voter complaints

- Procedures Built for Speed
 - New roster design
 - Use of supervisors to handle special exceptions
 - Use of 3 ballot boxes
 - New ballot box design
 - Faster closing and delivery procedures



- Procedures Built for Accuracy
 - Use of Polling Place maps to direct voters to correct location
 - Reduce Provisional ballots
 - Count ballots for all races
 - Improved Ballot Design
 - Easy for voters
 - Important instructions in **red**
 - New Provisional Envelope Design
 - Allows voter to re-register
 - Simplifies process



- Procedures Built for Accuracy
 - Field Support Plan
 - Supervisors
 - Field Representatives
 - Machine Technicians
 - Ballot Security Teams
 - Supply Depot Teams



- Return of Ballots to Elections Office
 - Midday: Pickups by ballot security teams and delivered to Elections Office
 - Close of Polls: Ballots delivered by two Poll Workers to Supply Depot
 - Supply Depot trucks deliver ballots to Elections Office
- Processing of Ballots
 - Green boxes – Ballots counted
 - Yellow boxes – Mail ballot envelopes scanned
 - Red boxes – Provisional ballot envelopes inventoried

- Counting of Ballots
 - Ballots counted on high speed scanners
 - Damaged ballots rejected and duplicated
 - Results uploaded to isolated ballot tabulation computer
 - Results uploaded to website and emailed to media and candidates

- Election Results on Tuesday, November 8, 2016
 - 8:05 p.m. - Results posted for Mail Ballots received from the U.S. Post Office and Mail Ballot drop-off locations prior to Election Day
 - 10 p.m. - Results for Mail Ballots received from the U.S. Post Office on Election Morning, and results for ballots cast by noon at approximately 296 polling places added to previous results posting
 - Results updated every two hours following 10 p.m. posting until Election Night counting is complete
- Election Certification
 - Provisional ballots added to results
 - Deadline to deliver certified results to SOS – December 8, 2016
 - Goal is to complete canvass as soon as possible

- Secretary of State resources
 - Large print Voter Information Guide
 - Audio Voter Information Guide (CD or audio Cassette)
- Accessible Voter Information Guide
 - Available on the website
- Elections Office's phone bank
 - TTY/TDD
- Disability Rights California Hotline
- Enhanced disability training for poll worker trainers

- At the polling place
 - Electronic voting machine
 - Large text
 - English and Spanish audio ballots
 - Assistance by trained poll workers
 - Wheelchair accessible booths
 - Page magnifiers
 - Curbside voting
- At early voting sites
 - Same as polling place accessibility
 - Mail Ballot Drive-thru Drop-off in San Bernardino, Ontario, and Victorville

- Traditional website: SBCountyElections.com
 - Election-specific webpage for important information
 - Polling Place and Sample Ballot Look-up tool
 - District Look-up tool
 - Online Ballot Delivery tool for Military and Overseas Voters
 - ADA Accessible Voter Information Guide
 - NEW Community Outreach Webpage
 - Advisory Group meeting information
 - Photos & Videos [available soon]
 - Community Outreach Toolkit [available soon]
 - External resources

- Award-Winning My Elections Gateway
 - Voter specific information:
 - Polling Place
 - Voter Information Guide
 - District information
 - Applications for a mail ballot and to become a poll worker.



- Follow us on social media



- Ballot Selfies

- Take a ballot selfie with your unmarked ballot at polling places and early voting sites
- Take a mail ballot selfie with our new “I Voted By Mail” sticker and your ballot envelope
- Share your experience with friends and family through social media
 - Use #BallotSelfie and #SBCVote2016



- 2017 Alternate Residency Confirmation (ARC) process
- Senate Bill 450 - The California Voters' Choice Act

Discussion

Feedback, Questions, Comments