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## **PLACER COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE**

### Placer County Language Accessibility Advisory Committee October 5, 2023 Agenda

#### I. Elections Staff/Attendee Introductions

#### II. Committee Updates:

- Draft Election Administration Plan (EAP) Update
- Initial Public Workshops Discussion
- Initial Messaging Discussion
  - Voter Information Guide
  - Postcard
  - Website
- Potential Drop Box Location Additions
  - Sikh Temple Update
  - Oriental Market Update

#### III. Questions & Answers

#### IV. Future Agenda Items

## English

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# ADVISORY COMMITTEES

As part of the Voter's Choice Act, Placer County Elections has established a Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee and a Language Accessibility Advisory Committee. These committees hold regular meetings to ensure elections in Placer County are accessible to all eligible voters, including those with disabilities and targeted language needs.

## Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

The Placer County VAAC is composed of community members who meet quarterly with Placer County election officials to offer recommendations on how to improve election access for voters with disabilities.

Members examine existing election processes and materials and provide the advice, insight and information needed to ensure all eligible Placer County voters can participate in the electoral process independently and privately. Duties include:

- Evaluating Placer County voting systems and locations to identify any barriers that might limit access for those living with disabilities
- Advising on training programs to ensure effective assistance is available during an election's voting period
- Reviewing communication channels to ensure all voters have unimpeded access to critical information and education about Placer County elections

## Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC)

The Placer County LAAC was created to provide community members the opportunity to meet with election officials on a quarterly basis to improve and increase voting accessibility for voters with diverse language needs.

Placer County offers targeted voting assistance in Spanish, Korean, Tagalog, and Punjabi. The purpose of the LAAC is to provide the Elections Office with the information necessary to *enhance* this language support to ensure all voters feel educated and informed about casting their ballot in Placer County.

Members of the Placer County LAAC are asked to examine existing election procedures and language support practices to help us determine if new methodologies and programs would improve and increase accessibility for all eligible voters. Duties include:

- Evaluating informational resources like the Elections website and Voter Information Guide for clarity and ease of access
- Reviewing existing voting systems and locations to identify possible barriers for non-English speakers
- Refining training programs to ensure multilingual assistance in targeted languages is available during an election's voting period

## Attend a Meeting!

All VAAC and LAAC meetings are open to the public and can be attended in person, online, or by phone. For upcoming meeting times, go to our website at [www.placercountyelections.gov/advisory-committee/](http://www.placercountyelections.gov/advisory-committee/).

If you are interested in becoming a committee member, applications for both committees are on our website. You may also email us at [election@placer.ca.gov](mailto:election@placer.ca.gov) or call us at 530-886-5650 (toll-free at 1-800-824-8683) with any questions about membership.



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FROM THE  
PLACER COUNTY  
ELECTIONS OFFICE**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PLACER COUNTY VOTERS



As required by state law, ballots were mailed to all active registered voters by February 5 for the **2024 Presidential Primary Election on March 5**. If you do not receive your ballot by February 15, please visit [WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](https://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov) to track your ballot or call our office. We encourage you to return your ballot early!

### **Return Postage Paid**

Postage on your ballot return envelope is prepaid, should you decide to send it by mail. Please remember to sign and date the envelope before mailing. Your signature will be compared to your voter registration affidavit and must match your signature on file, or we cannot count your ballot. Ballots sent by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day, March 5, and received by March 12 to be counted.

### **Ballot Drop Boxes**

Want to avoid mailing your ballot? Take your voted ballot to one of our 26 drop boxes. Some locations and hours have changed since last election. For the latest information, go to [placercountyelections.gov/drop-box-locations](https://placercountyelections.gov/drop-box-locations). A list of locations is included in your county voter information guide and with your ballot. All drop boxes close at 8 PM on Election Day. Indoor boxes are subject to business hours; please check dates and times carefully.

### **Track Your Ballot**

Want to track the status of your ballot? Sign up at [WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](https://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov) to receive notifications when your ballot is received and accepted. Signing up takes only a few minutes.

### **Vote Centers – Open Starting February 24 and March 2**

You no longer have an assigned polling place. Instead, you may vote in person at any vote center. Several vote centers open on February 24 and the remaining locations open on March 2. For locations and hours, refer to your county voter information guide or the Vote Centers page on our website at [placercountyelections.gov](https://placercountyelections.gov). Voters may now cast their vote by mail ballot at any vote center provided a ballot has not already been returned for this election – per Assembly Bill 626. Some circumstances may require a voter to vote provisionally.

### **Early Voting at the Elections Office – NOW OPEN**

Our office is open now through Election Day for in-person voting. You may also drop off your vote by mail ballot here or come to the counter to receive a replacement ballot.

#### **Placer County Elections Office**

**3715 Atherton Road, Rocklin and 2956 Richardson Drive, Auburn**

Open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM, and the two weekends before Election Day from 10 AM to 3 PM.

**Thank you from all of us here at the Elections Office!**