

PLACER COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE

Placer County Language Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Dec. 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 12/11/25

Time: 3:00 PM – 3:47 PM

Location: Placer County Elections Office, 3715 Atherton Road, Rocklin, CA 95765

Present In-Person:

- Placer County Elections staff Justin Canning, Marcus Smith, Stacy Robinson and Ali Sherazee
- Clarissa Chambers

Present Online:

- Jenna Lee

Minutes

I. Attendee and Staff Introductions

- Attendees were welcomed and thanked for their attendance.
- LAAC members and Elections staff were introduced.
- Online attendees were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

II. Committee Updates – Mr. Canning

- Registration Statistics
 - 298,649 total registered voters
 - 122,620 41% Republicans
 - 92,557 31.0% Democrats
 - 57,698 19.3% No Party Preference
 - 8.6% “Other”
- County Comparison
 - Placer County grew by 8,000 voters in the last year
 - 18th largest county in voter registration
 - Over 95% of eligible voters registered, the second highest in the state, second to Nevada County
 - Placer is in the top 5% of largest counties in the nation

III. November 4th, 2025, Statewide Special Election Report – Mr. Canning

- **187,347** ballots cast, **63%** of eligible voters
- 12 points higher than statewide average of 50.2%
- Placer’s turnout was 12th overall, and, among counties of similar size, second only to Sonoma County
- Over 500 people registered same day on Election Day.
- **27,217** voters cast their ballots in person during 11-day voting period

Vote-By-Mail

- **159,209** voted by mail
 - **64,503** ballots were collected from drop boxes
 - **81,171** ballots were returned by mail, **14,864** were dropped at a vote center
- **278** non-UOCAVA (Uniformed And Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) ballots issued via RAVBM (Remote Accessible Vote By Mail); **104** returned
- **1,119** registered, active UOCAVA voters by end of Election Day
- **125** provisional ballots cast; **23%** qualified to be counted
- **849** CVR ballots cast; **99%** qualified to be cast

In-Person

- Of the **27,217** voters who cast their ballots in person:
 - **11,710** voted during 10-day early voting period
 - **15,506** voted on Election Day
 - **10,608** voters cast traditional vote center ballots
 - **Over 16,000** scanned their Vote-By-Mail ballots using “Sign, Scan & Go!”
- Vote centers with highest utilization overall:
 - Rocklin Clerk-Recorder-Elections Office with **3,958** voters over 11 days
 - Second place was Roseville Veterans Hall with **2,761** voters over 11 days
- Vote centers with highest utilization overall on Election Day:
 - Lincoln Veterans Hall with **1,268** ballots cast
 - Second place was Granite Bay Library with **1,221** ballots cast

Drop Box Utilization

- **31** Placer County Drop Boxes
- Highest number of returned ballots:
 - **10,806** – Placer County Clerk-Recorder Office, Auburn
- Lowest
 - **425** – Foresthill Veterans Hall
- Ballots returned to drop boxes specifically requested by VAAC and LAAC:
 - **1,540** – Oriental Market in Roseville (increase from last election)
- Ballots returned to drop boxes specifically requested by Placer residents:

- **541** at Tahoe Truckee Airport (also an increase from last election)

Canvass Period and Manual Tally

- **Postelection functions performed:**
 - Reconciling of **voter rosters**
 - **1% manual tally**
- **Placer hand-counted 57,448 ballots – 30.66%**
 - **10,348** vote center ballots and **2,200** VBM ballots
- **3,507** challenged for non-matching or missing signature
 - Outreach conducted by phone, email and letter
 - **2,804 (80%)** were cured and counted

Accessibility Tools and Resources

- ICX Ballot Marking Devices allowing utilization of large font, audio ballots, sip n' puff, paddles, headset, and tactile interface controllers to mark and cast ballots
- Curbside call bells with phone number backup for curbside voters
- Magnifiers, signature guide cards, and magnifying sheets
- Remote Accessible Vote by Mail system for overseas voters or those with disability needs, now made available to all California voters.
- New Voter information Display Stand, indicating materials available including ASL services.

Vote Centers and Drop Boxes

- 17 vote centers spread throughout the county
- 20 drop boxes spread throughout the county

Materials Provided to Voters

- Voter Information Guides provided to at least every household with a registered voter in the county
 - Accessibility page explaining options
 - Translation services and locations with language needs, and precincts from which voter can request language resources
- VCA postcard #1 – important dates
- VCA postcard #2 – similar, with more relevant info about returning ballot
- Public Workshops – **Stacy Robinson**
 - Oct. 1 – voter education: covering everything from registering to vote, all the way to hours of operation, locations, language and accessibility options, etc. Emphasis this time on resources made available to the general public but also to advocacy groups and voters with diverse needs and accessibility needs.

- Workshops are recorded and posted on the Placer County Elections website. Most information on them is generic to most elections and not necessarily election specific.

IV. Only 172 days until the June 2, 2026, Gubernatorial Primary Election

- There will be one more VAAC and LAAC meeting sometime in March
- SOS Language determination needs will establish new standards for counties, and will be covered in next meeting

V. Question and Answer

- Mrs. Robinson mentioned to Ms. Lee that the language determination needs was something she may show special interest in. Ms. Lee wanted to confirm the county would receive recommendation from the SOS, and based on the stats and recommendations, the county will determine which languages are to be included in the Voter Information Guide. Mr. Canning clarified that the SOS gives the minimum baseline mandatory languages that at least facsimile ballots must provide for. Not necessarily the VIGs. So, the voter can take their ballot in English and place it side by side with the one in their language to determine how they will fill out the English ballot.
- Mrs. Robinson suggested that resources and funding were also issues; people with 203 languages may get federal funds for translation. Mr. Canning answered that he was not aware of any such funds, but that it depends on the county. The state determinations would be coming at the end of December, and that Placer County would get those to the Committee members and interested parties, including Ms. Lee.
- Ms. Lee asked what is stopping the county from including major languages outside English in the Voter Information Guide: lack of funds for printing or lack of funds for the accurate translation. Mr. Canning answered that it was both. For every additional language, the VIG increases greatly in size, and the mailing costs also increase quickly.
- Ms. Chambers asked if it was possible to list on Google or the Placer County Elections website which languages are available in-person at each voting location. Mr. Canning answered that some of those are on the website, but that the Elections Office would explore possibilities of creating a resource that voters could use to more quickly look up which vote centers have which languages. This will likely wait until after the December release of language determinations.
- Additional feedback from members was encouraged at any time through phone, email, or in-person.

VI. Future Agenda Items – Future Meetings/Schedule

- Next meeting will likely be March 5, 2026
- SOS Language Target Determinations are due to the counties at the end of December, so will be discussed in the next meeting

The meeting was called to a close.