

# PLACER COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE

## Placer County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Dec. 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, 12/11/25

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 2:57 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
- Barrit Todd
- Clarissa Chambers

### **Present Online:**

- Fred Nisen - Disability Rights California
- Rebecca Hensley - Agency on Aging Area 4

## **Minutes**

### **I. Attendee and Staff Introductions**

- Attendees were welcomed and thanked for their attendance.
- VAAC 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
  - 18<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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!”

Mr. Nisen asked if there was a breakdown by day of early voting. Mr. Channing answered that those numbers were not in the presentation, but that they were available and would be sent to Mr. Nisen after the meeting.

- Vote centers with highest utilization rates 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 rates 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

#### **V. Question and Answer**

There were no immediate questions from the attendees to the presenters.

Mr. Canning asked the attendees if they had any reports to make about their experience in the last election, and if they had any suggestions for the committee.

- Mr. Todd said that the deaf community largely does not use TTY (teletypewriter) devices anymore. He said it would be nice in the future to have a person fluent in ASL at the polls rather than relying on the LanguagLine system. It would make the process quicker and simpler to have someone there in-person. The Sign, Scan & Go! was a great system.
- Clarissa Chambers, who was a Spanish bilingual Election Aide and ASL too said that she did not receive as many voters with ASL needs but got more who needed Spanish translation. She mentioned that many voters coming in were having difficulty at first with knowing which Election Aides spoke different languages from their nametag alone, so she took a sticky note and put it on her shirt and people were better able to see that. The print on the nametags was too small and hard to read because the lanyards would swing. She said that because the line was so long out of the building, it would have been greatly helpful to have double the resources to put outside so that people can see language resources available as they wait in line. She said that some kind of pamphlet quickly explaining accessibility and language resources in the vote center would work for distributing in the line.
- Mr. Nisen asked how the Elections Office was advertising ASL and making it better known. Mr. Canning answered that they are looking forward to using the feedback from the members of the ASL community now that they have some of them attending meetings and communication with the office. What they would like to see, the Elections Office has space on their accessibility signs to include. He said that he really appreciated Ms. Chambers' feedback about having more than just a note on a nametag to make known the language translation services.
- Ms. Chambers' added that Mr. Todd had told her that having the ASL translation set up on a tablet rather than a phone would have been better because it's visual and would work better. He had said this because a human translator in-person at every location would only happen in a perfect world.

**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
- Mr. Nisen asked to let him know if there's anything he can do, especially in the area of ASL. Mr. Canning answered that the Elections Office was always considering DRC in their decisions regarding accessibility and languages and has an open request to DRC for whatever information regarding disabilities and ASL that they would like to share. Mr. Nisen said he will email with ideas he has.

The meeting was called to a close.