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**Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)**

Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Registrar of Voters Office (ROV)

Karie Lew, Disability Rights California

Kholoud Rashid, Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living (DRAIL)

Kim Dethlefsen, NorCal Center

Jenny Hendricks, ASL Interpreter

1) Office Updates

*Jennie Hulstine introduced herself as one of the Elections Managers, Donna Linder introduced self and welcomed Maria Rocha as the new Assistant Registrar of Voters. Notes that Tatjana Mendoza has been promoted to Assistant Clerk Recorder but is still an available resource. The ROV discussed upcoming changes in staffing, including the addition of a new manager soon.*

2) Member Updates

*Kim Dethlefsen with NorCal Center attended the meeting for the first time and hopes to continue to attend future meetings.*

3) Feedback from November 2024 Election

*No additional feedback since the last meeting in January*

4) Next Elections:

- *Gubernatorial Primary Election - Tuesday, June 2, 2026*
- *Gubernatorial General Election – Tuesday, November 3, 2026*

5) Increased accessibility for D/deaf and hard of hearing voters

*Karie will share a 2-page document with recommendations for county elections officials with Kim so she can review and provide additional feedback on assisting voters.*

*The elections office is continuing to explore the possibility of creating ASL Videos with basic election information.*

*Kim suggested more visual tools such as videos with ASL interpretation. She will check with her Director and Assistant Director about collaborating with the ROV's office in creating videos with basic election information.*

*Kholoud shared information on new technology offered by InnoCaption that she recently learned about that provides free phone captioning . She has been in contact with the company and will share more details via email as well as informing the company about the committee's interest in their app and request information packets. The app is self-disclosed and FCC-funded.*

*Concerns expressed by Kim about language barriers and misunderstandings for deaf individuals who may not read English well.*

*Karie expressed the need for data on the deaf community needs, but Kim stated there is no available data.*

6) How can VAAC members support the Elections office in this "off-year"

*ROV requested members continue to provide feedback and ideas at the next meeting and in between can go directly to Jennie Hulstine.*

*Karie requested the VAAC committee keep deaf access as a recurring agenda item for future meetings.*

7) 2025 meeting dates and times:

- *Wednesday, July 23, 2025, 10:00am*
- *Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 10:00am*

*The October meeting was listed on the agenda as October 8, 2025, but is confirmed to be October 22, 2025.*