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VOTING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GOVERNMENT PLAZA
5951 S. Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93277
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MINUTES

Present: Rebecca Donabed, Rill Mitchell, Captain Schneider, Tina Shillinglaw

Absent: Charity Tokash

January 23, 2020

10:00 a.m.

**Registrar of Voters Office, Conference Room
5951 S. Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93277**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Board consideration. Any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes so that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak with a total of fifteen (15) minutes allotted for the Public Comment Period. At all times, state your name and address for the record.

1. Approved December 19, 2019 Minutes.

Donabed – Shillinglaw 4-0 - Approved the minutes as is.

Resolution No. 2020-0001

2. Public Comments.

Member Mitchell thanked the clerk for sending the Agenda, Minutes and Exhibits early.

3. Discuss Remote Accessibility Vote By Mail (RAVBM).

Emily Oliveira, Election Program Coordinator – Introduced herself and presented information regarding the Remote Access Vote by Mail (RAVBM) process as follows: Remote Access Vote by Mail (RAVBM) Purpose, RAVBM System, Signing up for RAVBM, and RAVBM Outreach. Members Mitchell, Rill and Donabed suggested that we conduct outreach to places that support the blind, Wellness Centers, Disability Advocacy Groups, Creative Centers and Department of Rehabilitation.

4. Review Poll Worker Handbook Sections:

- a. Poll Worker Accessibility Kits.

- b. Polling Place Accessibility.
- c. Appendix C: Polling Place Accessibility Guide.

Reviewed the Accessibility Kits for Anthony Community Center, First Christian Church, and First Southern Baptist Church.

Anthony Community Center Visalia, has problems with door being too hard to open, suggested propping door open with a door stop as an acceptable solution. When it's cold outside they have someone stand at the door to open the door for voters.

First Christian Church, Visalia, committee members found the following solutions acceptable: Place an accessible sign next to the building, Prop the Poll Site door open, Place cones beneath the left and right bottom corners of the TV mounted on the wall in the voting area.

First Southern Baptist Church, Porterville committee found the following solutions acceptable: Create an accessible aisle straight to the parking area, Place 2 cones at the base of the accessible aisle where the trunk of a vehicle typically goes to prevent vehicles from parking there, Place a Van Accessible Parking sign on the left of the accessible aisle, Place a Auto Accessible Parking sign on the right of the accessible aisle, Place the ramp at the curb with a cone on each side to notify drivers.

Member Donabed suggested that we check to see that the drop boxes are close to bus stops.

Documents 4b (Polling Place Accessibility) and 4c (Appendix C: Polling Place Accessibility Guide) were given to the members to read to see how each poll site is assessed.

5. Overview of Vote Centers.

Emily Oliveira, Election Program Coordinator – Made a presentation regarding SB450/Voter's Choice Act, which started in 2018. The Registrar of Voters will have to meet the following requirements: Voting Technology/Consider the key functions that are required in a voting system in order to properly administer an election using the Voter's Choice Act; Budget/Consider the budgeting process in your county and determine resources are available to administer an election using the Voter's Choice Act; Vote Center and Drop Box Siting Process/Establish the process by which the Registrar of Voters will consider the criteria for vote center placement and communicate their findings with the community; Community Outreach Planning/Establish a framework for the community outreach and engagement work that is needed to ensure voters are educated about the switch to the Voter's Choice Act model. Board of Supervisors will also have to approve the new Voter's Choice Act model. Calculations regarding the new model will cost us \$8,000 less than the previous model.

6. Suggestions for Future Meetings.

Committee would like to see any complaints about accessibility, review recruitment for Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee, if there was an application sent to the Registrar of Voters the committee would like to review the application, the committee would also like to get an update from the elections.

7. Adjourn to May 28, 2020.