



VOTER'S CHOICE
Registrar of Voters
Santa Clara County

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Election Administration Plan (EAP)
Vietnamese Consultation Meeting Minutes

Tully San Jose Branch Library
880 Tully Rd. San Jose, CA 95111
Community Room
Monday, June 17, 2019
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Attendees Present:

Two members from the public from the Vietnamese Community

Staff Present:

Shannon Bushey, Vanessa Hamm, Magdalena Sta Maria, Priscilla Favela, Andrea Solorio, Shelby Galaviz, Linh Nguyen, Michelle Tran, Paulo Chang, Michael Borja, Bob Nguyen, Alfred Gonzales, April Bracamonte, Adrian Garcia, Martin Ayala, Janora Davis, Christina Rivas-Louie

Action Items:

- Look into attendees' suggestions for Vote Center locations.

I. Introductions

Welcome Attendees

II. Voter's Choice Act Overview

With the Voter's Choice Act (VCA), voters will now be able to choose how, when, and where they can vote. Voters can choose to vote by mail, drop off their ballot at a ballot drop-box, or have up to 11 days to vote in person at any Vote Center.

ROV Presentation on VCA was shown.

Public Input/Questions:

1. Attendee: Expressed frustration about the previous election. He said his ballot was not important to the election and did not impact the election in 2016. He asked if his ballot is important in next president election?
 - a. ROV Staff: Explained that every ballot is very important, and if everyone came to vote, it would make a big difference in elections.

III. Goal of the Election Administration Plan

The Election Administration Plan outlines how the Registrar of Voters (ROV) will implement the changes related to VCA and will be developed together with input from the community.

IV. Vote Center/Drop-box Selection

The ROV is seeking public input to assist the County with locating potential sites for Vote Centers and drop-box sites. Vote Centers need to be accessible and have enough space to properly service Santa Clara County voters.

ROV Presentation:

ROV staff: Asked if attendees had any recommendations or questions about media, advertising, Vote Centers or ballot drop-box selection? Is it convenient for people that they can drop off their ballots even on Saturday?

Public Input/Questions:

1. Attendees: Everything is good for them. It doesn't matter to them; they can go anywhere by bus or by driving.
 - a. ROV staff: Explained and asked for input regarding Vote Centers. One of the attendees recommended the warehouse of Do Van Tron, a famous person of a local Vietnamese radio station - Vien Thao Radio.

V. Language Accessibility

The ROV is seeking public input to assist the County with various means of providing language accessibility so that all eligible voters can understand the voting process and have equal access to the ballot. Examples include suggestions for historically underserved language communities and bilingual election officer recruitment.

Public Input/Questions:

1. ROV staff: Asked what attendees thought about language accessibility.
 - a. Attendee: Responded he could understand English in writing and listening, but he is not good at speaking English. He might need language assistance.

VI. Voting Accessibility

The ROV is seeking public input to assist the County with various means of providing accessibility for senior voters and voters with disabilities so that all eligible voters can understand the voting process and have equal access to the ballot.

Public Input/Questions: (None)

VII. Outreach Opportunities

The ROV is seeking public input to identify different venues and methods of outreach so as to best reach the County's voters and educate them on the elections changes that will come with VCA.

Public Input/Questions:

1. Attendee: Asked if we were able to and if we have budget to go to their community to present about VCA?
 - a. ROV staff: Responded that we can go anywhere, churches, temples, schools etc. to do presentations in Vietnamese.
 - b. ROV staff: Asked attendee to come and be a Vietnamese translator for the next meetings.
 - c. Attendee: said he lives in Campbell, not in San Jose.
 - d. ROV staff: Explained he could come from anywhere and we would appreciate his attendance.