



VOTER'S CHOICE
Registrar of Voters
Santa Clara County

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Election Administration Plan (EAP)
Khmer Consultation Meeting Minutes

County Government Center
70 W. Hedding St. San Jose, CA 95110
Room 157
Tuesday, June 18, 2019
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Attendees Present:

One attendee from the public from the Khmer community

Staff Present:

Shannon Bushey, Michael Borja, Vanessa Hamm, Magdalena Sta Maria, Shelby Galaviz, Andrea Solorio, Priscilla Favela, Linh Nguyen, Michelle Tran, Liz Oviedo, Adrian Garcia, Martin Ayala, Bob Nguyen, Paulo Chang, Rachel Jung, April Bracamonte, Janora Davis, Patricia Lopez, Alfred Gonzales

Action Items:

- Look into attendee's suggestions regarding reaching out to the Khmer community: temples, specific neighborhoods, and at City Council meetings.

I. Introductions

Welcoming 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.

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.

Public Input/Questions:

Attendee: Suggested placing Vote Centers at temples to increase voting participation within the Khmer community.

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. Attendee: Translations on flyers were too literal and did not convey the intended message.
 - a. ROV Staff: We are hiring a bilingual Election Specialist who speaks Khmer.

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:

Attendee: Suggested outreach in the Khmer community by going door-to-door to Khmer neighborhoods in order to seek out senior citizens within the community, pick them up, drive them to outreach meetings, and drive them to Vote Centers.

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:

Attendee: Suggested outreach be done in Khmer communities, otherwise they will not attend. Suggested outreach at temples and heavily populated neighborhoods in East San Jose, specifically neighborhoods near Poco Way, Rockspring, and Santee. Also suggested ROV conduct outreach at City Council District meetings.