



AMADOR COUNTY

VOTING AND LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 19, 2019

The Amador County Voting and Language Accessibility Advisory Committee that is comprised of representatives of voters with disabilities and language minority communities. Meetings will take place every two months on the third Wednesday from 1:30pm to 2:30pm.

- **Introductions** – In attendance - **Kim Grady**, County Clerk/Recorder, Registrar of Voters, **Mark Hammergren**, Chief Deputy Registrar of Voters, **Lurali Moore**, Director of Operations, The Arc of Amador and Calaveras, **Jennifer Priest**, Independent Living Specialist/Assistive Technology Advocate, DRAIL, **Jennifer Grabowski**, Independent Living Specialist, DRAIL. Meeting time was changed from 5:30pm to 1:30pm.
- **Details of Amador County's voting processes** – Elections staff gave an overview of the way Amador County has conducted elections previously, compared to the Voter's Choice Act which Amador County is adopting. Brief description of the new processes including Vote Centers and their ability to provide language and ADA assistance to voters including accessible ballot marking devices, Remote Accessible Vote By Mail (RAVBM) process and accessible sample ballot (literature provided), LanguageLine video interpreting for multiple languages including sign language (literature provided).
- **Initial thoughts about areas of accessibility to explore** – It was suggested that information needs to be provided about how voters who need a Remote Accessible Vote By Mail ballot but don't have a computer could get access to a computer (example: library). It was suggested that the Elections office could work with IHSS to provide education for Care Givers, to help them better assist the people they support. It was also suggested that Voter Center staff be extensively trained to always be approachable and friendly, and as helpful as possible. It was suggested that the VCA flyer be modified to provide more general information about assistance. It was suggested that some of the area disability groups could form meetings closer to election time to discuss ballot content to help some voters better understand the ballot language.
- **Initial thoughts on voter outreach opportunities for accessibility** – some areas that were suggested for education and outreach (advertising) were: CalFresh application process (provide education materials at application), Senior Group meetings, IHSS, Social Services, Social Media, Valley Mountain Regional Center, Senior Centers, DMV scrolling slides, Regal movie advertising, Dial-A-Ride/Amador Transit bus wraps, local commercials
- **Closing – Q&A** – no questions were asked

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