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Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)
Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2018 | 10:00 a.m.

Committee Members:

Julie Caban, Chair
Larry Smith, Co-Chair
Mario Janesin, Committee Member
Gabe Taylor, Committee Member
Feliciano Godoy, Committee Member

Guests:

Ronak Patel
Laura Riley, UC Riverside

Registrar of Voters Staff:

Rebecca Spencer, Registrar of Voters (Teleconference)
Art Tinoco, Assistant Registrar of Voters

Meeting Commenced at 10:00 a.m.

I. Welcome/Introductions

Introductions were made of the following staff: Registrar of Voters Rebecca Spencer, Assistant Registrar of Voters Art Tinoco, Committee Chair Julie Caban and Committee Co-Chair Larry Smith. Following staff introductions, attendees of the meeting made introductions.

II. Approval of July 26, 2018 Minutes

Julie Caban asked the committee members to accept the July 26, 2018 meeting minutes. Mario Janesin made a motion to accept the minutes; Gabe Taylor seconded. Minutes were accepted.

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III. Discussion on November Consolidated General Election

Ms. Caban stated that the November 6th General Election has a 2-card ballot with 327 ballot types. There are 182 contests, 11 State Propositions and 24 local measures. Ms. Caban shared a sample of the ballot with the VAAC members. Ms. Caban stated that Proposition 9 is blank on the ballot because it was removed by the Supreme Court. There are 373 polling places for this election. Ms. Caban asked the VAAC members for their assistance in recruiting Election Officers.

Mr. Janesin asked how the Registrar of Voters is advertising for anyone interested in becoming an Election Officer. Art Tinoco stated that the Registrar of Voters will be issuing a press release to the public regarding the need for Elections Officers. The Student Poll Worker Program is available at local high schools throughout Riverside County. There is also High School Voter Education weeks that take place the last two weeks of September. Also, the Registrar of Voters will be sending a press release by Countywide email for employees who are interested in becoming an Election Officer.

Mr. Taylor asked what the age limit was for Election Officers. Ms. Caban stated that a student must be 16 years old with a GPA of 2.5. Mr. Taylor stated that he will provide this information to little people families that are interested in getting their children involved.

IV. Discussion with UCR Student Disability Resource Center Representative

Laura Riley with the Student Disability Resource Center at the University of California at Riverside (UCR), stated that Gerry Medina, is the UCR Primary Voter Coordinator. Ms. Riley shared that UCR has numerous activities on campus to advertise for the November 6th General Election. The resident halls recently opened and had their first voter registration event on September 23rd. The "Nooners" is a group on campus that have

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weekly programs during the lunch hour to promote voter registration leading up to the Election. The Associated Student Programming Board will launch, Get Out the Vote, to encourage students to register to vote. On November 5th they will begin, "Launch the Voter", to encourage students to get to the polls to vote. Larry Smith shared that he is also working with Gerry Medina on the Voter Road Map. Mr. Smith shared that Voter Road Map helps UCR students that live on campus but are registered to vote outside of Riverside County, find their correct polling place. Mr. Smith stated that the Registrar of Voters is educating students on registering where they reside and using UCR as their mailing address so they can get a Vote-by-Mail ballot. Mr. Smith will be working closely with UCR to decrease the amount of provisional voters and increase permanent Vote-by-Mail ballots.

Ms. Riley shared that there is a Voter Engagement Work Group on campus that promotes Get Out the Vote. Ms. Riley stated that the recent article regarding college students who are registered to vote but do not mail their ballots because students do not know where to purchase stamps. UCR is going to encourage students to vote and provide that information so their ballots can get mailed back.

Student Disability Resource Offices are encouraging all students with disabilities to get involved with registering to vote. That is going to be required as part of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) so each individual that is registering with UCR students Disability Resources center services will be asked to register to vote. All State agencies that work with individuals with a disability are encouraged to do the same.

Mr. Taylor suggested that VAAC and UCR host an event for the next National Voter Registration Day (NVRD). Mr. Taylor was at a recent event at the University of Southern California (USC) and they received a great response on getting students registered. Mr. Taylor shared that it is important to get more youth involved and suggested high schools and universities internship credits for becoming a VAAC member. Mr. Taylor suggested possible collaboration with local radio stations in order to

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advertise voter registration as well as gathering more student involvement.

Ms. Riley shared that there are many students that are looking for opportunities to get involved in internships that could lead to potential career opportunities.

Mr. Janesin asked if they are advertising on campus for Election Officers
Mr. Smith shared that UCR is a voting polling place with their own officers.

v. Accessibility Discussion at the Pacific ADA Center Conference

Ruthee Goldkorn was not present to provide update.

vi. Discussion of any NVRD events

Ms. Caban shared that they attended an outreach at Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) in Riverside. They received eight registered voters and four Election Officer applications.

Ms. Caban shared that there will be early voting for the November General Election at three malls in Riverside County. Early voting will be available October 26-28 from 10:00am – 4:00pm at the Galleria at Tyler in Riverside the Promenade in Temecula and at Westfield in Palm Desert. Early voting will also be available at the Registrar of Voters office October 27th and November 3rd from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Early voting at Blindness Support Services will be held on October 27th from 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Feliciano Godoy asked if early voting at Blindness Support Service can be on the Friday before instead of Saturday because voters have issues with transportation on Saturdays. Mr. Tinoco shared that at a recent meeting with Pete Benavidez there was a discussion regarding the potential planning for the next election for a Friday instead of Saturday to address transportation issues. Mr. Tinoco shared the main issue for the Registrar of Voters is staffing as we get closer to the elections that can be more of a

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challenge.

VII. Questions/Comments

Mr. Taylor asked if the Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail will be available for the November General Election. Mr. Tinoco shared that there will be Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail for the November General Election. Mr. Taylor asked if Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail will be advertised. Rebecca Spencer shared that the Registrar of Voters will be doing a press release, as well as posting on Facebook, Twitter and the Registrar of Voters website.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.