# MINUTES OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee

10:00 A.M. Wednesday, May 15, 2019
Elections Department
2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667

## **Voter Accessibility**

#### Attendees:

Staff: Bill O'Neill, Linda Webster, Barbara Dockter, Ted Castle, Kim Smith, Don Meyers

Randy Cummings (unavailable 1st 2 weeks of every month), Dave Ashcraft

### **Meeting Summary:**

10:00am: March 8, meeting – approved: Bill O'Neill

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ted Castle
All Opposed: No 0

Yes 8

- Web page design
  - o Bill will be completing within the next week
  - o June 1st I.T. will start building the web page
  - Accessible Services If anyone has something to add please let us know
  - Sign language sample ballot for the deaf able to see content of ballot on line
  - Add language accessible devices at polling locations tablet, select language, live person (2-3 different types of sign language)
- New Voting Equipment Update
  - 3 accessible devices at each vote center
  - Selected Dominion Voting Systems Finalized Contract
  - Dominion is reviewing contract
  - o Go before board June 11, 2019 for approval
  - There will be a Dominion device in our booth at the fair June 13-17, 2019
  - Online Remote Accessible Vote By Mail Ballot able to vote from home online

- Putting together a list of 14 Potential VC criteria Looking for input from committee of ones we have identified and identify more locations that would be better (we can move some around)
  - 1. High population areas
  - 2. Proximity to public transportation
  - 3. ADA accessible
  - 4. Proximity to language areas
  - 5. Low rates of vehicle ownership
  - 6. Low income communities
  - 7. Isolated population
  - 8. Traffic patterns
- Connectivity in order to look voters up. Voters can walk into a vote center register and request a ballot and vote right there.
- We have locations that have good connectivity or can be mitigated so that we can look voter up in real time and see if they have been issued a ballot or returned a ballot.
- Community meetings scheduled. Hoping to get public feedback and other ideas where VC might be better suited. Go by and visit and make suggestions on how they can be more accessible
- Flyers are on our web page and being dropped off at locations
- Training Randy will find out where a good location will be so we can get the blind community involved. How would we best do the training? What are the things about the system that are difficult to use and areas that we can improve?

## Drop Boxes

- Required min of 3, 11 days before the election at VC's
- Required min of 13, 4 days before the election including election day
- Required to provide min of 9 drop boxes. In some areas we have less VC's than polling places.
- Looking for feedback on location that have been found and try to find more locations to better serve the public and community

- Input on Election Administration Plan Draft
  - How many meetings does the committee think we need to have out in the community prior to the election and locations and times of meeting to best serve the disabled community and reaching out to them
    - Every 6 weeks, especially after we get list of community input, then pulling disabled community back in to vet them.
    - Next meeting, July 1st
    - We want to put outreach in EAP, training, education regarding VC process and how they can register and receive a ballot at a VC
    - Committee is okay with doing next meeting at MOORE (day meeting),
       Public (evening)
    - Develop a training power point for senior centers
- Approval for June 4<sup>th</sup> polling places, same a March 26 Bill approved (no changes)
- Accessibility:
  - Randy Better transportation
  - Add a drop box and outreach event at Gold Country
  - Facsimile in large print
  - Have devices and access to ballots at senior centers
  - Physical immobility assisted devices on the equipment, online ballot
  - o Barbara and Linda Make a list frequently asked questions
  - o Ted is locating senior center in South Lake Tahoe
  - o Communicate with the college in South Lake Tahoe
  - o Get flyers to college in South Lake Tahoe
  - Linda and Ted dates and locations for training and meeting
  - o Bill is looking into large print for ballot, sample ballot and VIP

Adjourned: 10:52 am