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**Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 8, 2019 | 10:00 a.m.**

***Committee Members:***

Larry Smith, Co-Chair  
Mario Janesin, Committee Member  
Feliciano Godoy, Committee Member  
Ruthee Goldkorn, Committee Member  
John Kopp, Committee Member

***Guests:***

Deborah Cole  
Glyn Wild  
Pilar Cole  
Pete Benavidez  
Gail Paulsen  
Kelly Moran  
Sehebi Felter  
Steve Mehlman  
Marilyn Kopp  
Ray Kennedy

***Registrar of Voters Staff:***

Rebecca Spencer, Registrar of Voters  
Art Tinoco, Assistant Registrar of Voters

***Meeting Commenced at 10:00 a.m***

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***I. Welcome/Introductions***

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

***II. Approval of April 25, 2019 Minutes***

Ruthee Goldkorn made a motion to accept the minutes; Mario Janesin seconded. Minutes were accepted.

***III. Update on State VAAC***

Larry Smith provided an update from the State VAAC meeting held on July 17, 2019. At the request of Ruthee Goldkorn, the Registrar of Voters asked to have the New Voter Registration Card be placed on the agenda. The issue being the tint on the new card for those with visual impairments. The Center of Civic Design made suggestions for the change of tint color as well as the font on the New Voter Registration Card. They will continue to discuss at the next State VAAC meeting scheduled for November 13, 2019.

***IV. Update on the County's New Voting System***

Rebecca Spencer shared that the Board of Supervisors approved an 8-year lease with Dominion Voting Systems for the Dominion Democracy Suite Voting System. The Registrar of Voters is making great progress in

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implementing that system in preparation for the November 5, 2019 Election. The Dominion Democracy Suite Voting System includes 10 high speed scanners for central counting of paper ballots at the Registrar of Voters office. The system also includes an ImageCast X ballot marking device that will be available at the polling places. The ImageCast includes a touch screen tablet that has audio capabilities as well as Spanish translation. The ImageCast X does not record votes like our current electronic system. The ImageCast X tablet is connected to a printer and the choices that the voter makes on the tablet print out onto a ballot through the printer and that paper ballot is the record vote that is counted on the highspeed scanners. Starting next week, the ballot counting servers and the high-speed scanners will be installed and acceptance tested. The following week the tablets will be installed and acceptance tested and the last week of August staff will begin training on the new equipment. The Registrar of Voters will begin setting up demonstrations of the system for VAAC as well as outreach events to the public at large. The plan is to begin use of the new voting system for the November 5, 2019 Election.

Mario Janesin asked if Democracy Live will be available for the November Election. Ms. Spencer shared that Democracy Live will be available in November. Mr. Janesin shared that Democracy Live was not available 29 days before the last election. Ms. Spencer shared that the Registrar of Voters staff is still working on proof reading errors on the Democracy Live System and will continue to work on ensuring that its available 29 days before the election. Deborah Cole asked if the polling place locations have been chosen for the upcoming election. Ms. Spencer shared that the polling place locations for the November Election should be determined by the end of August. Ms. Spencer shared that along with a voting system being available at each polling place location, 20 tablets will be available for early voting at the Registrar of Voters offices.

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Peter Benavidez asked if the issues noted by the members of the VAAC Committee during the testing at the April VAAC meeting of the new voting systems were addressed or resolved. Ms. Spencer shared that she will work with Dominion to resolve those issues.

Feliciano Godoy asked who the point of contact would be to schedule a demonstration of the new voting system for Blindness Support Services. Ms. Spencer stated Larry Smith will be the point of contact to schedule demonstrations. Ms. Spencer shared at this time the Registrar of Voters staff is currently in the process of being trained on the new voting system. Once staff has completed their training and are familiar with the equipment Mr. Smith will contact Blindness Support Services to arrange staff training.

Ms. Goldkorn asked what types of outreach the Registrar of Voters is currently organizing with the California School for the Deaf. Mr. Smith shared that although there was contact with CSD in the past because of staff changes it has ceased. Mr. Smith will contact the CSD in the hopes of having a representative attend future VAAC meetings. Mr. Smith will provide an update at the next meeting. John Kopp asked when the next Logic and Accuracy testing is scheduled. Ms. Spencer confirmed that the next public Logic and Accuracy testing for the November Election is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 9:00am. During Logic and Accuracy both the scanners and the tablets will be tested.

**v. *Planning a National Voter Registration Day Event (September 24, 2019)***

Ray Kennedy shared that National Disability Voter Registration Week was July 15-July 19, 2019. Mr. Kennedy is asking that the Registrar of Voters be more engaged in promoting National Disability Voter Registration Week

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more extensively. Mr. Janesin shared that he and Pilar Cole provided a presentation during National Disability Voter Registration Week at the Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative meeting. Ms. Spencer shared that during the June 3, 2019 Mail Ballot Election, the Registrar of Voters set up a ballot drop off location at Blindness Support Services. Ms. Spencer shared that the Registrar of Voters is always looking for ways to collaborate with other organizations.

***VI. Discussion on the LA County's Voting Systems for All People (VSAP)***

Ms. Spencer shared that she attended the demonstration for LA County's Voting System. Ms. Spencer shared that the voting system is currently being developed and that while the software is certified, the hardware is not. For 2020, the manufacturer Smartmatic, will only be manufacturing for LA County. The voting booth has a desk like setup with audio capability. The voter completes the paper ballot and places the ballot in the scanner. Once the ballot is accepted it will be placed into a ballot box through the scanner. The ballots are transported to the Registrar of Voters office and counted centrally. There are 15 counties going to vote centers in 2020 which include Orange and Los Angeles Counties. San Bernardino, San Diego and Riverside Counties will continue with polling place elections. The Registrar of Voters will be providing public outreach on the new voting system for the March 2020 election. Mr. Kopp asked if the Registrar of Voters will be providing a Power Point presentation for the public on the use of the New Voting System. Ms. Spencer shared that the Registrar of Voters will be working with Dominion and other counties to develop best practices on training the poll workers and providing outreach to the voters.

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***VII. Discussion on the County's Plans for March 2020 Primary Election***

Ms. Spencer shared for 2020 the Registrar of Voters will not be participating in the Voters Choice Act. The Registrar of Voters will be deploying a small portion of the new voting system on a county wide basis for the November Elections and expanding it countywide for the March Primary Election in 2020. Conditional Voter Registration will be available up to and including election day. Ms. Goldkorn asked where the Registrar of Voters plans to set up its vote center. Ms. Spencer shared that the vote center for the Registrar of Voters will be set up at the 2720 Gateway building with the overflow set up at the 2724 Gateway building in the lobby area. Mr. Godoy asked if the Registrar of Voters has contact information with transportation agencies to arrange transportation for voters with disabilities. Ms. Spencer shared that currently there has been no contact with local transportation agencies but will begin researching those agencies.

***VIII. Questions/Comments***

Steve Mehlman asked if Dominion provides an instructional video that can be distributed as an additional way of communicating to voters regarding the New Voting System. Ms. Spencer shared that the Registrar of Voters will be providing two videos, the first is how to mark you Vote-By-Mail ballot, the second How to use the Ballot Marking Device. Dominion does not have a generic video because every county uses the equipment differently. Each county creates their own layout and formulate their own training material.

***IX. Adjournment***

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

The next meeting is TBD.