

PLACER COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE

Placer County Language Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

December 5th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Date: 12-05-24

Time: 3:15 PM – 4:17 PM

Location: Placer County Elections Office, 3715 Atherton Road, Rocklin, CA 95765

Present In-Person:

- LAAC members Mohinder Sohi, Marisela Barbosa
- Placer County Elections staff Justin Canning, Marcus Smith, and Ali Sherazee
- Placer County Clerk-Recorder-Elections Public Information Assistant Stacy Robinson

Present Online:

- LAAC Member Kim Unidad
- Sietse Goffard of Asian Law Caucus.

Minutes

I. Attendee and Staff Introductions

- Attendees were welcomed and thanked for their attendance.
- LAAC members and Elections staff in person and online were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

II. Presentations

Mr. Canning: November 2024 Presidential General Election Report

- **Election numbers**

35 days prior to Election Day:

- 288,076 total registered voters:
 - 117,649 Republicans – 40.8%
 - 91,008 Democrats – 31.6%
 - 54,994 No Party Preference – 19.1%
 - 8.5% “other”

By Election Day:

- Registrar grew to 295,072, overtaking Stanislaus County as the 17th largest county in CA in voter registration. Had **over 95%** of eligible voters registered, **the 2nd highest percentage** in California (only Alpine County beats us at 96%).

- **Placer County**
 - Top 5% of largest in nation by population. In CA, has 2nd highest percentage of eligible voters registered.
 - Number of Placer County registered voters increased by 14,000 since March Primary.

- **This Election**
 - **238,700** ballots cast: **83.2%** turnout
 - This is within Placer County's average range of 80% to 84% for a Presidential General Election and is 12% higher than CA average of 71.5%.
 - Placer turnout was 8th overall for the state.
 - In counties with populations the size of Placer and larger, Sonoma alone had higher turnout.
 - Over 3,700 people requested same-day voter registration ON Election Day.

- **Ballots**
 - 52,500 ballots were cast in person during total 11-day period.
 - 183,000 mail ballots were cast:
 - 87,000 were collected from drop boxes
 - 76,000 were returned in mail
 - 17,500 were dropped off at a vote center
 - 2,500 were dropped off at Election Office.
 - 278 non-UOCAVA ballots were issued via Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail (RAVBM); 104 were returned
 - 1,224 registered, active UOCAVA voters by end of Election Day
 - 790 UOCAVA ballots counted; 464 issued via RAVBM
 - 739 provisional ballots cast, 45% qualified to be counted
 - 4,072 conditional ballots cast, 97% qualified to be counted

- **In-Person Voting**
 - 27,800 voted during 10-day early voting period
 - 24,700 voted on Election Day
 - 19,500 voters got their ballot printed for them at the vote center and cast it there
 - Over **33,000** scanned their VBM ballots via **Sign, Scan & Go!** (AB 626)

- **Vote Centers**
 - Most popular vote center overall was Placer County Clerk-Recorder-Elections Office in Rocklin with **5,649** voters over 11 days. Second place was Martha Riley Library in Roseville with **5,271** voters over 11 days.
 - Busiest on Election Day was Placer County Clerk-Recorder-Elections Office in Rocklin with **1,574** voters on that one day. Second place was Lincoln Library with **1,316**.
 - In-person voting increased from 11% to 22% from the primary.
 - 8 out of 10 votes cast were by VBM ballot, either by mail, drop box, or scanning at vote centers.

- **Drop Boxes**
 - Highest number of returned ballots: **13,274** at Placer County Clerk-Recorder Office in Auburn
 - Lowest returned: **235** at Olympic Valley Public Utility District
 - For drop boxes specifically requested by VAAC and LAAC: **390** at Gurdwara Sahib Sikh Temple and **1,461** at Oriental Market, both in Roseville.
 - Ballots returned to drop boxes specifically requested by Placer residents: **445** at the Tahoe Truckee Airport drop box.

- **Canvass**
 - Postelection functions performed:
 - Reconciling voter rosters
 - 1% manual tally
 - Elections office hand-counted 10,384 vote center ballots and 2,200 mail ballots.
 - 8,777 challenged for non-matching or missing signatures
 - Outreach to voters was conducted by mail, phone, and email.
 - 7,994 (91%) were cured and qualified
 - Hand counted 6,062 vote center ballots and 1,401 VBM ballots

- **Accessibility Tools**

In every vote center:

 - ICX touchscreen ballot marking devices with multiple accessibility features
 - Curbside service voting carts
 - Handheld magnifiers
 - Signature guides

- **Vote Centers and Drop Boxes**
 - Two vote centers utilized in the Primary, North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach, and Rocklin High School, were not used in this election.
 - Two new locations, Victory High School in Rocklin, and Sheridan Stewart Community Hall in Sheridan, were vote centers in this election.

- **Voter Information Guide**
 - Full lists of vote centers and drop boxes were in VIGs
 - Voting options, candidate statements, and sample ballots
 - Whole page for voting accessibility, including hotline to Disability Rights California

- **Outreach Efforts**
 - Postcards: 2 sent out prior to election.
 - 1. VCA notification and important dates
 - 2. follow up, how to return ballot, and offer to help with any voter or potential voter needs.
 - Public Workshops: Voter Education and Accessibility, held on Oct. 8 and 9. Also in Korean, Punjabi, Tagalog, and Spanish.

End of Election Report

Question and Answer