



Planning for Elections and Engagement Panel

**Monday, April 9, 2018
6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, California
925-335-7805

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Attendees:

At-Large, Diddo Clark	ECAP Emeritus, Lloyd Bell
At-Large, Patty Mitchell	LoWV Bay Area, Madeline Kronenberg
City Clerks Association, Margaret Wimberly	LoWV Diablo Valley, Martha Goralka
Democrats of Contra Costa, Renee Zeimer	LoWV West Contra Costa, Rita Xavier
Democrats of Diablo Valley, Bob Wilcox	Mayors' Conference, Bob Taylor
Democrats of Rossmoor, Carol Weed	Republicans of Contra Costa, Victoria Mosby
District II, Lauri Byers	RYSE, Diana Diaz
District IV, Jonathan Bash	Senate District 3, Angelica Mancuso
ECAP Emeritus, Jim Sugiyama	

Elections Staff:

Asst. Registrar, Scott Konopasek	Processing Supervisor, Travis Ebbert
Services Manager, Sara Brady	Processing Supervisor, Rosa Mena
Services Manager, Sophie Lehman	Outreach Coordinator, Eren Mendez
Civic Engagement Specialist, Paul Burgarino	Executive Secretary, Melissa Hickok

Follow Up Items from January (not presented at the April meeting)

- **Resource Guide for Youth Voter Advocates** – A Resource Guide draft has been presented to an organized voter advocacy group in the West County. We have been invited to their meeting in early May where we hope to further discuss youth needs from the Elections' Division.
- **Voter Registration Clearinghouse Group** – A conference call was held in February which resulted in the creation of two fluid documents, saved with Google Docs (samples are included here), one lists voter registration drive contacts and the other includes details of scheduled drives. The Civic Engagement team distributed more information in late March via email, including instructions to gain access. If you would like to arrange access to the documents, please contact Paul at Outreach@vote.cccounty.us.

New Business

- **New Processes?**

- The Sample Ballot, in the middle of the Voter Information Guide, is now blue for easier identification.
- The Alternate Language Facsimile Ballot (Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog) will not be posted at polling places; but we have created a Ballot Translation Guide which will be available at the polling places for use in the voting booths, is available on our website, and by request for mailing. We are the only county statewide with this type of voter enfranchisement.
- Conditional Voter Registration allows a voter to fill out a registration card and vote for that election at the Elections Division Office or at one of the Regional Early Voting Sites after the 15-day registration cut-off.
- We have a new voting system, which basically creates a ballot printing station at each polling place. If you vote at a Regional Early Voting Center or a Polling Place, you will make your selections on a computer screen and then the ballot will print with those selections marked appropriately. This system counts 15,000 cards an hour (more than double the speed of our last system) and has a 0% error rate. [Vote-by-mail voters will not see any difference in their voting experience.]

Discussion

- **Candidate Forums:** On April 16-17, we are hosting an Election Preview forum which will include answers to voter questions from several ballot races. Proponents and opponents of Regional Measures 3, I and F will be making their arguments on camera as well.
- **Candidate Workshop:** On Saturday May 12th from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, the Elections Division will be providing information regarding running for office. This will cover areas such as finance requirements, campaign strategies, and use of social media.
- **Write-Ins:** Qualified ballot entry write-ins (candidates who have completed the process without paying the filing fee, with no ballot statement) are tabulated while the rest (Mickey Mouse, etc.) are lumped together.
- **Candidate Statements:** If a candidate does not voluntarily elect to limit campaign financing, they forfeit their opportunity to publish a Candidate Statement in the Voter Information Guide. Election Code states that we are required to list those candidates who agreed to the limit, but we are not required to list those who did not agree.
- **Regional Early Voting Sites:**
 - We have seven sites throughout the county, which will be open from May 29th through June 1st from 11:00-7:00 and Saturday June 2nd from 8:00-5:00. Paid training will be held Monday-Friday, May 21st-25th at the Elections Office. *Any assistance you are able to provide in helping to find qualified individuals to staff these sites is valued and appreciated.*

- Approximately half of the traffic at the REV sites have been vote-by-mail ballot drop-offs.
- Organizations serving groups with special needs are invited to make appointments during the REV site hours so that we can ensure staffing numbers are appropriate.
- **Extraction Event:** On the Saturday prior to the election, we will be extracting all of the vote by mail ballots received to that date. This event takes place at our warehouse, and you are invited to attend ~ either to help or to observe. Lunch will be provided.
- **Homeless voters can register** using the address of the local City Hall.

Action Item: For the May 12th Candidate Workshop, Paul will create a list of ballot-qualified positions, including a description of each.

Handouts:

Regional Early Vote Site Flyers
Poll Worker Interest Application
Voter Information Guide

Next Meeting August 2018, more details to follow.

Voter Registration Clearinghouse Records:

Contra Costa Voter Regi

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UjWVNGR4bAUWg9Y9xwibPRZ3eTQgoknC8U-3c/edit#gid=0

Contra Costa Voter Registration Contacts

All changes saved to Drive

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Name	Organization	Email	Geographic area of the county	Phone	
2	Victor Tiglio	Contra Costa Young Democrats	vtiglio@me.com	Central	C 650-898-8748	
3	Sarah Butler	Contra Costa Democrats	sarahbutler@icloud.com	Central, Lamorinda	C 925-286-4551	
4	Rita Xavier	League of Women Voters - WCC	rxavierltd@gmail.com	West		
5	Rebecca Patchan	Contra Costa Republicans	patchanrebecca.bchs@gmail.com	Central		
6	Marta Doszka	League of Women Voters - DV	marta@doszka.com	Central, East	H 925-706-1419	
7	Madeline Klonenberg	League of Women Voters - WCC	mklone@icloud.com	West		
8	Landy Wildwind	El Centro Progressives	landy@kenney-consulting.com	West		
9	Kurt Schultz	Contra Costa Libertarians	kschultz@comcast.net	Central, Lamorinda		
10	Jonathan Cook	Contra Costa Democrats	coojonathan@gmail.com	Central	925-214-9044	
11	Jonathan Bash	Rubicon/CoCo Young Democrats	jonathan@jonathanbash.org	West, Central, East		
12	Dido Clark	Contra Costa Democrats	clarkpeace@comcast.net	Central		
13	Carol Wood	Rossmoor	carolwood@gmail.com	Central	C 510-409-4655	
14	Brandon Evans	Richmond	bevans219@gmail.com	West		
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Help See new changes

March 25	8:45 am - 1 pm	Walnut Creek/ Farmers Market	Central	Rossmoor Volunteers/ Diablo Valley Dem Club
April 14	8:45 am - 1 pm	Shadelands	Central	Rossmoor Volunteers/ Diablo Valley Dem Club
April 19	11 am - 3 pm	Paramount/ Oakland	all	Rossmoor Volunteers/ Diablo Valley Dem Club
May 3	11 am - 3 pm	Paramount/ Oakland	all	Rossmoor Volunteers/ Diablo Valley Dem Club
May 12	8:45 am - 1 pm	Shadelands	Central	Rossmoor Volunteers/ Diablo Valley Dem Club
May 19	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Brentwood/Pleasant Hill/Pinole/Danville	All	County Elections Office
May 20	8:45 am - 1 pm	Walnut Creek/ Farmers Market	Central	Rossmoor Volunteers/ Diablo Valley Dem Club