



# Planning for Elections and Engagement Panel

**Monday, June 5, 2017  
6:30 pm**

Clerk-Recorder-Elections Office  
555 Escobar Street  
Martinez, California  
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## **Welcome from the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters**

Thank you for attending the first meeting of our redesigned community engagement process. We would like to give the community information that would be helpful, and we need you to help us garner those subjects that would be of interest. What updates and information would you and your constituencies like or need from us?

## **Introductions: Organization and Representative Name**

- City Clerks Association - Margaret Wimberly
- Democratic Party of Contra Costa - Mike McGill
- Democratic Party of Contra Costa - Diddo Clark
- Democrats of Rossmoor - Carol Weed
- Former Grand Juror (eff. 06/15/17) - Jim Mellander
- League of Women Voters Diablo Valley - Martha Goralka
- League of Women Voters West Contra Costa - Rita Xavier
- Libertarian Party of Contra Costa - Kevin Moore
- Libertarian Party of Contra Costa - Kurt Schultz
- Libertarian Party of Contra Costa - Sandra Kallander
- Senator Glazer - Teresa Gerringer
- Supervisor Andersen - Lauri Byers
- Supervisor Gioia - Joan Carpenter
- ECAP Emeritus - Bob Taylor, Mayor's Conference
- ECAP Emeritus - Nancy Kaplan
- ECAP Emeritus - Lloyd Bell
- Elections - Sara Brady, Services Manager
- Elections - Sophie Lehman, Services Manager
- Elections - Paul Burgarino, Civic Engagement Specialist
- Elections - Chuck Waters, Processing Supervisor, Warehouse
- Elections - Eren Mendez, Outreach Coordinator
- Elections - Debi Cooper, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
- Elections - Joe Canciamilla, County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters

## **Purpose and Organization of the Group**

This panel will interactively provide feedback and suggestions for planning and conduction elections and civic engagement, with membership representing political, cultural, and demographic diversity of the County.

## **Review Group History**

The Elections Citizens Advisory Panel was originally created to be a sounding board for former County Clerk Steve Weir. Two former Grand Jury members from each supervisorial district served on the panel.

## **Open Mike/Group Discussion/Feedback**

When Joe came into office in 2013, he was “shocked at the primitive nature of elections, and limited ability to change procedures and systems; by the Secretary of State, the legislature, the County, and economics.” Joe was one of the few registrars to oppose SB450, which creates vote centers but requires the existing system to remain intact. A hybrid system is so expensive and nothing has been learned from the Colorado model. We need to figure out how to cross borders, create partnerships and help voters be more confident in the system:

- More accurate voter education – What are the laws? Who gets to vote?
- More translators at certain polling places; predominately Spanish
- Contra Costa is now required to be trilingual (English/Spanish/Chinese)
  - Layout and design of publications and processes are affected
- Chamber of Commerce has access to different focus organizations, etc.
- Ballot Drop Box Vote ‘N Go
  - Staffed vs. unstaffed locations
  - 24-hour locations
  - Libraries
- Regional Early Voting Centers
- Services and voting opportunities at hospitals, convalescent hospitals, jails, assisted living complexes
- Website redesign – Please look at the website (including friends and family) and provide ideas and feedback. Ideally, this would be from those who have gone to the website looking for something they couldn’t find, or from those who know nothing about elections
- News aggregators – yahoo news, google news – new media outlets
- Is there an opportunity for text notification sign-ups on website?

## **Issues or Topics for Future Meetings**

We are looking for discussion and feedback items from you and your constituencies; please forward any potential items/suggestions/concerns to Melissa at [melissa.hickok@cr.cccounty.us](mailto:melissa.hickok@cr.cccounty.us).

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm