

## Language Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Summary 01/31/2018

### Introduction:

- Whitney welcomed everyone and called the fifth LAAC meeting to order
- Michael had a previous meeting re-cap with no input from the members
- LAAC emails ([LAACinfo@saccounty.net](mailto:LAACinfo@saccounty.net)) will be monitored by Mike and Whitney

### Questions/Comments:

- Discussed that our state languages have changed
  - Punjabi and Hmong are the two languages that are now added
  - Japanese and Hindi are the two languages we are losing
- Members suggested that reaching out to faith communities and organizations would be good outreach opportunities to let these four languages know the changes being made
  - APAPA would be a great organization to utilize because they can help reach out to the language groups we are gaining and losing
- It was discussed that Punjabi is the correct spelling for our office to use (rather than Panjabi)
- Our office is in need of people who speak different languages to help look over the glossary after it is translated (Hmong, Korean, Vietnamese, etc.)
- Our first Language Workshop will be on March 6th and it would be helpful to have members of the LAAC present at the workshops:
  - Open to the public
  - Specific language assistance available on specific days
  - A map of the vote centers and a video will be shown about vote centers
  - Overview and demo of new voting equipment
  - Flyers and other information to be passed out
- Discussed the direct mailer that will be mailed out to all registered voters
  - Second direct mailer we want feedback on before mailing it out
- Members had several ideas to consider regarding the posters/flyers
  - Hands up in the air in different colors instead of the buildings
  - Recommendations on wording and layout

### Future Agenda Topics:

- Find out if anyone has contacts or can volunteer themselves to help proof the glossary in other languages
- Also we need any assistance for the language workshops
- Complete the \$100,000 worksheet to implement the Voters Choice Act
- Members input on the second direct mailer to registered voters

### Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM, VRE Training Room