

Language Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Summary 10/25/2017

Introduction:

- Hang welcomed everyone and called the third LAAC meeting to order
- Announcement of Hang's maternity leave beginning Nov 9th, and the introduction of Mike and Whitney who will be chairing the LAAC during her absence
- LAAC emails (LAACinfo@saccounty.net) will be monitored by Mike and Whitney
- Introduction of attendees and swearing in of present committee members
- Goals read by Mike
- Recap of August 17th meeting
- LAAC Vote Center PowerPoint Presentation

Questions/Comments:

- Members raised several questions and good ideas to consider:
 - Will drop boxes be near vote centers?
 - Drop Boxes are not included in the Vote Center count requirements – they are counted separately, 52 and 78 respectively
 - What is the ethnic breakdown of the 36% that are Polling Place voters?
 - How do we reach and engage the Elderly?
 - Do we have audio translators?
 - Suggestion of reaching out to CA Endowment for audio equipment
- SOS is currently working on translating all materials into 9 languages that can be customized and localized
 - Committee to review translated materials and encouraged to provide any additional translations
- Follow-up needed:
 - Social media ideas
 - Members were invited to submit hashtag ideas to the LAAC email
 - Members to review and share the EAP Discussion document, and were encouraged to provide feedback
 - Members to review LAAC page and offer feedback on resources
 - Vote Center location ideas
 - Community Resources – ESL, Casa Español, Adult Ed, KP International, APAPA, Galt, Gurdwara – Elk Grove and Gerber area, citizenship classes
 - Searching for ethnic media outlets to educate and promote the VCA

Future Agenda Topics:

- Language Workshops
 - Ideas on location, content (consistent message), frequency and timeframe

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 29th, 6:00 PM, VRE Training Room