

Summary of Comments on Napa County Draft Election Administration Plan – Last Updated 10/08/2020

Number: 1 Author: Jason Connor & Fred Nisen Subject: Letter Date: 9/25/2020

Vote Center Accessibility

Napa County should explain in its EAP Addendum the fact that vote centers will be physically accessible to voters with disabilities. Given the elimination of Napa County's 10-day vote center, voters with disabilities must be assured that all four-day vote centers and pop-up vote centers open during that time will be accessible, as required under section 4005(a)(4)(C)-(D) of the Voter's Choice Act (VCA).

Action & Response: Reviewed – No changes were made to the 2019 EAP requirement for accessibility at all vote centers, including the two new locations which have been inspected. We do not feel the addendum needs to be modified.

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Drop Box Locations and Accessibility

DRC encourages Napa County to discuss the locations of drop-boxes and—to the extent locations have changes—confirm your consideration of the 15 factors listed under section 4005(a)(10)(B) of the VCA (particularly the “proximity” factors). The VCA also requires that ballot drop-boxes be physically accessible to voters with disabilities. (See Elec. Code § 4005(a)(1)(B).) Please confirm this fact in your EAP Addendum.

Action & Response: Reviewed – No changes were made to the 2019 EAP requirement for accessibility at all official ballot drop boxes of which there are no new locations. We do not feel the addendum needs to be modified.

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Curbside Voting

The EAP Addendum should include a discussion on the availability of curbside voting—especially given the inevitable challenges social distancing will impose on vote center occupancy. Curbside voting is an important and reasonable accommodation for voters who cannot or have difficulty physically accessing vote centers (even those that are accessible). In addition, curbside voting will be important for voters who have recently tested positive for COVID-19 or are in a vulnerable population to ensure that they can get the vote center services they need without getting out of their car and going into the vote center. DRC therefore encourages Napa County to add a brief description about the availability of curbside voting at each vote center. This should include notice of any COVID-19 precautions (e.g., workers' duty to bring hand sanitizer to curbside voters) that might affect curbside voting.

Action & Response: Reviewed – The adopted 2019 EAP covers the topic of curbside voting. We do not feel the addendum needs to be modified.

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RAVBM Discussion and Clarification on its Expansion

The EAP Addendum briefly mentions RAVBM in reference to ballot replacement. Please expand on this discussion and explain RAVBM in more detail to voters—ideally, what RAVBM is, who is eligible for RAVBM, and how to request and/or access, use, and return a RAVBM ballot. We are attaching information of what voters, especially those with disabilities, need to have regarding RAVBM. If you cannot put it in the EAP Addendum, you should post it on your website and include a link to that post in the revised EAP Addendum. You should also clarify that AB 860—not Napa County's need to “accommodate [replacement ballot] requests”—expands access to RAVBM to all voters for this election. (See Elec. Code § 3016.7.) As written, it can be read as you are violating state law by allowing all voters to use RAVBM even though, in reality, you are complying with AB 860.

Action & Response: Reviewed – The adopted 2019 EAP covers the topic of RAVBM. We do not feel the addendum needs to be modified.

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Discussion on Community Outreach and Workshops

DRC urges you to include a discussion of Napa County's education and outreach plan for the language and disability communities. The VCA requires that your EAP Addendum include "[a] description of how the county elections official will educate and communicate" both the language and disability communities. (Elec. Code § 4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(VI)(ia) & (ib).) At minimum, you should provide the date(s), time(s) and agenda(s) for the required language and accessibility workshops. (See id.)

Thank you for your willingness to be responsive to community and outside input. We appreciate the open line of communication we maintain with you and your staff. Please contact us with questions or comments at any time.

Action & Response: Accepted – Supplement added to Addendum

Napa County has used our community partners and our website to encourage participation in the EAP process by underserved communities.

A VAAC meeting was held via Zoom on September 24, 2020 at 4:15 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Introductions**
- II. Registrar of Voters to discuss November 3, 2020 Addendum**
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A LAAC meeting was held via Zoom on September 24, 2020 at 4:45 p.m.

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- IV. Language outreach advertising**