



## Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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To: VSAP Advisory Committee  
RR/CC Internal VSAP Team

From: Monica Flores

Re: **VSAP Advisory Committee Meeting- May 26, 2011 Notes**

### Summary

The Voting Systems Assessment Project Advisory Committee met for their third meeting on May 26, 2011, from 2-4pm. The meeting was held at the NALEO Educational Fund Conference room in Los Angeles.

During this meeting, committee members continued to define guiding principles for Los Angeles County's new voting system.

### Meeting Notes

#### Welcome and Introductions

The start of the meeting was delayed until 2:20 to allow for members to arrive, as the meeting was held at this location for the first time. Committee Chair, Virginia Mosqueda, welcomed members to the meeting and introduced Dean Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to make some announcements.

Dean announced that on May 5, 2011 the US Election Assistance Commission held a roundtable discussion regarding the lifecycle of voting systems. The roundtable was streamed online and is available for viewing on the EAC website. He pointed out that the issues discussed were very relevant to the VSAP and suggested members watch the video. Members received a handout which listed the questions addressed in the roundtable as well as the list of those who were present at the discussion. The handout also included the link for the video archive which is <http://www.yorkmedia.com/eac/webcasts.htm>

#### Meeting Notes Review and Approval

Monica Flores, Advisory Committee Coordinator, reviewed the committee charter, including mission, goals, and function with the group. Chair, Virginia Mosqueda, asked if there was a motion to adopt the charter to which members responded and approved the document. Monica then read over the engagement agreements, which were also moved for adoption and approved by the committee.

## Voting System Principles Exercise and Discussion

Committee members continued the discussion, which they began at the previous meeting, regarding their responses to the Voting System Principles Survey completed in May. Committee Chair, Virginia Mosqueda, led the discussion. Members went through the survey questions/responses not discussed in the previous meeting.

As members reviewed the responses, they continued to define the following principles: “addressing diversity”, “offering a range of choices for methods of voting”, “guaranteeing a private and independent vote”, and “ease of use” for voters and pollworkers. Members decided to keep each one of these principles, and did not eliminate or consolidate any of them. Comments and edits were all in regards to the wording and clarifying terms.

Some conclusions that resulted from the discussion and should be considered in the drafting of principles are 1) younger generations prioritize different values than do older voters, in particular when discussing privacy and how it is prioritized amongst other values 2) language in principles document should ensure voting system principles, such as “ease of use,” apply all voters but emphasize the inclusion of voters with disabilities and voters with limited English proficiency.

Members also discussed the rating of these principles. After discussion, members decided they do not want to rate principles at this point as they are all important and their value is not linear. They decided that as we start evaluating voting systems we can start evaluating and rating principles.

## Defining Principles Next Steps

RR/CC staff will draft a set of principles based on survey responses and meeting discussions. Principles will be distributed to Committee members for comments and edits before the next meeting, with the goal of finalizing and approving them at the June meeting. Staff will also draft a set of operational requirements for the new voting system before the June meeting, which will also be submitted to Committee members for feedback and approval.

## Conclusion

Monica Flores will send committee members proposed meeting dates and times for the next meeting via email.

## **Additional Information**

You can find additional information regarding the VSAP Advisory Committee, including a video archive of this meeting, at [www.lavote.net/voter/vsap](http://www.lavote.net/voter/vsap).