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To: VSAP Advisory Committee
RR/CC Internal VSAP Team

From: Monica Flores

Re: **VSAP Advisory Committee Meeting- June 30, 2011 Notes**

Summary

The Voting Systems Assessment Project Advisory Committee met for their fourth meeting on June 30, 2011, from 2-4pm. The meeting was held at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk office in Norwalk.

During this meeting, committee members continued to draft guiding principles for Los Angeles County's new voting system. The goal of the meeting was to adopt the guiding principles for a new voting system, yet due to the large amount of discussion on the topic and feedback from members, it was decided RR/CC staff would incorporate group edits and the Committee would vote to adopt the document via email.

Meeting Notes

Welcome and Announcements

Committee members were welcomed by Committee Chair, Virginia Mosqueda. She announced that the goal for this meeting is to adopt the voting system principles the group has been working on for the past few months. Ms. Mosqueda introduced Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Mr. Logan also welcomed the group and provided some short announcements. In particular, he announced that Puerto Rico and Oklahoma put out Requests for Proposals for new voting systems. He indicated that he will be following the process closely and invited all Committee members to do the same.

Meeting Notes Review and Approval

Committee Chair, Virginia Mosqueda announced that notes for the May 26th meetings were included in handouts provided to members. She asked if there was a motion to approve the notes. Member, Juana Laur, motioned for the notes to be approved and members approved.

Dean Logan noted that there are some new people in the group and asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves. Members, alternates, and RR/CC staff all introduced themselves providing their name and the name of the organization they are affiliated with.

Voting System Principles

Committee members were presented with a draft of principles for the County's new voting system. The document was drafted by RR/CC staff according to the comments and feedback provided by the Committee via email and during the last couple of Committee meetings.

Led by Committee Chair, Virginia Mosqueda, the Committee went through the principles, focusing on edits made since the initial draft. Members continued making edits to the document as they further defined and clarified the principles. Members focused on ensuring the proper language was used in defining a voting system and formed a definition that members agreed upon.

The Committee also discussed utilizing the proper language in describing communities of interest and ensuring the language does not ignore any particular population. The Committee wanted to make sure that language was broad enough to ensure the needs and preferences of all voters in the County were encompassed in these principles.

As the end time of the meeting approached, Dean suggested RR/CC staff incorporate all the edits into the document and email to the Advisory Committee to then vote via email. Committee members agreed.

2011-2012 Scheduling

Committee Chair Mosqueda asked committee members to review the proposed 2011-2012 meeting schedule that was included in their packet and to email RR/CC Staff, Monica Flores with any major issues regarding the proposed schedule. Confirmed dates will be sent out to the Committee via email.

Roundtable/Open Discussion

Committee Chair Mosqueda initiated the roundtable discussion by asking if members for thoughts or suggestions in addressing members who have not yet attended a meeting, or sent an alternate in their stead. Members suggested RR/CC staff contact these members if no good reason has been provided for missing meetings and allow a couple more meetings before any further steps are taken.

Committee Chair Mosqueda asked if anyone had additional issues to discuss. None were presented.

Conclusion

Committee Chair Mosqueda, and RR/CC Executive Liaison thanked the group for attending the meeting and reminded them that they will receive amended principles via email for their vote and approval.

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.