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To: VSAP Advisory Committee
RR/CC Internal VSAP Team

From: Monica Flores

Re: **VSAP Advisory Committee Meeting- January 27, 2012 Notes**

Summary

The Voting Systems Assessment Project Advisory Committee met for their eighth meeting on Friday, January 27, 2012 from 2-4pm. The meeting was held at the RR/CC Headquarters in Norwalk, CA.

During this meeting, the VSAP Advisory Committee discussed the voting system and regulatory markets, and how those markets may affect the acquisition and implementation of a new voting system for Los Angeles County. VSAP Advisory committee members dialogued with RR/CC staff, and guests from voting system regulatory agencies and non-profits.

Attendees

Judy Alter, Protect California Ballots
Kenneth Bennett, RR/CC
Theresa Devoy, City of Norwalk
Efrain Escobedo, RR/CC
Monica Flores, RR/CC
Carolyn Fowler, Election Protection Board
Maria Garcia, City of Los Angeles
Jaclyn Tilley Hill, Quality and Productivity Commission
Eugene Lee, Asian Pacific American Legal Center
Justin Levitt, Loyola Law School
Dean Logan, RR/CC
Nancy Mahr, League of Women Voters
Tim McNamara, RR/CC
Max Messern, RR/CC
Denis Sarro, RR/CC
Hillary Sklar, Disability Rights California

Meeting Notes

Welcome and Announcements

Dean Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, welcomed and thanked VSAP Advisory Committee members for attending. He invited all guests to introduce themselves. All guests introduced themselves with their names and affiliation.

Meeting Notes Review and Approval

Dean Logan asked for a motion to approve meeting notes for the VSAP Advisory Committee meetings held on September 28, 2011 and November 4, 2011. Carolyn Fowler moved to approve both sets of notes. Justin Levitt second the motion. Both sets of notes were approved.

Open Design Search

Dean Logan introduced Monica Flores and Max Messern to present on the VSAP's Open Design Search.

Monica and Max presented the three components of the Open Design Search: 1) Online Open Innovation Challenge, 2) Local Design Workshop, 3) Presentations/Workshop Panels.

The Online Open Innovation Challenge seeks to gather ideas and concepts that may help make voting more accessible. The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation and OpenIDEO invited the RR/CC to partner with them in hosting this challenge. The Challenge was launched on January 24th and tentatively ends March 22nd. Monica and Max announced that those dates are currently being reviewed by Challenge partners and might change.

The idea of a Local Design Workshop is still being flushed out; details will follow within the next couple of months. The team is seeking resources to make this design workshop possible.

The VSAP team has been invited to present at various workshops. In February, Dean will be a panelist at the AVTI Accessible Elections Design Workshop in Atlanta, Georgia. In March, Dean will participate in the SXSW "Voting's Viral: Voters, Election Officials and Social Media" panel in Austin, Texas. In March as well, the VSAP Team will be hosting a panel at the Election Verification Network Conference. The panel, "A Tally System to Ensure Voter Trust: Collaborating to Develop Guiding Principles, will provide an opportunity for the discussion and possible adoption of technical principles for the County's future voting system.

Committee members asked that the language in the Open Innovation Challenge be clear that the winning challenge is not necessarily the option LA County will implement

in its jurisdiction. Dean Logan and Efrain Escobedo explained that the language is pretty clear and suggested that Committee members visit the sight and provide feedback.

Efrain Escobedo clarified that the Design Workshops described in the presentation are not confirmed. The RR/CC does not have funding for this event and will only host the event if funding is identified. VSAP staff was informed that the Productivity Investment Funding with the County has funding available and is accepting grant applications.

Advisory Committee members asked to be kept informed about the Challenge dates and any other updates so they may help spread the word through their networks.

Members asked if the OpenIDEO site is accessible. Efrain Escobedo said significant investment was made to launch to increase site accessibility. VSAP team will share the specifics with the VSAP Advisory Committee via email.

Technical Advisory Committee Brainstorm

Efrain Escobedo explained that the VSAP Project Team has been thinking that we need to establish a Technical Advisory Committee in moving forward with the project. He asked Advisory Committee members for their thoughts on the suggestion.

Members agreed that it is absolutely necessary to establish this committee. Members discussed the idea of whether members had to be local or not, the size of the group, and how to suggest members. Member references were asked to be sent via email to the VSAP Project Team.

Members suggested that the Technical Advisory Committee's first meeting be a joint meeting with the VSAP Advisory Committee meeting to ensure both groups agree on respective roles, responsibilities, and expectations.

Open Discussion

Dean Logan announced that the Irvine Foundation held a convening on the future of elections and that the VSAP Project Team will distribute the final report from that convening to Advisory Committee members.

Members asked if the Board of Supervisors or Secretary of State have provided any feedback regarding the VSAP Advisory Committee and its work. Dean informed the group that the Board of Supervisors is comfortable and supportive with the work of the Committee. The group agreed that there needs to be ongoing, constant communication with the Board. They also indicated that it is critical to keep legislators informed.

Members asked for the 2012 calendar of meetings to be sent out.

Members also asked that the team forward the responses to questions that were left unanswered in the last couple of Committee meetings. Dean agreed that at the next meeting we can provide status of SOS, EAC, and answer those pending questions.

Dean said the VSAP Project Team will also send members the new language requirements report.

Conclusion

Dean thanked Advisory Committee members for attending and participating.

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.