



Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) Meeting

July 6, 2020

Agenda

- Important Presidential General Election Dates
- County Election Stats, VBM, VAC and RAVB
- Social Distancing and Voter Accessibility
- Multilingual Virtual Poll Workers (MVP)

Important Dates

Presidential General Election

November 3, 2020

- **Close of Registration:**
October 19, 2020
- **Last Day to Request a Vote by Mail Ballot:**
October 27, 2020
- **Conditional Voter Registration:**
October 20, 2020 to November 3, 2020
- **Election Day:**
November 3, 2020

Presidential General Election

November 3, 2020

Election Stats

Active Registration: 107,136

Inactive Voters: 32,383

All Mail: Countywide

Vote by Mail

All Mail: Countywide

Voting Assistance Center

11 VAC sites open 4 days

Saturday, October 31 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 1 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, November 2 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM)

All voters may request and receive access to RAVBM system. Voters can download and mark their ballot privately and independently using their own assistive technology, print their marked ballot, and mail it to the Elections Office to be counted.

To access RAVBM system email mercedelections@countyofmerced.com, call (209) 385-7541 or fax (209) 385-7387 for help with the Remote Accessible Vote by Mail system

Social Distancing and Voter Accessibility

Accessibility Requirements

Clear Floor Space: 60 inch circle or T Shape

Accessible Hardware: that does not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist

Accessible Signage Height: 48 – 60 inches

New Sanitization and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) Requirement

Sanitization Station: Making sure the station and the items on station are accessible

Social Distancing: Since social distancing requires 6 feet accessibility will not be affected since a 5 feet circle is the minimum required

Signage: More signage will be required this election due to sanitization and social distancing, we will need to keep in mind the accessibility of all signage. We should have courtesy use signage on our accessible machines

Equipment: Use of disposable paper straws for voting

Multilingual Virtual Poll Workers (MVP)

What are MVP's?

- MVP's are iPads equipped with a program that connects voters with interpreters through a video call. There are interpreters for over 240 languages including Spanish, Hmong, Punjabi, and American Sign Language.

How we will we use MVP's?

- The Elections Department will have an MVP at each Voting Assistance Center. In addition, we will also use them in our office year-round to assist any voter who may need language services that our staff cannot provide.



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