San Joaquin County Election Advisory Committee Minutes

San Joaquin County Administration Building, Training Room 146
44 N. San Joaquin St.
Stockton, CA 95202
Monday, August 26, 2024, 6:00 PM

- I. Call to Order 6:02pm
- 1) Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Roll Call Tony Amador, Aimee Rubio, Chrystena Rockett, Christian Santos, John Beckman, Janice Vermeulen, Deputy County Administrator Josh Branco, Olivia Hale, Registrar of Voters, Eric Diaz, Asst. Registrar and Nicole Goehring, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Ding

Chairman Amador called a moment of silence in memory of Carol Hadley, District 2 Alternate

- II. Approve Minutes
 - 1) Election Advisory Committee Regular Meeting May 23, 2024

The May 23rd minutes will be approved at the December 11th meeting.

- III. Consent Items
- 1) Receive the Amended Plan for Formation Approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 13, 2024 Reviewed and Accepted
- IV. Discussion Items
 - 1) Receive Public Comment from Informal Workgroups

David Robb gave a presentation on voter rolls.

Carla Huehne gave a presentation on a sample in person voting hand count.

Janice Vermeulen gave a presentation on increasing polling locations.

Deputy County Administrator Josh Branco clarified the policy rule adopted by the committee at the September 14, 2023 meeting regarding the role of alternates as follows:

Participation at EAC meetings in the role as alternate when the primary EAC member is present: 1. The alternate shall have no voting rights at the EAC meetings. 2. The alternate may provide comments and/or participate in discussions related to agendized items as facilitated by the EAC Chair ("Chair"). 3. The alternate may participate in public comment if compelled to do so.

2) Receive an Update from the Registrar of Voters on the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election in San Joaquin County – received

Link to presentation

V. Public Comment

Molly Watkins – Spoke about the issues with the 36 TB flash drive that was given to the committee to view the 25 drop boxes during the 2024 Primary Election; questioned the source of the grant money for the cameras for the 2024 General Election and promoted in person voting on election day

Cynthia Cuevas – In person voting volunteers were not trained and recommended a written procedure per scenario so people are comfortable working the polls; voter roll churning is concerning – how to ensure accuracy?

David Robb – Regarding the voter rolls, there were 3,600 legitimate addresses that were vacant lots

VI. Registrar of Voters Comments

The ROV is working hard to address the public's concerns and improve the processes from the Primary for the General Election. The Sheriff is responsive to voter's concerns. Please report your concerns to the Sheriff. Earth Cam cameras will be used for the Drop Boxes in the General Election.

VII. Committee Comments

Christian Santos – Can we agendize for December voter roll churning and the switching of political preferences

John Beckman – In person voting is ripe for fraud with the inability to check ID and no signature verification

VIII. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held December 12, 2004

IX. Adjournment until the next meeting in December 2024 as identified by the Election Advisory Committee in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan for the Election Advisory Committee.