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| 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS | D. FORDERER | |
| <i>This item is for members of the public only to provide comments and/or present information to the Council on matters not on the agenda. Each person will be afforded up to three minutes to speak. Written requests, if any, will be considered first. The Council will provide a public comment period, not to exceed a total of seven minutes, for public comment prior to action on each agenda item.</i> | | |
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SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2016

Members Present

David Forderer (Chair, SA)
Robert Taylor (SA)
Kerstin Williams (SA)
Rebecca Donabed (SA)
Charles Nutt (SA)
Kecia Weller (SA)
Steven Kapp (SA)
Sandra Aldana (SA)

Members Absent

Jenny Yang (SA)

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Angela Lewis
David's attendant
Mary Agnes Nolan
Vance Taylor
Chris Johnson
Carlyn Meshack
Jay Litton (SA)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember David Forderer (SA) called the meeting to order at 1:01p.m.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present introduced themselves.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5. APPROVAL OF MAY 25, 2016 MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Rebecca Donabed (SA)/ Charles Nutt (SA)) and carried to approve the May 25, 2016 SAAC meeting minutes as submitted. Council members David Forderer (SA), Rebecca Donabed (SA) and Charles Nutt (SA) and Kerstin Williams (SA) voted 'Aye'. Council members Steven Kapp (SA), Robert Taylor (SA) and Kecia Weller abstained.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

6. MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Taylor (SA) gave an update on the two fires in his area that were out of control and advised that the North Coast Regional Advisory Committee will be in Fort Bragg.

Councilmember Donabed (SA) advised that she has helped with training of mental health workers and law enforcement in Tulare County on what to do in crisis situations and how to interact with individuals receiving mental health services.

Councilmember Forderer (SA) talked about the opportunity he had to go to the town hall meetings with Executive Director Carruthers regarding the consolidation of the Silicon Valley/Monterey Bay office and the Central Coast office. Councilmember Forderer (SA) let people know who he is and advised he is doing his best to represent them. There were 7 meetings in 7 counties over 3 days.

Councilmember Kapp (SA) discussed an article in the LA Times about actors with disabilities being extremely under portrayed. Only 5% of the time they are actually actors with a disability. The information will be passed onto the Employment First Committee Chair.

7. VOTING EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION

Councilmember Taylor (SA) led the discussion on Voting Equipment. Members reviewed the handouts in the packet. One was the AIDD Fact Sheet for the Help America Vote Act and another was produced by U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division on Solutions for Five Common ADA Access Problems at polling Places. Councilmember Taylor (SA) provided a statement that his presentation is non-partisan and focused on how to help people to vote and so people know how to make it accessible to all. Members were encouraged to share the information to make the polling equipment more accessible to others.

8. Cal OES UPDATE

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Councilmember Forderer (SA) and Vance Taylor, Chief of Office of Access and Functional Needs with the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) gave an update on what has taken place since they last met on May 16, 2016. The purpose of the group is to develop guidelines for First Responders on how to recognize and work with people with developmental disabilities during active shooter situations. The draft work product is almost completed; they are waiting on the draft curriculum before it will be heavily distributed in the next 3 or 4 weeks for feedback. SAAC members will be included and if they have questions they can contact Mr. Taylor who provided his contact info. (Vance Taylor, Chief, office of Access and Functional Needs, 916-845-8202 vance.taylor@caloes.ca.gov)

9. SSAN REPORT

Councilmember Forderer (SA) and Councilmember Nutt (SA) reported on the June 8-9, 2016 SSAN meeting. The report is on page 14 of the packet and the next SSAN meeting will be on September 7-8, 2016.

10. EMPLOYMENT FIRST COMMITTEE REPORT

Members were referred to the Council packet for the EFC minutes.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilmember Nutt (SA) explained there hasn't been a meeting since April 2016 and next meeting is on August 16, 2016.

12. REVIEW OF COUNCIL PACKET

Executive Director Carruthers reviewed the Council Packet with committee members.

13. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Topics discussed for the next meeting include a possible training by Stuart Haskins with Get Safe, Further Guidance from Vance Taylor on the Active Shooter Project and additional information on Voting. Members are to email Councilmember Forderer (SA) or staff by September 1, 2016 if they have topics that can be considered for the next meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

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Voters with Disabilities

July 2016, Pub. #5412.01

More than 35 million Americans with disabilities are eligible to vote. But only 15 million do vote. That means 20 million people with disabilities are ***not*** voting. Their votes could have a big impact on who is elected and on policies that affect people with disabilities. Some elections are very close. Every vote counts.

Your vote decides who will be in office. Voting is your chance to tell elected officials what issues and projects matter to you. Your vote counts! Your vote is important!

This booklet will tell you about:

- Laws that Protect Voters with Disabilities
- How to Register to Vote
- Voting Materials to Help You Vote
- How to Vote
- What Disability Rights California can do to Help You

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Federal and State Laws that Protect Voters with Disabilities

You have the right to vote in an accessible place. You also have the right to a secret and easy-to-use way to vote. Federal laws and California laws protect your right to vote.

Federal Laws

The federal laws that protect voters with disabilities are:

Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

HAVA, the Help America Vote Act of 2002, sets the rules for voting systems in federal elections. These rules include making sure voting systems are accessible for voters with disabilities. **Accessible** means that the voting system is easy to use privately and independently.

HAVA says:

- By January 1, 2006, every precinct must have at least one voting machine or system that is accessible to voters with disabilities. This includes blind and low vision voters.
- Each voter must be able to vote secretly and by him/herself.
- State and local governments can get grant money to help make polling places accessible.
- Elections officials and poll workers will be trained to help voters with disabilities.

42 USC § 15301, et seq.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990

The ADA is a law that says employers, state and local governments, and public places cannot discriminate against you because of your disability.

You must be able to register and vote. Your county must have polling places that are accessible to you. Accessible polling places means the parking, paths to the polling place, entrances, exits and voting areas are easy for you to use.

42 USC § 12101, et seq.

National Voter Registration Act (NVRA or “Motor Voter Act”) of 1993

The NVRA makes it easier for you to register to vote because you can register at:

- Any state office that provides public assistance
- Any state-funded program that serves people with disabilities

These agencies all have voter registration forms. And they can help you fill them out and mail them.

42 USC § 1973 (gg), et seq.

Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (VAEHA) of 1984

The VAEHA says that polling places for federal elections must be accessible to you. States must help you register and vote. You must be able to get information by TDD/TTY. If no accessible polling place is available, you must be given another way to vote.

42 USC § 1973 (ee), et seq.

Federal Standards for Electronic Voting Systems

In 2002, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) said all voting systems must be accessible to voters with disabilities.

To learn more about these standards, see: www.fec.gov

California State Laws

The state laws that protect voters with disabilities are:

The California Constitution

The California Constitution says voting must be done in secret.

California Constitution, Art. II § 7

Accessible Voting Technology Act (AVTA) of 2002

The AVTA says blind and low-vision voters have the right to vote without being “helped”.

The law says you must:

- Be able to use, choose, and move data and work the controls of the voting system.
- Have the same access to voting and technology as voters who are not blind or low-vision.
- Have access to at least 1 accessible voting unit at your polling place.

California Elections Code § 19225, et seq.

Proposition 41

Proposition 41 was passed by the voters in 2002. It says that counties can get some money (“matching funds”) from the state when they buy new voting systems. Proposition 41 also sets up the Voting Modernization Board.

California Elections Code § 19230, et seq.

Register to Vote

Who can vote?

You can register to vote if you are:

- A U.S. citizen,
- A California resident,
- At least 18 years old,
- Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction, and
- Not found by a court to be "Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity," "Incompetent to Stand Trial," a "Mentally Disordered Sex Offender," or a "Mentally Disordered Prisoner." In addition, some other individuals on conservatorship may not be eligible if a court finds that the person cannot express a desire to participate in the voting process and the court specifically takes away the right to vote in the conservatorship papers.

How to register

If you meet these requirements, you can get a voter registration form and fill it out. Return it to your County Elections Office or the Secretary of State. You can mail it for free.

You must put these items on the registration form:

- Your name.
- A mailing address. If you are homeless, put an address where you can get mail. This address could be the post office, a friend or relative's home, a homeless shelter or social service agency.
- A residence address. This information is needed to assign your polling place (where you vote). You can put a street intersection if you are homeless.
- A California driver's license or California ID card number. If you do not have a driver's license or ID, use the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- You must sign the form and swear all the information on it is correct.

You will receive a Voter Notification Card in the mail about 2 weeks after you register. Make sure the information is correct. Let the Elections Office know if something on the card is wrong.

Where to get a registration form

There are many ways to get a registration form.

- Call [1-800-345-VOTE \(8683\)](tel:1-800-345-VOTE) (voice or TDD/TTY). Ask them to mail you a form.
- Contact your County Elections Office. See page 14.
- Pick up a form at the:
 - Library
 - Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
 - Post Office
 - County Mental Health Agency
 - Disability Rights California office
 - County or City Clerk Offices
 - Regional Center
- Register on-line at the Secretary of State's website: www.sos.ca.gov/ Click on "Voter Registration."
- Download the form from the Secretary of State's website Registertovote.ca.gov. Fill it out and mail it to:

Secretary of State
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

When to register

In California, you must register to vote at least 15 days before Election Day.

Do I have to register again?

You have to register again ***only*** if you:

- Move,
- Change your name,
- Change your political party,
- Got back your right to vote after getting out of prison or getting off parole for a felony, or
- Got back your right to vote after getting off a conservatorship that suspended your right to vote.

Need help with voter registration?

You can get help with voter registration from the Secretary of State's Office, DDS Regional Centers, County Mental Health Agencies, and Disability Rights California. Their contact information is listed below.

Secretary of State's Office

For questions or help with voter registration, call any of these numbers:

English:	1-800-345-VOTE (8683) – voice or TTD/TTY
Spanish:	1-800-232-VOTA (8682)
Chinese:	1-800-339-2857
Vietnamese:	1-800-339-8163
Japanese:	1-800-339-2865
Tagalog:	1-800-339-2957
Korean:	1-866-575-1558

DDS Regional Centers

The law says the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) must give you information and help you with voter registration. DDS has 21 regional centers in California. Your local regional center can help you.

For more information, read:

- Regional Center: Responsibility to Assist Regional Center Clients with Voter Registration
- Voter Registration for Regional Center Clients

You can get these publications from Disability Rights California at:
www.disabilityrightsca.org;

or call Disability Rights California. See page 7 for an office near you.

County Mental Health Agencies

All state-funded programs that serve people with disabilities must have voter registration services. This includes county mental health agencies and state hospitals.

For more information, read:

- "Right to Vote When You are in a Facility or Under a Conservatorship"

You can get this publication from Disability Rights California at:

www.disabilityrightsca.org;

or call Disability Rights California. See below for an office near you.

Disability Rights California Offices

1831 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95811

Phone: 916-504-5800 / Fax: 916-504-5801 / TTY: 800-719-5798

350 S. Bixel Street, Suite 290, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Phone: 213-213-8000 / Fax: 213-213-8001 / TTY: 800-781-4546

1330 Broadway, Suite 500, Oakland, CA 94612

Phone: 510-267-1200 / Fax: 510-267-1201 / TTY: 800-641-0154

1111 Sixth Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92101

Phone: 619-239-7861 / Fax: 619-239-7906 / TTY: 800-576-9569

Voting Materials to Help You Vote

Sample Ballot and California Ballot Pamphlets

About 6 weeks before Election Day, the County Elections Office will mail you a Sample Ballot. This has information about the candidates and issues on the ballot. You will also receive a California Ballot Pamphlet with more information.

If you registered close to the election, (15-29 days before), there may not be time to mail these materials. You will receive a post card in the mail that says you registered. You can get the Ballot Pamphlet at the library or online at:
<http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/pdf/>

What if I have trouble seeing, reading or understanding English?

You can get an audio cassette or compact disc version of the Ballot Pamphlet. It is available for free at the:

- Library
- Braille Institute
- County Elections Office
- Secretary of State's website:
[http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/alt-versions/audio/Secretary of State's Office:](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/alt-versions/audio/Secretary%20of%20State's%20Office)
[1-800-345-VOTE](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/alt-versions/audio/Secretary%20of%20State's%20Office) (8683) (voice or TDD/TTY)

You can also download an audio version directly from the Secretary of State's Office website:

-<http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio/>

Non-English Ballot Pamphlets

You can get ballot pamphlets in languages other than English. Contact your County Elections Office to ask what languages your county has.

California ballot pamphlets are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tagalog and Vietnamese. You can get these ballots online at:
<http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>

Easy Voter Guide

You can also get an ***Easy Voter Guide***. This booklet gives you clear and easy-to-read information about your California ballot and voting. It is available in English, other languages, on tape and in large print.

The Easy Voter Guide has:

- Statements from each political party
- Statements and pictures of candidates
- Explanations of ballot measures (Propositions)
- Information about registering and voting

To get the ***Easy Voter Guide***:

- Download the Guide at www.easyvoter.org. It is screen reader-friendly.
- Pick up a free copy at the library.
- Contact your County Elections Office.
- You can also get the Guide on audiotape or in large print. Contact:

Easy Voter Guide

League of Women Voters of California

801 12th Street, Suite 220

Tel: 916-442-7215 (voice only, no TDD/TTY)

How to Vote

Where do I vote?

You vote at your polling place. It is open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Election Day. Check your Sample Ballot or the postcard mailed to you saying you registered. This will tell you where to vote.

Is my polling place accessible?

Maybe. Look for the blue wheelchair symbol on the back page of your Sample Ballot. If there is a blue wheelchair symbol, then your polling place should be ***accessible***.

By law, each state must have guidelines about accessible polling places. You can find a checklist for polling places prepared by the U. S. Department of Justice at:

www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/votingck.htm

The Secretary of State has a ***Polling Place Accessibility Checklist*** for California. Download the checklist from:

<http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/additional-elections-information/publications-and-resources/polling-place-accessibility-guidelines/polling-place-accessibility-checklist/>

or, ask the Secretary of State's Office to mail you a copy:

1-800-345-VOTE (8683) – voice or TDD/TTY

Accessible polling places have:

- Marked accessible parking near the entrance
- A clear path from the parking area to the polling place
- Doors that are wide and easy to open
- Election materials and signs in large print
- Poll workers to help you and answer your questions

If your polling place is not accessible or you cannot get to the polling place, you can:

- Vote by Absentee Ballot before the election.
- Ask to vote at an accessible polling place near you.
- Use "Curbside Voting". If you cannot come into the polling place, a poll worker will bring a ballot to you at the curb or in your car.
- Call your County Elections Office or Disability Rights California if you have questions.

In the Voting Booth

Even if your polling place is accessible, your voting system may not be. Every polling place must have at least one accessible voting machine.

You have the right to a secret and easy-to-use way to vote. Most polling places will have these items to help you:

- A tabletop voting booth (for wheelchair access)
- Braille and large print instructions
- A magnifying sheet
- Pictures to help explain the voting system
- A ballot marker that is easy to use

Can other people help me vote?

Yes. You can:

- Choose 1 or 2 people to help you in the voting booth. But, you cannot choose your employer or union official.
- Ask a poll worker to help you. But, they must not influence you, and they cannot tell anyone how you voted.
- Ask a sign language interpreter to help you. You can bring your own interpreter or call the County Elections Office before the election to request an ASL interpreter.

You can also take your service animal to the polling place and into the voting booth.

Vote-By-Mail Ballot

A Vote-By-Mail Ballot lets you vote by mail. But you must apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot at least 7 days **before** the next election. Your Sample Ballot pamphlet has an application. Or you can contact your County Elections Office. See page 14.

Mail your Vote-By-Mail ballot or drop it off at the County Elections Office or at any polling place in the county where you are registered to vote.

If mailed, it must be postmarked on Election Day and arrive no later than three days after the election. If it is late, it cannot be counted. Vote-by-Mail ballots may be dropped off in person until 8 p.m. on Election Day

Do I have to apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot before every election?

Yes, unless you apply for Permanent Vote-By-Mail Status. Permanent Status means a Vote-By-Mail ballot will automatically be sent to you before every election. But if you do not vote in an election, you will be taken off the permanent list. To get back on the list, you must apply again.

To apply for Permanent Status, use the application in your Sample Ballot, or call your County Elections Office.

What if I lose my Vote-By-Mail ballot or forget to mail it on time?

If you lose your Vote-By-Mail ballot, you can vote by Provisional Ballot on Election Day at your polling place. Or request a new one on Election Day, by calling the County Elections Office.

If you did not mail your ballot on time, be sure to fill out all the information on the ballot and the outer envelope. Then, on Election Day you or someone you choose can take it to any polling place in the county where you are registered to vote.

Common Questions

Can Disability Rights California help me?

Yes. HAVA says Disability Rights California must make sure you can exercise your right to vote.

If you feel discriminated against because of your disability, or if you think any of the voting laws were broken, contact Disability Rights California. For Disability Rights California's contact information, see page 7.

What is Provisional Voting?

If the poll worker cannot determine you are properly registered, they will ask you to fill out a "provisional" ballot. Your provisional ballot will be put in a special envelope in the ballot box. Later, the County Elections Office will check your registration and make sure you are eligible to vote. If you are, they will count your vote.

The poll worker will give you a receipt. You can call the phone number on the receipt to see if your vote was counted.

What if I am put in the hospital on or just before Election Day?

You can still vote. Ask for an ***Emergency Absentee*** or ***Hospitalized Voter Ballot***. Call the County Elections Office for an application. Then, send someone to the County Elections Office to pick up your absentee ballot. After you vote, they can return the ballot to the polling place.

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

Give your ballot back to the poll worker. They will give you a new one. You can get up to three ballots. But you cannot get a new ballot if you put the ballot in the ballot box. If you have trouble with the voting equipment, ask a poll worker to help you.

Elections Officials, by County

Alameda

(510) 267-6933

www.acgov.org/

Alpine

(530) 694-2281

www.alpinecounty.ca.gov

Amador

(209) 223-6465

Butte

(800) 538-7761 (Butte only)

(530) 538-6366

<http://clerk-recorder.buttecounty.net>

Calaveras

(209) 754-6376

www.co.calaveras.ca.us/departments/recorder.html

Colusa

(530) 458-0500

www.colusacountyclerk.com

Contra Costa

(925) 335-7800

www.cocovote.us

Del Norte

(707) 464-7216

(707) 465-0383

www.co.del-norte.ca.us

El Dorado

(530) 621-7480

www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/elections

Fresno

(559) 600-8683

www.co.fresno.ca.us

Glenn

(530) 934-6414

www.countyofglenn.net/Elections

Humboldt

(707) 445-7481

www.co.humboldt.ca.us/election

Imperial

(760) 482-4226

www.imperialcounty.net/Election

Inyo

(760) 878-0224

www.countyofinyo.org

Kern

(661) 868-3590

www.co.kern.ca.us/elections/

Kings

(559) 582-3211 Ext. 4401

www.countyofkings.com

Lake

(707) 263-2372

www.co.lake.ca.us

Lassen

(530) 251-8217

<http://clerk.lassencounty.org/registrar.htm>

Los Angeles

1-800-815-2666
(562) 466-1310 (LA only)
www.lavote.net

Madera

(559) 675-7720
www.madera-county.com

Marin

(415) 473-6456
<http://co.marin.ca.us/depts/RV/main/index.cfm>

Mariposa

(209) 966-2007
www.mariposacounty.org

Mendocino

(707) 463-4371
www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr

Merced

(209) 385-7541
www.co.merced.ca.us/elections/index.html

Modoc

(530) 233-6205

Mono

(760) 932-5537
www.monocounty.ca.gov

Monterey

(831) 796-1499
<http://montereycountyelections.us>

Napa

(707) 253-4321
www.co.napa.ca.us/gov/Departments

Nevada

(530) 265-1298

<http://new.mynevadacounty.com/elections>

Orange

(714) 567-7600

www.ocvote.com

Placer

(530) 886-5650

www.placer.ca.gov/recorder/elections.aspx

Plumas

(530) 283-6256

www.countyofplumas.com/clerkrecorder/elections

Riverside

(951) 486-7200

www.voteinfo.net

Sacramento

(916) 875-6451

www.elections.saccounty.net

San Benito

(831) 636-4016

www.sanbenitocountyelections.us

San Bernardino

(909) 387-8300

www.sbcrov.com

San Diego

(800) 696-0136

(858) 565-5800

www.sdvote.com

San Francisco

(415) 554-4375

www.sfgov.org/election

San Joaquin

(209) 468-2885

www.sicrov.org

San Luis Obispo

(805) 781-5228

www.slocounty.ca.gov/clerk

San Mateo

(650) 312-5222

www.shapethefuture.org/voters/default.asp

Santa Barbara

South County: (805) 568-2200

North County: (805) 346-8374

www.sbcvote.com

Santa Clara

(408) 299-8683

www.sccvote.org

Santa Cruz

(831) 454-2060

www.votescount.com

Shasta

(530) 225-5730

www.co.shasta.ca.us/departments/countyclerkregistrarofvoters/index.shtml

Sierra

(530) 289-3295

www.sierracounty.ws

Siskiyou

(530) 842-8084

www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/clerk/elections/elections.htm

Solano

(707) 784-6675

www.solanocounty.com/elections

Sonoma

(707) 565-6800

www.sonoma-county.org/regvoter/index.htm

Stanislaus

(209) 525-5200

<http://stanvote.com>

Sutter

(530) 822-7122

www.sutter.us/doc/government/depts/cr/elections/cr_elections_home

Tehama

(530) 527-8190

www.co.tehema.ca.us

Trinity

(530) 623-1220

www.trinitycounty.org/elections

Tulare

(559) 624-7300

www.tularecoelections.org/

Tuolumne

(209) 533-5570

www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov

Ventura

(805) 654-2781

<http://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections.htm>

Yolo

(530) 666-8133

www.yoloelections.org/

Yuba

(530) 749-7855

<http://elections.co.yuba.ca.us>

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A GUIDE TO VOTING IN CALIFORNIA

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VOTE CALIFORNIA

www.sos.ca.gov

Why vote?

Elections are a critical element of our democracy. Casting a ballot can change the course of our nation, our state, and the communities we live in. Your vote helps elect presidents, our representatives in Congress, our state legislature, city council members, judges, and many others whose decisions have a direct impact on our daily life. Through the ballot box, you also have the power to help create new laws or repeal those you disagree with.

The right to vote has been hard-fought. Women, minorities, and non-landowners were all prohibited from voting earlier in our nation's history. In 1911, women gained the right to vote in California, nine years before women's suffrage was guaranteed in the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Just 50 years ago, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act, landmark federal legislation designed to remove barriers to participation in the electoral process for African Americans, and later, other racial minorities. Our nation's veterans have also ensured that our democratic principles, including the right to vote, are protected.

By registering to vote and casting a ballot on Election Day, you have the power to strengthen our democracy. The California Secretary of State is committed to honoring the legacy of those who have so valiantly fought for our democracy by protecting your right to vote.

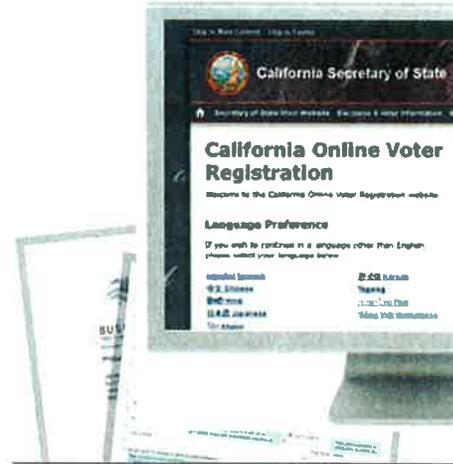
This guide describes many of the rights and responsibilities of voters and provides important information you need in order to vote and have your voice heard.



Can I register to vote?

To register to vote in California, you must be:

- A United States citizen;
- A resident of California;
- 18 years of age or older on Election Day;
- Not currently imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony; and
- Not found by a court to be mentally incompetent.



How do I register to vote?

You can visit RegisterToVote.ca.gov or call the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

Voter registration applications are provided at many places throughout the state:

- County elections offices or city halls
- Public libraries
- Post offices
- Department of Motor Vehicles field offices
- State and county social services offices
- State and county mental health offices
- Department of Rehabilitation offices
- Independent Living Centers
- Department of Developmental Services Regional Centers
- Board of Equalization and Franchise Tax Board district offices
- Armed Forces recruitment offices

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If you have a California identification card or driver license, you must provide the number on your voter registration application. If you do not have one of those two types of identification, provide the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have a social security number, you will be assigned a unique identification number for voting purposes only.

When do I register to vote?

While you may register to vote at any time, in most cases you must be registered to vote at least 15 days before an election day to be eligible to vote in that election.

You must re-register to vote if you move, change your name, or want to choose or change your political party preference. The easiest way to update your registration is online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

How do I choose my political party preference?

You may choose one of California's qualified political parties when you register to vote. Choosing a political party preference ensures that you can vote for that party's candidate in a presidential primary election.

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You may also indicate on your voter registration application that you do not prefer any political party which means you will be registered as a No Party Preference (NPP) voter. In presidential primary elections, some political parties allow NPP voters to help choose their candidates. In all elections, NPP voters may vote for ballot measures and candidates running for voter-nominated, local, and nonpartisan offices.

How do statewide primary and general elections work?

A primary election determines which candidates advance to a general election, held a few months later. State legislative, U.S. congressional, and state constitutional offices are known as voter-nominated offices. In a primary election, all candidates for these voter-nominated offices are listed on one ballot. Any voter may vote for any one candidate in each contest, regardless of party preference. The top-two candidates, regardless of party preference, who receive the most votes in each primary contest move on to the general election. After a top-two primary, a general election must be held even if one candidate receives a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent +1) and even if there is only one candidate in the primary election.

This top-two primary system does not apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committee, or local offices.

Am I registered to vote?

To check your voter registration status, contact your county elections office. To find contact information for your county, visit sos.ca.gov or see page 9 of this guide.

Can I vote by mail?

Yes, any registered voter can vote by mail. You must request a vote-by-mail ballot from your county elections office at least seven days before an election day to be eligible to vote by mail in that election. Fill out the vote-by-mail ballot application in your sample ballot booklet, find one at sos.ca.gov, or contact your county elections office. You may also write out your request including your name and the address where you live, the address where you want to receive your vote-by-mail ballot, your signature, and the name and date of the election in which you want to vote by mail.

To find out if you have already applied to vote by mail, contact your county elections office.

To ensure it arrives by the deadline, vote-by-mail ballots can be returned either:

- **By mail:** Your voted ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office no later than three days after Election Day.
- **In person:** You may deliver your voted ballot to your county elections office or any polling place in your county before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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Can I sign up to permanently vote by mail?

Yes, any registered voter may ask to permanently vote by mail and automatically receive a mailed ballot for every election. You can cancel your permanent vote-by-mail status at any time. Your county elections official will only cancel your permanent vote-by-mail status upon your request or if you do not vote in four consecutive statewide general elections.

How can I register and vote if I am a military or overseas voter?

Registering to Vote:

Military or overseas voters may register to vote using any of the following methods: (1) the Secretary of State's online form at RegisterToVote.ca.gov; (2) the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) Online Assistant at fvap.gov/california; or (3) the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), available at fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fpca2013.pdf. County elections officials will accept FPCAs through the mail, fax, and designated emails.

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Requesting a Ballot:

Even if you are or were registered to vote in your county, in order to receive your election materials and vote when you are absent from your county while serving and/or living overseas, you need to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot by registering online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov or by completing the FPCA at fvap.gov, as detailed above.



Returning a Voted Ballot:

Ballot return information, including method for submission of ballots, for each California county is listed on the Secretary of State's website at sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/. Voted ballots may not be returned by email.

How can I vote when I am away at college?

As a Californian living away from home while attending college, you have the option of registering to vote using your home address or your college address. When registering to vote, you are able to specify the address at which you wish to be registered and you can request a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed to you while attending college.

How do I know what will be on my ballot?

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Voter Information Guide:

Registered voters automatically receive the Secretary of State's Official Voter Information Guide in the mail a few weeks before Election Day. This nonpartisan guide has details about statewide ballot measures, some candidates, and voter rights.

The Secretary of State produces audio and large-print versions of the Official Voter Information Guide for voters who are blind or visually impaired. Guides are provided in 10 languages: English, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. To order any version of these guides free of charge, call the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or visit sos.ca.gov.

Sample Ballot Booklet:

County elections officials mail a sample ballot booklet to each registered voter. This booklet shows what your ballot will look like and includes information about local candidates, local ballot measures, your polling place address, an application for a vote-by-mail ballot, and more. The booklet may also describe how voters with disabilities can vote privately and independently.

How do I vote at a polling place?

Finding Your Polling Place:

When you receive your county sample ballot booklet in the mail prior to each election, your polling place will be listed on the back cover. If you do not receive your sample ballot booklet, contact your county elections office. You can also find your polling place by calling the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683), by visiting sos.ca.gov, or by texting the word "Vote" to GoVote (468-683).

At Your Polling Place:

Polls are open in California from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. At your polling place, you will check in with a poll worker and they will explain the process of casting your ballot. The poll worker will give you a paper ballot, unique passcode, or computer memory card, depending on the voting system your county uses. If you are not familiar with how to mark a ballot or make a mistake on your ballot, ask a poll worker for instructions.

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What if I have a disability or need assistance to vote?

If you need assistance in marking your ballot, you may choose one or two people to help you as long as neither are your employer, your employer's agent, your labor union leader, or your labor union's agent.

Voters with Disabilities:

State and federal laws require polling places to be physically accessible to voters with disabilities. County elections officials inspect each site and often make temporary modifications to polling places for Election Day. Every person who works in a polling place is trained on election laws and the rights of voters with disabilities.

In addition, state and federal laws also require that all voters be able to cast their ballots privately and independently. Each polling place must have one voting machine that allows voters, including those who are blind or visually impaired, to cast a ballot without assistance. The voting machine permits you to verify your vote choices and, if there is an error, allows you to correct those choices before submitting your final ballot.

If curbside voting is available at your polling place, you may get as close as possible to the voting area and an elections official will bring the voting materials to you. Contact your county elections office to determine if curbside voting is available at your polling place.

Language Assistance:

The Secretary of State and county elections offices offer a wide variety of election-related materials and assistance in languages covered under the federal Voting Rights Act. Covered languages may differ by county but can include: Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. Contact your county elections office for more information.



Do I need to show identification when I vote?

In most cases, California voters are not required to show identification before they vote. If you are voting for the first time after registering by mail and did not provide your California identification number, driver license number, or the last four digits of your social security number on your registration application, you may be asked to show a form of identification when you go to the polls. Make sure you bring identification with you to the polls or include a copy of it with your vote-by-mail ballot. For a complete list of the acceptable forms of identification, contact your county elections office or read "Polling Place ID Requirements" at sos.ca.gov/elections/additional-elections-information/help-america-vote-act/.

What if my name is not on the list at the polling place?

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★ If your name is not on the polling place list, you have the right to cast a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot is a regular ballot but is placed in a special envelope. The ballot will be counted after elections officials have confirmed that you are registered to vote in that county and have not already voted in that election. A poll worker can give you information about how to check whether your provisional ballot was counted and, if it was not counted, the reason why.

County Elections Offices

Alameda (510) 272-6933	Madera (559) 675-7720	San Luis Obispo (805) 781-5228
Alpine (530) 694-2281	Marin (415) 473-6456	San Mateo (650) 312-5222
Amador (209) 223-6465	Mariposa (209) 966-2007	Santa Barbara (805) 568-2200
Butte (530) 538-7761	Mendocino (707) 234-6819	Santa Clara (408) 299-8683
Calaveras (209) 754-6376	Merced (209) 385-7541	Santa Cruz (831) 454-2060
Colusa (530) 458-0500	Modoc (530) 233-6205	Shasta (530) 225-5730
Contra Costa (925) 335-7800	Mono (760) 932-5537	Sierra (530) 289-3295
Del Norte (707) 465-0383	Monterey (831) 796-1499	Siskiyou (530) 842-8084
El Dorado (530) 621-7480	Napa (707) 253-4321	Solano (707) 784-6675
Fresno (559) 600-8683	Nevada (530) 265-1298	Sonoma (707) 565-6800
Glenn (530) 934-6414	Orange (714) 567-7600	Stanislaus (209) 525-5200
Humboldt (707) 445-7481	Placer (530) 886-5650	Sutter (530) 822-7122
Imperial (760) 482-4226	Plumas (530) 283-6256	Tehama (530) 527-8190
Inyo (760) 878-0224	Riverside (951) 486-7200	Trinity (530) 623-1220
Kern (661) 868-3590	Sacramento (916) 875-6451	Tulare (559) 624-7300
Kings (559) 582-3211 ext. 4401	San Benito (831) 636-4016	Tuolumne (209) 533-5570
Lake (707) 263-2372	San Bernardino (909) 387-8300	Ventura (805) 654-2781
Lassen (530) 251-8217	San Diego (858) 565-5800	Yolo (530) 666-8133
Los Angeles (562) 466-1310	San Francisco (415) 554-4375	Yuba (530) 749-7855
	San Joaquin (209) 468-2885	

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For more information about voting and elections, call (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or visit www.sos.ca.gov.

TTY/TDD (800) 833-8683

To find your polling place, text the word "Vote" to [GoVote](https://www.sos.ca.gov/GoVote) (468-683).

The Secretary of State provides voter assistance in 10 languages:

English (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

中文 /**Chinese** (800) 339-2857

हिंदी /**Hindi** (888) 345-2692

日本語 /**Japanese** (800) 339-2865

ខ្មែរ /**Khmer** (888) 345-4917

한국어 /**Korean** (866) 575-1558

Español/Spanish (800) 232-VOTA (8682)

Tagalog (800) 339-2957

ภาษาไทย /**Thai** (855) 345-3933

Việt ngữ /**Vietnamese** (800) 339-8163



RegisterToVote.ca.gov

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California Secretary of State Alex Padilla
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Overview of SCDD's Self-Advocates Advisory Committee



Presentation at the 21st Annual Statewide Self Advocacy Conference May 6, 2016

Presented by

David Forderer

Charles Nutt



Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) Overview

- Role of SCDD
- Primary Objective
- Background
- Key Initiatives



The Role of the SCDD or the "Council"

The **State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)** is established by state and federal law to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and supports they need



SCDD Primary Objective SCDD

The Council finds out what Californians with developmental disabilities and their families need to fully participate in their community to achieve:

- Self-determination
- Independence
- Productivity and
- Inclusion

Background: Established by Federal Law & State Law

"The DD Act" "The Lanterman Act"



Developmental Disability Definitions

<p>Federal Definition </p> <p>Starts before age 22 Limitations in 3 of these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-care • Talking to and understanding other people • Learning and remembering • Getting around on your own • Self-direction/making decisions • Living independently • Support yourself and handle money 	<p>California Definition </p> <p>Starts before age 18 Must have a significant disability with 1 of these diagnoses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intellectual disability • Epilepsy (seizures) • Cerebral Palsy • Autism • Condition like intellectual disability that requires treatment and support similar to that needed for persons with intellectual disabilities
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State Councils







- Every state and US territory has a State Council
- They get money from the federal government
- They have a State Plan that says what they will spend their money on
- They focus on empowering individuals through activities that teach self-advocacy skills and support self-determination
- They work on advancing public policy and systems change to help people gain more control over their lives



The Council Believes:



“Californians with developmental disabilities are guaranteed the same full and equal opportunities for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as all Americans.”



(This is the Council Vision Statement)



California State Council on Developmental Disabilities



- The Council has 31 Members
- At least 60% are Self-Advocates and Family Advocates sit on the Council
- Several Self-Advocates chair the committees
- The Council empowers individuals through activities that teach self-advocacy skills and support self-determination
- The Council seeks long-term solutions through systems change to create self-sufficiency, self-determination, inclusion and acceptance

At least 60% of Council Members are Self-Advocates or Family Advocates





Key Initiatives



These things are important to the Council

- Employment First
- Self-Determination
- Legislative Priorities





To Do the Work of the Council We Participate On Committees



The Council Committees

- Primary Committees
- Working Committees



Self-Advocates and Family Advocates
participate on all of them!

Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Members *Advise* the Council regarding policies, programs and any other area affecting self-advocates in California

Mission Statement

"Be a Voice for all Californians with disabilities by promoting State Council participation and peer advocacy that advances independence and inclusion."



SAAC Meetings Include Presentations



Vance Taylor and David Forderer

Self-Advocates on the Council Participate in Conferences and other Events to Represent the Council



NACDD Conference in Nevada, July 21-23, 2015

Pacific Alliance Leadership Academy Seattle, Washington



August 16-20, 2015

Self-Advocates on the Council Meet Important People



Aaron Bishop, AIDD Commissioner from Washington D.C. With Councilmembers Sandra Aldana, Steven Kapp and David Forderer

Self-Advocates on the Council Work with Important People



SAAC Members and L. Vance Taylor, California OES Office of Access and Functional Needs Chief

Self-Advocates and Family Advocates on the Council help get laws passed



Other Primary Committees of the Council



Executive Committee

Council Committee Chairs meet and talk about the recommendations from their meetings to present to the full Council



Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC)

Meets and talks about legislation to make recommendations that affect people with developmental disabilities



SCDD **Employment First Committee (EFC)** **SCDD**

Works on recommendations to help people with developmental disabilities get more opportunities for integrated competitive employment, self employment, and microenterprise



SCDD **Administrative Committee** **SCDD**

 Deals with the Budget 



SCDD **State Plan Committee** **SCDD**

Works on the State Plan Goals and Objectives that change every 5 years



SCDD is Working on a New State Plan for 2017-2021

The new state plan will focus on 6 topics:

1. Self-Advocacy
2. Employment
3. Housing
4. Health and Safety
5. Early Intervention & Education
6. Formal & Informal Community Supports



SCDD **Regional Offices** **SCDD**

California is so large, the SCDD has 13 regional offices throughout the state. The staff at these offices provide information and trainings to carry out the goals in the State Plan.



Some Pictures of Self-Advocates in Action



**Participate in Events
Disability Capitol Action Day**



Working at Information Booths



Being Active in Community Events



Let's Meet the SAAC Members

SELF ADVOCATES!



Councilmember David Forderer



State Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative
Silicon Valley Monterey Office

Councilmember Charles Nutt



State Council on Developmental Disabilities
North State Office

Councilmember Robert Taylor



State Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative
North Coast Office

Councilmember Kirsten Williams



State Council on Developmental Disabilities
North Valley Hills Office Representative

Councilmember Rebecca Donabed



State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Sequoia Office Representative

Councilmember Sandra Aldana



State Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative
Central Coast Office

Councilmember Ning "Jenny" Yang



State Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative
Member at Large

Councilmember Kecia Weller



State Council on Developmental Disabilities Representative
Member at Large

Councilmember Steven Kapp



State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Member at Large



Key Points!



- Self-Advocates and their families will have services and supports
- Know about Employment, Self-Determination, Legislation and other resources
- Get involved with your communities
- Join groups to bring a stronger voice to empower the self advocacy movement in California

Questions



SCDD Regional Offices

- North Coast** (707) 463-4700
Counties Served: Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino
- North State** (530) 895-4027
Counties Served: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Tehama, Colusa, Siskiyou, Scottsby
- Sacramento** (916) 283-3035
Counties Served: Alpine, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yuba, Yuba, Sierra
- North Bay** (707) 648-4073
Counties Served: Butte, Siskiyou, Shasta
- Bay Area** (510) 286-0439
Counties Served: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo
- North Valley Hills** (925) 473-6839
Counties Served: Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne
- Sierra Valley/Monterey Bay** (408) 324-2306
Counties Served: Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz
- Sierra** (530) 222-2436
Counties Served: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Mendocino, Yuba
- Central Coast** (805) 648-0220
Counties Served: San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura
- Los Angeles** (818) 543-4833
County Served: Los Angeles
- Orange** (714) 516-4404
County Served: Orange
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- San Diego Imperial** (619) 688-3322
Counties Served: Imperial, San Diego

