



County of Orange Registrar of Voters

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Community Election Working Group

November 16, 2023





Housekeeping

- Please mute yourself unless speaking or presenting
- Pause for questions
- May submit questions and comments in chat or raise hand



Welcome & Introductions

- Jennifer Hall, Chair
- Bob Page, Registrar of Voters
- Registrar of Voters Staff
- CEW member roll call



Agenda

- Approve minutes of March 1, 2023 CEW meeting
- Recognize New Member
- Open Forum
- Adopt Amended CEW Bylaws



Agenda

- Special Elections Recap
- 2024 Election Preparation
- New Election Laws
- Updates from VAAC and LAAC
- Future Business Items

Approve March 1, 2023 Minutes



Recognize New Member





New CEW Members

- Jeffrey Cardenas
Organizing Director, Democratic Party of Orange County
 - Fills the Democratic Party Seat
 - Term ends 12/31/2024

Note: Youth Representative Seat is vacant



Open Forum



Adopt Amended CEW Bylaws



CEW Bylaws – Amendments

Article II. Organization

Section 2. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected from the general membership (with the exception of representatives of political parties) and shall serve for the period of one year. The term of service for the Chair and Vice Chair shall commence on the first work day in January and terminate on the last work day in December. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair shall be held annually during the ~~last~~ **first** Working Group meeting of each calendar year by majority vote. The Registrar of Voters shall select the Secretary from the Registrar of Voters staff.



CEW Bylaws – Amendments

Article IV. Meetings and Actions

Section 1. Meetings.

Regular meetings will be held two to four times a year. As may be necessary, the Registrar of Voters will call for special meetings to act upon immediate concerns.

- Meetings are to be held at the office of the Registrar of Voters, 1300 S. Grand Avenue, Santa Ana, California; **and/or online using an audio and video conferencing application.**



CEW Bylaws – Amendments

Article IV. Meetings and Actions

Section 2. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in the current edition of ~~Robert's~~ **Rosenberg's** Rules of Order: ~~Newly Revised~~ **Simple Rules of Parliamentary Procedure for the 21st Century** shall govern the working group in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the working group may adopt.

[Link to Rosenberg's Rules of Order](#)



Recommendation

- Adopt amendments to Article II, Section 2 and Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the CEW Bylaws

Special Elections Recap

2023 Anaheim Special Election Recap



- Ballots mailed to 168,944 registered voters
- 20.8% Turnout, 35,057 ballots cast
- 7 Vote Centers (6 in Anaheim & 1 at ROV)
- 13 Ballot Drop Boxes open for 29 days

2023 Santa Ana Recall Election



- Election to recall Councilmember in Ward 3
- Ballots mailed to 26,762 registered voters
- 25.4% Turnout, 6,787 ballots cast so far
- About 230 Ballots Left to Process
- 2 Vote Centers (1 in Ward 3 & 1 at ROV)
- 3 Ballot Drop Boxes open for 29 days

Preparing for the 2024 Elections



Vote Center Hours

- Vote Center hours will remain the same for the 2024 Election cycle
- Changes to Vote Center hours will be considered for the 2025 Election Administration Plan (EAP)





New Ballot Drop Box

- California State University, Fullerton will be 122nd Drop Box

AB 2815 (2022) added Elections Code section 3025.7

Shall have a ballot drop off location at each California State University.

Must request a ballot drop off location at each University of California.

Encouraged for community college campuses.





Vote Centers

- Approximately 183 Vote Centers
 - 37 open for 11 Days
 - 146 open for 4 Days
- Currently assessing and canvassing
- Cities of Need: Brea, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Westminster





Ballot Drop Boxes

- Requirement is 122
- December 8 - Final number of Vote Centers and Drop Boxes determined by voter registration





High School Student Pilot Program

- Provide high school students an opportunity to be civically engaged and learn about the election process.
- Under this pilot program, 100 high school students at the busiest Vote Centers on Election Day.
- Identifying the high schools, school districts of the neighboring 50 Vote Centers identified.





High School Student Pilot Program

Requirements for participation:

- Age 16 or older at the time of the election
- A U.S. citizen or lawfully admitted permanent residence in the U.S. at the time of the election
- In good standing at a public or private institution with a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale



No Party Preference (NPP) Voters

If you are an **NPP** voter, you have 3 options:

- Option 1: If you do not want to vote for any political parties, do nothing and you will receive a nonpartisan ballot
- Option 2: If you want to vote for the **Democratic**, **American Independent**, and **Libertarian** parties, you can select the party ballot at a Vote Center, or to vote by mail, request a ballot at ocvote.gov/npp
- Option 3: If you want to vote for the **Republican**, **Green**, and **Peace and Freedom** parties, you must re-register to vote with that party



No Party Preference (NPP) Voters

- Include information in our County VIG
- Include information on our website
- Email a notice to NPP voters who have provided an email address
- Text a notice to NPP voters who have consented
- Include information in mailing of vote-by-mail ballot
- Print instructions on NPP ballots themselves

Voter Education & Community Outreach Plan



Goal 1: Reach diverse populations through community outreach events

Key Performance Indicators

- 20 large community outreach events (100+ attendees)
- 50 small-medium events (99 or less attendees)

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Goal 2: Increase engagement and participation with newly-eligible voters

Key Performance Indicators

- Pilot High School Student Program
- Voter education at ESL classes for newly eligible citizens



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Goal 3: Collaborate with external stakeholders and community partners

Key Performance Indicators

- Online training for registration drives
- Minimum of 2 CEW meetings per year
- Minimum of 2 CEW LAAC meetings per year
- Minimum of 2 CEW VAAC meetings per year

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Goal 4: Reach underserved communities

Key Performance Indicators

- Partner with community organizations
- Partnerships to promote pop-up events



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Goal 5: Conduct a multi-media campaign

Key Performance Indicators

- Timely and accurate information
- Build trust and transparency
- Improve content accessibility


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New Election Laws





New Election Laws

- **AB 292 (Pellerin)** - *Primary Elections: Ballots*
- **AB 421 (Bryan)** - *Elections: Referendum Measures*
- **AB 545 (Pellerin)** - *Elections: Access for Voters with Disabilities*



New Election Laws

- **AB 626 (Pellerin)** - *Voting: Returning Vote by Mail Ballots in Person*

- **SB 77 (Umberg)** - *Voting: Signature Verification: Notice*

CEW VAAC and CEW LAAC Updates



VAAC Meeting Update

- Election planning discussion
- AB545 & feedback on accessible services
- Pop-Up voting discussion
- Community outreach & education recommendations



LAAC Meeting Update

- Election planning updates
- NPP voter education discussion
- Pop-Up voting discussion
- Community outreach & partnerships



Curbside Voting

- Available at all Vote Centers
- A voter requesting curbside assistance will:
 - Call phone number listed on signage
 - Connect with Vote Center staff who will deliver paper ballot and VBM envelope to voter
 - Complete paper ballot in car or take ballot home



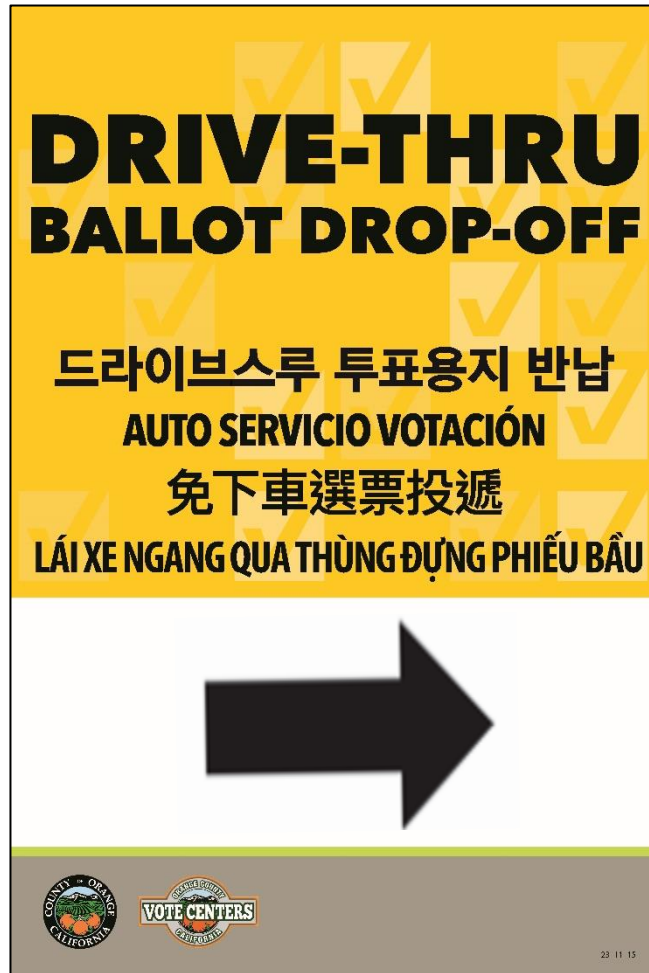
Curbside Voting

- “Tested” curbside voting process using a ballot marking device during the 2023 City of Anaheim Special Election
- 3 voters scheduled to test curbside ballot marking device
- 30 minutes to deliver ballot marking device to voter





Vote Center Signage



- Expanded translations
- Visible placement



Pop-Up Voting Strategy

5 Pop-Up locations for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election





Pop-Up Voting Strategy

- Selection of pop-up voting locations based on:
 - Accessibility
 - Geographic coverage
 - Needs of the community
 - Partnerships with community-based organizations





Pop-Up Voting Strategy

Considerations for Pop-Up voting events:

- Community groups that can help promote the event?
- Active locations
- Locations accommodate a footprint of 70 feet x 18 feet of accessible space for operations?



Future Business Items



Next Meeting Date

- TBD





**THANK
YOU!**

