

Purpose and Responsibilities of the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

The Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Sutter County Registrar of Voters and shall do all of the following:

- 1) Establish guidelines for reaching as many voters with disabilities as practical.
- 2) Make recommendations for improving the availability and accessibility of election materials, including, but not limited to, sample ballots, voter information pamphlets, and vote-by-mail ballots, and their delivery in print or alternative formats to voters with disabilities.
- 3) Increase the distribution of public service announcements identifying the availability of election materials for voters with disabilities at least 45 days before any federal, state, and local election.
- 4) Make recommendations for improving the accessibility of election materials made available on Internet Web sites that are in compliance with the most current, ratified standards under Section 508 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 794d), as amended, and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 adopted by the World Wide Web Consortium for accessibility.
- 5) Promote the Secretary of State's toll-free voter registration telephone line for citizens needing voter registration information, including information for individuals with disabilities, and the California State Library and regional library services for individuals who are unable to read conventional print due to a visual, intellectual, learning, physical, or any other disability.
- 6) Make recommendations for providing voters with disabilities the same access and participation as is provided to other voters who are not disabled, including the ability to vote privately and independently.
- 7) Establish subcommittees to further the scope and purposes of the committee as they relate to improving voter services and access for individuals with disabilities, including, but not limited to, visually impaired voters and deaf or hard of hearing voters.
- 8) Promote the use of plain language and alternative formats for election materials.
- 9) Make recommendations for materials to train poll workers on issues related to serving voters with disabilities and providing accessible voting locations.