

County of Orange Registrar of Voters



Community Election Working Group

May 14, 2025





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



- Theresa Bass, Chair
- Bob Page, Registrar of Voters
- Registrar of Voters Staff
- CEW member roll call





- Approve minutes of January 29, 2025 CEW meeting
- Welcome New Members
- Open Forum
- 2025 Special Elections
- Tracking Vote Center Accessibility Accommodations



- Voter Education and Outreach Program
- 2025 Election Administration Plan Review/Update
- Updates from VAAC and LAAC
- Future Business Items

Approve January 29, 2025 Minutes

Welcome New Members



New CEW Members

- BreeAnna Adner
 - Disability Community
 - Term ends 12/31/2025
- Beck Levin
 - Disability Community
 - Term ends 12/31/2026



- Asian Community
- Vote Center Customer Service Representative

Actively engaging and recruiting.

Open Forum

2025 Special Elections

36th Senate District Special Election



- Special election held on Tuesday, February 25 in the 36th Senate District to fill the vacancy of the office of State Senator
- 152,422 ballots counted of out 595,422 registered voters
 - 25.6% turnout
- Registrar of Voters Bob Page certified the official Orange County results on March 6, 2025.





- Special election held on April 15 to fill a vacancy for one Member of the Council - District 5 short term (through December 6, 2026) in the City of Irvine
- 8,003 ballots counted out of 28,949 registered voters
 - 27.6% turnout
- Official Canvass completed April 30, 2025
- City Council declared winner on May 2, 2025





City of Huntington Beach Special Municipal Election

- Proposed amendments to the Huntington Beach Municipal Code
- Measure A Community Parent Review Board
- Measure B Public Operation of Library
- More information at <u>https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/city</u> <u>clerk/index.php</u>
- About 136,000 registered voters





- In-person voting begins Saturday, May 31 at select Vote Centers until Tuesday, June 10.
- 5 Vote Centers
 - 3 11-Day Vote Centers open 5/31/2025
 - 2 4-Day Vote Centers open 6/7/2025
- 9 Ballot Drop Boxes opened May 12
- 1 Staffed Ballot Drop-off location



Newport-Mesa USD Special Election

- Special election to be held on Tuesday, June 10 to fill a vacancy for the Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 5, Short Term (through December 2026)
- About 19,000 registered voters



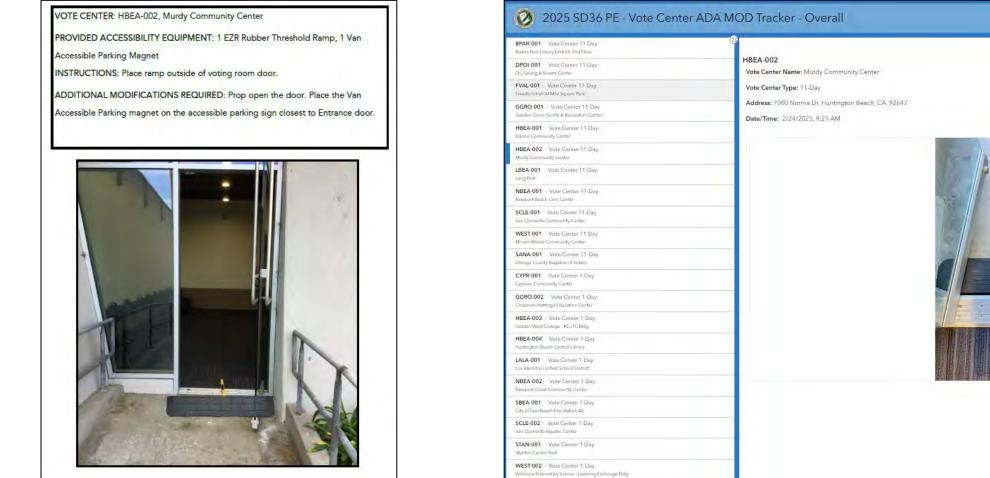


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Vote Center Accessibility Tracking

Vote Center ADA Application





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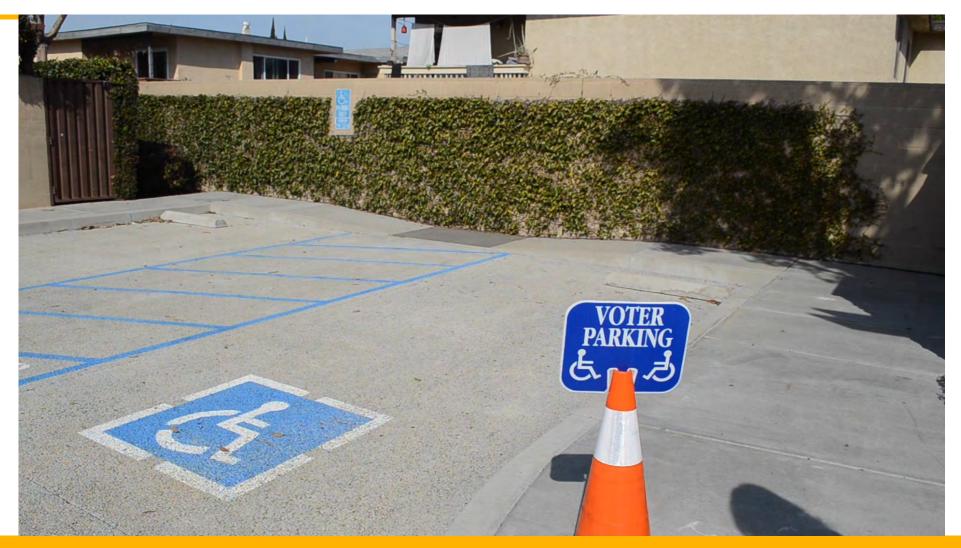


Photos taken using the Vote Center phone and submitted for review

- Confirms all required ADA modifications have been placed as recommended by surveyors
- Staff review and provide guidance to meet ADA and Polling Place Accessibility Guidelines
- Temporary modifications ensure all voters have access to voting locations

Vote Center ADA Demonstration





Voter Education and Outreach

2025 Voter Education and Outreach Events



- Participated in 20+ events
 - Events included:
 - Naturalization Ceremonies
 - Speaking Engagements
 - Fairs
 - Ballot Processing Tours
 - High School Voter Education Weeks



2025 Voter Education and Outreach Events



Naturalization Ceremonies

- Attended three
 Ceremonies
- Provided over 1800
 registration affidavits
- Received over 100 new registrations



2025 Voter Education and Outreach Events



- Working on our summer calendar
- Currently looking for cost-free opportunities



2025 Election Administration Plan Review

EAP Visioning Workshop Recap



EAP Visioning Workshop Recap

- Optimizing Voting Hours
- Improving Voter Accessibility
- Addressing Staffing Gaps
- Improve Voter Experience
- Clarify Security Measures
- Enhancing Mobile Voting Access
- Clarifying Language & Terminology
- Evaluate Election Cost



EAP Visioning Workshop Recap

- Accessibility of materials whether digitally or in hard copies
- Ensure all voters can easily participate and feel supported
- Consider utilizing non-emergency
 transportation program for voters
- Simplify language and increase translations
- Include clear images with descriptions
- Website accessibility





EAP Update Community Outreach

What is the Election Administration Plan?



- Provides the guiding outline to implement the Voter's Choice Act model of voting in Orange County
- A collaborative effort between Registrar of Voters and the community
- Ensures efficient and transparent election operations
- The 2021-2025 EAP was created using consultation from the public and can be viewed at: <u>ocvote.gov/eap</u>

What's in the Election Administration Plan?



- Vote Centers and Ballot Drop Boxes
- Voter Education and Outreach Plan
- Language and Accessibility Services
- Security and Contingency Plan

Plan for Public Feedback



- One-on-One interview meetings
- 12 community workshops
- VAAC & LAAC consultation meetings
- Public review of draft & revised EAP Plan
- Public Hearing
- Public feedback through website

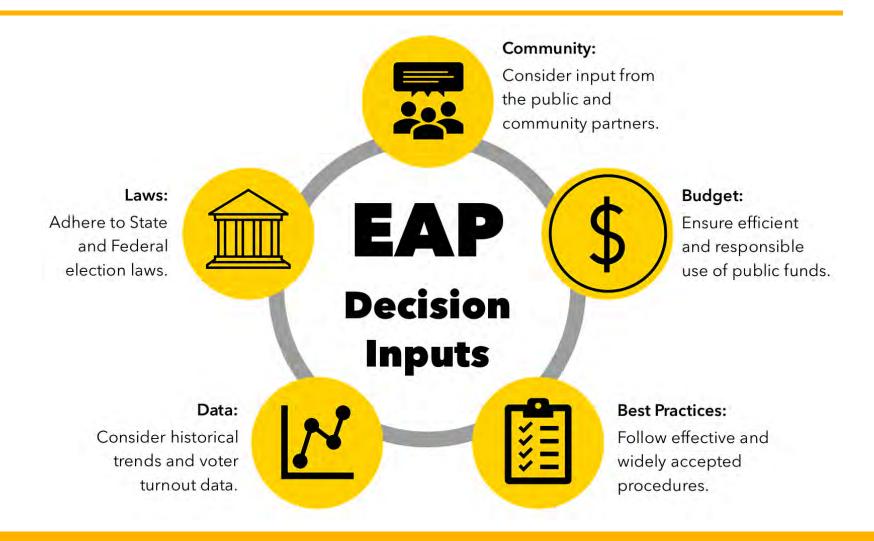
Election Administration Plan Timeline



TIME FRAME	DESCRIPTION
May	One-on-One meetings begin
June	Community workshops
July	CEW, LAAC & VAAC consultation meetings
August	Draft EAP updated & published, 30-day review period
September	Public Hearing
October	Revised EAP and public review period
December	Submission to SOS

EAP Decision Process







- One in each Supervisorial District
- 1 in each Federal Language (Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese)
- 2 to cover State Languages (Farsi (Persian), Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Tagalog)
- Accessibility Group

One-on-One Interviews

- Goal of interviews is to get feedback on EAP
 update plan from diverse, representative groups
- Opportunity for organizations to consult with the Registrar of Voters on the EAP
- Small group guided conversations
- Question and answer opportunities





One-on-One Group Categories



- Business
- Civic/Voting
- Colleges/Universities
- Community Based Orgs
- CBOs Disability
- CBOs Language
- Community Event Hosts

- Faith Based Orgs
- Government Partners
- Health & Wellness Groups
- K-12 School Groups
- Labor Orgs
- LGBTQIA+ Groups
- Media Partners



One-on-One Group Categories (Cont.)

- Political Parties
- Polling Place Supporters
- Senior Citizens Groups
- Veteran Groups
- Vote Center CSRs
- Vote Center Hosts
- Youth Groups

Voter Experience Survey



Preliminary analysis of the Caltech Survey responses

• Six elements of ROV services ranked highest to lowest by the percentage of voters who said each were very important:

Accuracy, Transparency, Fairness, Ease of Voting, Accessibility, Speed of Counting

- "Close to Home" was the overwhelming top reason for picking a Vote Center or VBM ballot drop-off location
- Confidence votes were counted as intended ranked highest to lowest: *Personal, Orange County, California, Nationwide*

CEW VAAC and CEW LAAC Updates



VAAC Meeting Update

- Elections and Accessibility Modification Review
- EAP Update & Discussion
 - Suggestions
 - Virtual option
- Continued partnership & growth

LAAC Meeting Update



- EAP Timeline/EAP Community Workshops
 - EAP draft make available in respective languages
 - Workshops deliver in language
 - Feedback Tools website
- Recommendations One-on-One Meetings
- 2025 Events and Summer Calendar

Future Business Items

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Next Meeting Date

- VAAC and LAAC meet next on September 10
- September 17 or 24 for next regular CEW meeting?
- Draft EAP consultation meeting targeted for July (TBD)







