

Summary of Comments on Napa County Draft Election Administration Plan – Last Updated 10/18/17

Number: 1 Author: Dora Rose Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 12:45:04 PM

Referring back to the VCA checklist there were a few things I didn't see explicitly discussed in the draft EAP. They are descriptions of:

1. Accessible info that will be posted to accessible website §4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(IV)
2. Services provided to voters with disabilities §4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(X) [**You may be waiting for more info on the systems you're using before you flesh this and #3 below out.**]
3. Type and number of reasonable modifications at each vote center. §4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(X)

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

1. We will be working with ITS to verify that website meets accessible requirements.
2. We will also be working on a Mobile Vote Center concept and adopting certified accessible ballot method.
3. When the Vote Center locations are confirmed we will ensure that each Vote Center meets accessible requirements.
4. Categories have been added throughout the EAP for website information.

Number: 2 Author: Dora Rose Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 12:32:12 PM

Note -- outreach should both inform public of the VCA and promote the toll free number.

The toll-free, accessible voter hotline has to operate 29 days before election and be BOTH accessible to voters with hearing disabilities AND capable of providing assistance to voters speaking languages covered by federal and state law. §4005(a)(10)(I)(vii)

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

Added information about the Toll-Free line and TTY to the language portion of the EAP and make it clear in the EAP when these items will be available. We are waiting for clarification from the State on the languages that we will be required to cover and will update the EAP once this information is available.

Number: 3 Author: Dora Rose Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 12:24:18 PM

Note: Need description of the plan for English PSA to inform public & promote toll-free #. Must be accessible for voters who are deaf or hard of hearing and voters who are blind or visually impaired. §4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(VIII)

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

This portion covering PSA's has been updated and includes this information.

Number: 4 Author: Fred Nisen Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/14/2017 4:59:40 PM

Voter's Choice Coalition should be Voter's Choice California

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

Corrected

Number: 5 Author: Dora Rose Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 12:07:38 PM

Similar to Fred Nisen's comment on VAAC -- would help to mention the LAAC. Specifically what it is, how you are recruiting members and how often you plan on having the LAAC meet). If you are not sure how often the LAAC will meet you can state what you think the time intervals between meetings will be.

Action & Response: Modified – 8/23/17

We have added language in the EAP that covers this information.

Number: 6 Author: Dora Rose Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 11:56:07 AM

Jonathan Stein suggestion: You may wish to get a couple organizations rooted in the Latino, Filipino, or Chinese communities to post something on their facebook pages.

Same with orgs that serve people with disabilities. Regional Center, independent living center, other orgs?

DR: Ideas for all partner groups -- they could all be asked to share the messaging being posted by the ROV.

(This is in reference Voter Contact-Language Minority Communities - C. Media Outreach)

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

We are continually adding community groups as we learn of them.

Number: 7 Author: Dora Rose Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 12:28:08 PM

This is actually pretty clear from the EAP but to be precise there needs to be a plan for PSAs, in media serving each required language community, to inform public & promote toll-free #. §4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(IX)

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

The portion coving PSA's has been updated and includes this information.

Number: 8 Author: Dora Rose Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 12:12:31 PM

Fred Nisen Notes "no mention of the VAAC. You need to talk about the VAAC (specifically what it is, how you are recruiting members and how often you plan on having the VAAC meet). If you are not sure how often the VAAC will meet you can state what you think the time intervals between meetings will be.

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

We have added language in the EAP that covers this information and sets forth intervals for meetings.

Number: 9 Author: Dora Rose Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 12:12:24 PM

One of the requirements per §4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(II) is to describe the media plans to "inform voters of accessibility options" in addition to explaining how voting will change.

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

The portion covering PSA's has been updated and includes this information.

Number: 10 Author: Fred Nisen Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 12:04:27 PM

Not necessary, but fine to put in. However, there is not an "of" in our name.

(This is in reference to the second sentence of the paragraph under Voter Contact-Voters with Accessibility Needs)

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

Corrected

Number: 11 Author: Fred Nisen Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/17/2017 1:52:26 PM

Social media/newsletters from North Bay Regional Center, the Disability Service and Law Center, DOR, IHSS, State Council for Developmental Disabilities, the California Council for the Blind, etc.

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

These groups have been added to the EAP.

Number: 12 Author: Fred Nisen Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/17/2017 1:57:00 PM

Your staff told me you will have 4 ICX machines at each vote center. You should put that in the EAP. 3 is the floor.

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

Napa County may adjust minimum ICX quantity to accommodate activity at larger voter centers.

Number: 13 Author: Fred Nisen Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 12:30:01 PM

System which will allow voters with disabilities to vote at home by using their own assistive devices. A system will be available by the June 2018 primary election.

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

Napa County will adopt one of the certified systems when available.

Number: 14 Author: Fred Nisen Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/17/2017 2:10:28 PM

How about the Disability Service and Law Center, DOR, IHSS, State Council for Developmental Disabilities, the California Council for the Blind, etc.?

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

These groups have been added to the EAP.

Number: 15 Author: Fred Nisen Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/17/2017 3:27:32 PM

Webpage dedicated to accessible voting. The Center for Technology and Civic Life <<https://www.techandciviclife.org/>> have a very good template.

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

Election Division working with ITS and webmaster on accessibility page.

Number: 16 Author: Dora Rose Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 12:36:03 PM

Need

1. Number of Election Board members §4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(IX);
2. Also need Number of bilingual Election Board members and languages spoken. §4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(IX)

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

This information has been updated in the EAP.

Number: 17 Author: Dora Rose Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 12:37:12 PM

Fred notes in his email: "Also, from reviewing the map of the vote center and drop off box locations, it appears that all of the vote centers and drop off boxes are going to be located on the western side of the county. While it looks like, from what I can tell, that most of the population is on the western side (Napa, Calistoga, American Canyon, etc.), I am pretty sure that there at least a few towns on the eastern side (i.e. by Lake Berryessa). As you are probably aware, it is impossible to know where voters with disabilities are because voters are not required to mark a box regarding whether or not they have a disability when they register to vote. If somebody lives in Knoxville, for example, which is, at the northeast part of the county, the closest vote center and drop off box would be in Angwin, which is over an hour away. That would prohibit many people with disabilities from going to a vote center and voting privately and independently."

The VCA allows for mobile vote centers (for example a mobile vote center might be at a mall one day or at a farmer's market another, and then at a senior center on the following day). Have you thought of doing that? This may be a solution to meeting the needs of voters in the most rural part of the county, such as the eastern part.

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

A mobile vote center option is now included in the EAP.

Number: 18 Author: Fred Nisen Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 12:32:56 PM

None in the eastern part.

(This is in reference to the Vote Center and Drop Off Locations)

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

See response to 17.

Number: 19 Author: Dora Rose Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 12:33:48 PM

Will need specific hours in EAP.
§4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(VII)

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 8/23/17

Vote Centers will be open per EC 4005 requirements.

Number: 20 Author: Fred Nisen Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 12:45:33 PM

Napa County instead of Shasta County

(This is in reference to a portion of the In-house Emergency Plan where the county name was not updated)

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

Corrected

Number: 21 Author: Fred Nisen Subject: Sticky Note Date: 8/21/2017 2:21:06 PM

This is inadequate! All 4 machines should not fail at the same time. Even if they do, giving voters with certain disabilities a paper ballot and return ballot envelopes does them no good, especially to preserve their right to a private and independent vote.

Dora Rose: Fred has these recommendations: Re the emergency ballots: either (1) replace the ICX (and give voter ETA of replacement); (2) notify voter of nearest vote center; (3) offer remote accessible vote-by-mail; or (4) as a last resort only, the vote center worker should at least offer assist the voter.

Action & Response: Accepted – 8/23/17

Updated Emergency Plan with backup power and replacement equipment and accessible ballot option.

Number: 22 Author: Indira Lopez Subject: LAAC Meeting Date: 9/6/2017 2:30:00 PM

Other Media Outreach option

- KBBF 89.1 FM
 - Bilingual Public Radio Station services 18 Counties in the Bay Area
- GDTV – Ca Univision 28
 - Contact – Maria Fincher (707)535-0991

Voter Contact – Language Minority Communities – Community Events

- Dia de los Muertes
 - October 9th
- Mexican Consulate Visit

Voter Contact – Language Minority Communities – Community Partners

- ELAC meetings in St Helena & Calistoga
- Notes/Flyers/Peach Jar home through School Districts

Action & Response: Accepted – 9/6/17

This information has been added to the EAP.

Number: 23 Author: Emily Rusch Subject: Email Date: 8/15/2017 4:07:00 PM

Email 1 - I am curious why the main campus of Napa Valley College is not on your draft list of vote center locations. I know that the corporate drive location is very close by, but the campus is such a gathering place for young people, it would be great to get a vote center on site that students could use while they are attending classes on campus. Young people are often either not registered, or more likely to have moved since they registered, as you know, so I'm especially nervous that that population won't receive their vote by mail ballot. Is there a problem finding eligible space on campus? Or did it just not make the cut because you thought the corporate drive site was better, and it's pretty close by?

Email 2 - I do think that having a vote center on the Napa Valley College campus, in addition to the south campus location, is worth additional consideration. I don't know exactly how many students typically attend classes each week at that site (5,000? I'll have to find out), but again, given that many students are newly eligible to register and vote, and also move more frequently than older populations so they are less likely to be living at the address where they first registered, I think having a vote center located in a high-foot traffic area of campus would make voting so much more accessible to those students. And it's a population that is likely to have little overlap with the population that the south campus location would mostly serve.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 8/28/17

Response to Email 1 - Ms. Rusch, thank you for the input. We did not approach Napa Valley College because of the 10 day opening period for the vote center that will be at our south campus location. We also wanted to be closer to our second largest population center which is the City of American Canyon. Also the main county tenant at south campus (Corporate Way) is Health and Human Services so we hope to reach those clients there as well.

Please feel free to continue the dialogue. I am adding your comment to our draft EAP circulation files.

John Tuteur

Response to Email 2 - Ms. Rusch, I appreciate the continuing dialogue. We are limited in our ability to find vote center workers (7 to 10 at each location) which means that our current locations are the maximum we can support.

As I also may have pointed out in an earlier message, many Napa Valley College students come from adjacent counties whereas our clients at south campus are all Napa County residents.

I hope you will be able to visit one of our vote centers once they open,

John Tuteur

Number: 24 Author: Victor Hurtado Subject: VAAC Meeting Date: 9/6/2017 3:45:00 PM

Suggested concept of "audio brochure" for distribution along with printed material.

Action & Response: Accepted – 9/6/17

The portion covering PSA's has been updated and includes this information.

Number: 25 Author: Belia Ramos Subject: BOS Meeting Date: 9/12/2017 2:00:00 PM

1. Outreach through the school district via Peach Jar and flyers
2. Outreach events in American Canyon added
3. Fall and Spring Festivals with schools
4. Reach out to the FIL-AM American Canyon

Action & Response: Accepted – 9/12/17

This information has been added to the EAP.

Number: 26 Author: Michele Grupe Subject: Email Date: 9/8/2017 2:27:00 PM

Email - Hi John, I've share with my staff and board. My comment which has been echoed by other staff members, is that the drop off locations and voting centers are almost all located in government buildings (your office, south campus, etc.). For eligible voters that are wary of government entities, this may serve as a barrier to participation. Thanks, Michele Grupe

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 9/11/17

1. have had vote center locations for 10 years and want to maintain consistency for voters who have used them in the past
 2. ballot security issues at locations other than government buildings
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Number: 27 Author: Fred Nisen Subject: Email Date: 9/11/2017 7:21:00 PM

Email - Hi John, Thanks. Unfortunately, I am unable to make the Board meeting tomorrow. But, I know Dora is going on behalf of Voter's Choice California. Thank you for sharing the minutes of the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC). It was disappointing to see that only one person showed up at the meeting. Disability Services and Law Center may be willing to hold a community meeting in its Napa office. I would be more than happy to try to help you get this meeting. Also, six months to wait before the next VAAC meeting seems long, especially since you are changing the voting options for voters and you are looking for more VAAC members. As we say in our VAAC publication for elections officials, we recommend having at least quarterly meetings to keep people's interest. Also, other counties implementing the Voter's Choice Act are having VAAC meetings monthly or bi-monthly meetings. Thanks, Fred

Action & Response: Accepted – 9/12/17

Response to Email - Fred, thanks for the feedback. We will move the next VAAC meeting up to just after the holidays in early January and hold another one in early April as the election approaches. John T.

Number: 28 Author: Mike Somers Subject: Email Date: 9/14/2017 4:02:00 PM

Voter Contact - General

There is a great amount of thought given to events and forums available to communicate with voters and officials in the county. Additionally, the identification of vulnerable and underserved populations and organizations that serve them can help build a strong coalition to reach a diverse swath of voters.

Part C describes direct contacts with voters. There is only one direct contact with all voters described. The other contacts are targeted mailings that are quite creative and make sense. However, the VCA requires at least two direct contacts with all registered voters. Ensuring your plan describes two direct contacts with all registered voters is an important feature of the outreach plan.

Action & Response: Accepted – 9/18/17

We have clarified that the March and May mailings are to all voters

- a. Mailer to all voters on March 23rd, 2018
 - b. Mailer to 10,000 remaining polling place voters on April 20th, 2018
 - c. Mailer to all voters May 18, 2018
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Number: 29 Author: Mike Somers Subject: Email Date: 9/14/2017 4:02:00 PM

Voter Contact - Language Minority Communities

The plan identifies a variety of partners in the community that may be able to contribute significantly to reaching language minority communities.

The plan doesn't identify the methods or composition of election boards that will serve in the vote centers. It mentions that 1-2 bilingual workers will be available per vote center, but there are 3 languages to be served. Additionally, the media listed is the same as the media for general public contact. It may be worthwhile to investigate and list media used by these language minority communities (for example, Univision).

Action & Response: Accepted – 9/18/17

We will have one vote center lead for registration and one vote center lead for ballot issuance at each vote center. The remainder of staff will be vote center clerks. Because our Tagalog and Chinese communities are located in American Canyon, we will have a Tagalog bilingual worker and a Chinese bilingual worker at the American Canyon vote center. We have limited coverage in Napa County by Spanish, Tagalog and Chinese media outlets but will pursue those avenues.

Number: 30 Author: Mike Somers Subject: Email Date: 9/14/2017 4:02:00 PM

Voter Contact - Voters with Accessibility Needs

The plan is very detailed about the machines and services that will be available to assist voters with accessibility needs. The plan is also very clear that the county will help ensure that vote center sites will be ensured to be ADA compliant.

The plan lists a variety of partners specific to the accessibility community. This is very similar to the thorough lists of the other sections. One exercise that may be useful is to be clearer about the expectations and roles of each organization in the outreach plan.

Action & Response: Accepted – 9/18/17

We are working with our community partners on specific implementation strategies.

Number: 31 Author: Mike Somers Subject: Email Date: 9/14/2017 4:02:00 PM

Vote Center and Ballot Drop-off Location Information

The vote center locations are all clear and the hours of operations are all listed. The appendix's contingency plans are also quite detailed and thorough.

One small detail that could help ensure clarity is to provide the start date and hours of operation for each of the drop-off locations. It is unclear when they will become available.

Action & Response: Accepted – 9/18/17

All ballot drop boxes will be available 28 days prior to the Election (E-29). When we finalize the location of the ballot drop boxes, we will work with the host locations to update actual hours of operation, which, in most cases, should be regular business hours of 8 to 5. Future publicity about ballot drop off locations and hours will be more specific.

Number: 32 Author: Joelle Gallagher, Alissa Abdo, Michelle Grupe & Judy Myers Subject: Letter Date: 9/28/2017 10:34:00 AM

The timeline for the submission of the EAP and Outreach plan is fast approaching (projected 10/16/17). The 9/18/17 version of the EAP on the County website has not been translated to Tagalog or Chinese - two target populations for our community. Sufficient time is necessary to conduct comprehensive outreach to those difficult to reach communities and solicit input on the EAP. Napa County is the only pilot county that has opted for an accelerated timeline for submitting the EAP and Outreach plan to the Secretary of State (SOS). Sacramento, San Mateo, Nevada has opted for a timeline that promotes inclusion of all community members. As there is no deadline in the statute for submitting these plans to the SOS, **I request that you adjust the timeline for submission to the SOS to January 31, 2018 and extend the public comment period to early 2018.** Adjusting the timeline to be in line with other counties will provide our community with the necessary time to gather adequate input from the key target communities (youth/young adult, language minority (Spanish, Chinese and Tagalog) and voter with disabilities) in a realistic and valuable way.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 10/13/17

We have slowed the EAP submission to account for comments and another review period. With the approaching election and new equipment, creation of trainings and the vote center implementation, waiting until early 2018 is not feasible.

Number: 33 Author: Joelle Gallagher, Alissa Abdo, Michelle Grupe & Judy Myers Subject: Letter Date: 9/28/2017 10:34:00 AM

I also request that the Board of Supervisors consider an increased budget to more adequately outreach to these target populations in partnership with the Community Leaders Coalition. Consistently the Napa County Board of Supervisors has shown it's support for an inclusive Napa County and ensuring adequate outreach to underserved communities is a way of continuing this support. As shared previously, the *Community Leaders Coalition* has successfully solicited support from local funders to provide a minimal stipend to underwrite the work being done by the community-based organizations. Additional resources from Napa County would ensure that there are funds for translation services, printed materials, and targeted ads in key media markets - all essential for collecting the input of all Napa County residents.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 10/13/17

The current budget is for the June election only. As we moved forward we will adjust the budget as needed. The Voters Choice Coalition has made grants available to community based organizations to assist in spreading the word about the Voter's Choice Act.

Number: 34 Author: Joelle Gallagher, Alissa Abdo, Michelle Grupe & Judy Myers Subject: Letter Date: 9/28/2017 10:34:00 AM

Currently, the proposed locations of the 7 indoor and outdoor drop-off locations are all located in or near government buildings. Through the successful work of our community based organizations and nationwide research focusing on voter engagement, we know that people are more likely to participate in civic activities if the activities occur in their home communities and in location that they frequent and feel comfortable. **I recommend that some drop off locations be moved to trusted community places identified by underrepresented populations of voters.**

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 10/13/17

1. Have had vote center locations for 10 years and want to maintain consistency for voters who have used them in the past
2. Ballot security issues at locations other than government buildings
3. There will also be drive thru drop-off locations at some of the 4 day vote center locations and other non-government locations.

4. Library locations were considered but infeasible because of limited hours and days

Number: 35 Author: Joelle Gallagher, Alissa Abdo, Michelle Grupe & Judy Myers Subject: Letter Date: 9/28/2017 10:34:00 AM

The two proposed locations for the Vote Centers that will be open ten days prior to the election are BOTH located in the city of Napa AND at government buildings. As the intention behind the Voters Choice Act is to locate Vote Centers near communities that may have trouble accessing their vote and need the greatest assistance when voting, consideration must be paid to proximity to Spanish-speaking, Tagalog-speaking, and Chinese-speaking communities, proximity to communities with historically low vote by mail usage (Latinos and young people), proximity to voters with disabilities, proximity to low-income communities and proximity to geographically isolated populations. To promote inclusiveness, **I recommend that adequate data analysis be done to determine the catchment areas for underrepresented eligible voters, and the decision about the locations of Voting Centers be determined using both the analysis and feedback provided by each of the communities in Napa County, including American Canyon, Angwin, Calistoga, Napa, Pope Valley, Rutherford, St. Helena, and Yountville.**

Action & Response: Not Accepted –10/13/17

1. Have had vote center locations for 10 years and want to maintain consistency for voters who have used them in the past
2. Ballot security issues at locations other than government buildings
3. We are currently looking at relocating the 10 day vote center to American Canyon.

Number: 36 Author: Joelle Gallagher, Alissa Abdo, Michelle Grupe & Judy Myers Subject: Letter Date: 9/28/2017 10:34:00 AM

Currently there are no local, regional or national Spanish, Chinese or Tagalog language Internet, print, radio or TV sources identified to use for voter outreach and education. **I recommend the EAP include those sources.**

Action & Response: Accepted – 10/13/17

We have listed GDTV-Ca Univision 28 and KBBF 89.1 for Spanish outreach. We are currently working to identify the outlets for Chinese and Tagalog language communities.

Number: 37 Author: Joelle Gallagher, Alissa Abdo, Michelle Grupe & Judy Myers Subject: Letter Date: 9/28/2017 10:34:00 AM

Key community partners are absent from key sections of the EAP that are meant to address successful outreach to underserved communities. Community-based organizations play a key role in engaging hard to reach community members. **Community Health Initiative, Cope Family Center and Up Valley Family Centers should be added to the Voter Contact - General Section E and the Voter Contact - Language Minority Communities Section H** as these organizations are both leading grassroots, community engagement efforts countywide as well as successfully working with minority communities.

Action & Response: Accepted – 10/13/17

These groups have been added to the EAP.

Number: 38 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 9/28/2017 1:35:00 PM

American Canyon Vote Center. With 80,000 residents, the City of Napa has 3 vote centers, currently 2 to be open 11 days and another one to be open 4 days for each election. With about 20,500 residents in AmCan, and given that you have targeted American Canyon as the community with the least number of registered voters per capita, having 1 more vote center makes sense. Right now, the high school is scheduled for a 4-day center; it is located far away from the city center on the east side of town. We are recommending that an 11-day vote center be located to the west or more toward the middle of town, perhaps in a church hall.

One possibility is to move the location of the 11-day vote center currently designed for Napa Valley College to AmCan. This would satisfy having the two mandatory 11-day vote centers in the county but with a better geographic and population usage. An alternative would be to leave the Napa Valley College campus as an 11-day center and add another one in AmCan. Our recommendation is that the college campus vote center become a 4-day center, since none of its nearly 6,900 students live on campus but in surrounding areas and because the League and others will be conducting numerous registration drives during the election year. Also, other campuses—PUC and the recommended vote center at the Veterans Home, would be 4-day sites.

Action & Response: Accepted – 10/13/17

We want to clarify that the South Campus location is not the Napa Valley College, it is the Napa County South Campus property. We are currently looking at relocating the 10 day vote center to American Canyon.

Number: 39 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 9/28/2017 1:35:00 PM

Yountville Veterans Home Vote Center. The Veterans Home has a community of veterans, of which many are infirm or disabled (a targeted underserved community). It houses about 900 people at one time: about 500 in independent living and the rest in various levels of care (assisted living, memory care, hospital recovery, hospice). It will be difficult for many of these residents to travel to the Yountville vote center, impossible for those who are hospitalized. So far we are not aware of any specific outreach to this community and are now in touch with their Allied Council (governing body) to try to engage them in the EAP process. Similar to the two campuses (NV College and PUC) that have been given vote centers, we recommend that this campus be given a 4-day vote center, which would help veteran seniors at various levels of independence with registration and voting. The Veterans Home has many large, public spaces that would be convenient for installing a vote

center, and we expect that many volunteers who live there would enjoy serving in it.

Action & Response: Accepted – 10/13/17

We are currently researching a mobile vote center option that will service this location.

Number: 40 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 9/28/2017 1:35:00 PM

Drop Box Locations

Relocate Most Drop Boxes to Libraries. Drop-box guidelines state that drop-box locations need to be convenient, community-based locations, which may include, among other places, city offices and public libraries. You have in all 7 cases chosen city halls to be the drop-box locations of choice. However, every city in the county has a public library. Libraries are convenient, community-based locations—far more community-based than city halls—in reality and in public perception. Libraries are open and welcome to all, want all people to enter their doors, and are the hub of many activities in every Napa County community. Libraries were often polling places in the past. This is in contrast to city halls, which are not frequented by residents and are generally places people go only if they must—to pay a bill or file a complaint or ask for a permit. They are public but not necessarily friendly places, and many residents have never entered one. Many in the underserved communities are wary of city halls but willingly go to their libraries.

Furthermore, most libraries are open at least one day on the weekend, and attentive staff is always at a checkout counter near where a drop box would be placed. Unlike the vote centers, which will operate in neutral (campuses, high school, community art room, church) or semi-neutral (firehouse) places, all drop boxes except for the Napa County Registrar's Office, have been chosen to be located at city halls. Libraries would send a very different message to people who want to use drop boxes. While some libraries are closed on various weekdays, this can be overcome by installing unstaffed drop boxes outside, near library entrances.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 10/13/17

1. Library locations were considered but infeasible because of limited hours and days
2. There will also be opportunities to drop off your ballot at 4 drive thru locations associated with vote centers.

Number: 41 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 9/28/2017 1:35:00 PM

Move the PUC Drop Box to American Canyon. There is no need to have a 4-day vote center and a drop box on one small PUC campus (student population, 1,600). Without changing the minimum number of 7 drop boxes in the county, it would make more sense to transfer the drop box scheduled for PUC to the Napa County Public Library in American Canyon, which is located in the center of this sprawling town. Alternatively, you could place the PUC drop box in Angwin to better serve Angwin residents, who do not frequent the college campus but often go to the local market, located in the center of town.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 10/13/17

Angwin previously had a polling location that hosted over 1,000 voters and also served as an available drop off location for vote by mail voters in the surrounding rural areas. We are currently exploring other options in Angwin for placement of the drop box.

Number: 42 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 9/28/2017 1:35:00 PM

Proposed timeline. Again, you have made good efforts to reach out to the underserved language communities and the disabled community. Although relatively few attended the LAAC and VAAC meetings, which I believe were well publicized, it is taking some time for the various groups to gain interest, meet and discuss various issues, come to consensus, and then get back to you in some formal way. We think buy-in is an important ingredient for the success of the EAP's implementation. But it does take time to make person-to-person contact and to move the process of engagement along.

Your Spanish translation of the EAP is a step forward in this process. This translation having recently been done means, however, that Latino stakeholders have only just accessed this portion of the EAP, if they have received it. They need time to look at it. And you, the League, and other groups need time to interact with them to gain their opinions.

Filipino and Chinese communities have not received an EAP translation and more time is needed to contact them on a personal level once translations are distributed.

I think having a public discussion at the Board of Supervisors office is fine; my concern is that this meeting is actually the formal public hearing to get final public comments on the draft plan. If so, and your target date is October 16 for submission to the secretary of state, that might mean that any suggestions made this week or at next Monday's meeting would not be able to be incorporated into a new draft and sent out for review. I understand that if you do decide to revise the EAP pursuant to public comment, then there would be another 14-day public comment period for the revised version. Even with this second review opportunity, we are concerned that the timeline is simply too short to solicit and incorporate meaningful and diverse public input.

John, this is not to say you have not done a great job holding summer outreach meetings and informing the public of the EAP and LAAC/VAAC committees. It just takes time to get people involved. One other point is that our Latino community has suddenly been hit with a DACA crisis. All hands are working to complete DACA applications by October 6. There is no point asking our contacts to focus on anything else until that deadline has passed.

We understand that the three other beta counties are taking a longer time than October 16 to submit their plans to the secretary of state. Given the complexity of getting people involved, I would ask that you consider extending your timeline to allow for more input and revision, and to submit the final plan to the secretary of state in December or January.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 10/13/17

We have slowed the EAP submission to account for comments and another review period. With the approaching election and new equipment, creation of trainings and the vote center implementation, waiting until early 2018 is not feasible.

Number: 43 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose & Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 9/29/2017 6:52:00 PM

We recommend that the Napa County draft EAP be significantly expanded to include the following:

Vote Centers

- Information on how your office determined the number and location of vote centers and drop-off locations.
- The criteria used to determine the accessibility of each vote center location.
- The voter services available at each vote center and the processes that will be used to provide each service to voters.
- The language assistance that will be available in each vote center in each language for which the county has state law language access requirements.
- The reasonable modifications and auxiliary aids and services that will be available at each vote center, as required by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- The processes that will be used for recruitment and training of bilingual poll workers and poll workers with experience serving voters with disabilities.
- The processes that will be used to maintain and update the electronic index of voters.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 10/18/17

Election Code Section 4005(10)(B) considerations and processes are not required to be part of the EAP. All other items are included in the EAP.

Number: 44 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose & Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 9/29/2017 6:52:00 PM

We recommend that the Napa County draft EAP be significantly expanded to include the following:

Accessibility

- Detailed information about the county's Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) and Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC), including meeting times (estimated, if necessary) and the subjects on which LAAC and VAAC input will be solicited.
- Drafts of materials that will be used to educate voters with disabilities about the transition to the vote center model and their options for accessible voting.
- Information about whether and how the toll-free voter hotline will be accessible to voters with hearing disabilities.
- Additional detail about what Napa County's remote accessible vote-by-mail ballots will look like and how they will be publicized to voters with disabilities who may need them.
- Information on your decision to use or not use mobile vote centers.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 10/18/17

Election Code Sections 4005(9)(A)(B) regarding the LAAC and VAAC are separate from the EAP requirements.

Number: 45 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose & Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 9/29/2017 6:52:00 PM

We recommend that the Napa County draft EAP be significantly expanded to include the following:

Voter Outreach and Education

- Information about required voter education public service announcements (PSAs).
- Clarification that there will be two direct contacts with all voters in addition to other required contacts. Currently it appears that there will be a direct contact on March 23 to all voters and another on April 20 targeted at just the 10,000 voters who do not already vote by mail. While there is another mailing identified in the EAP on May 18, it is not clear if that refers to the Sample Ballot, which would be a required contact that pre-dated the Voter's Choice Act.
- A description of how National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) agencies, which serve low-propensity voters who may be unfamiliar with voting generally and vote-by-mail specifically (i.e. low-income individuals and individuals with disabilities), can be used in your office's voter education and outreach.

Action & Response: Accepted – 10/18/17

The required information will be added to the EAP Appendixes as they are created.

The three mailers listed in the EAP are all individual mailers to voters and are not part of the sample ballot or official ballot packet.

We will provide the NVRA Agencies, all of which are listed in the EAP, with brochures regarding the Voters Choice Act to distribute to their clients.

Number: 46 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose & Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 9/29/2017 6:52:00 PM

We recommend that the Napa County draft EAP be significantly expanded to include the following:

Other

- The contents of the vote-by-mail packets that voters will receive and the calendar on which they will be received.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 10/18/17

Election Code Section 4005(8)(A) regarding the vote by mail packet and calendar is separate from the EAP requirements.

Number: 47 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose & Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 9/29/2017 6:52:00 PM

We also recommend that the final sentence of the first paragraph of the EAP be amended. It currently says that Napa County will be transitioning to "vote-by-mail, new ballot delivery options and Conditional Voter Registration (CVR)." The omission of vote centers and ballot drop-off locations from this sentence suggests that Napa County is moving to all vote-by-mail elections with new ways to deliver the ballot. The sentence should be rewritten to more accurately describe the VCA election model. Additionally, voters are not familiar with the term "Conditional Voter Registration." We recommend using more descriptive language. We feel accuracy and readability in this instance is important because the first paragraph of the EAP may be for some voters their introduction to this subject matter.

Action & Response: Accepted – 10/18/17

The first paragraph of the EAP has been amended to include your suggestions.

Number: 48 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose & Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 9/29/2017 6:52:00 PM

We are suggesting considerable augmentation of the EAP. We urge you to consider a longer timeline for completion in order to make that augmentation possible. There is no deadline identified in the Voter's Choice Act for completion of the EAP; Napa County has plenty of time to do the most thorough job possible. It is worth noting that no other county transitioning to the vote center model is pursuing a timeline remotely as fast as yours.

A longer timeline would also enable you and your team to do an in-depth exploration of the EAP with your LAAC and VAAC. In one meeting for the disability community (August 21 in American Canyon), Fred Nisen was the only attendee with a disability. In an early meeting for minority language communities (August 22 in Calistoga), Alex Magsano was the only representative from one of Napa's minority language communities. In a subsequent meeting for the same communities (September 6 in Napa), Indira Lopez was the only non-government employee in attendance. An extended timeline would enable you to share the EAP with and receive feedback from a wider range of individuals who are rooted in the communities your EAP identifies in its first paragraph as your leading priority.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 10/18/17

The EAP is a living document and will be amended as needed and as required by Election Code Section 4005(10)(G). Submission to the Secretary of State must occur promptly in order to maintain election calendar timeline.

Number: 49 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose & Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 9/29/2017 6:52:00 PM

We do not provide specific feedback on the location and number of vote centers and drop-off locations, as we feel issues relevant to the geography of Napa County are best addressed by Napa County residents and community leaders. Generally speaking, however, we urge you to ensure that voters in all parts of the County have reasonable access to an in-person voting location throughout the early vote period, i.e. the full 10 days before Election Day.

Action & Response: Accepted – 10/18/17

We are including a mobile vote center option for remote locations and/or voters with mobility issues.

Number: 50 Author: Tracy Lamb Subject: Public Hearing Date: 10/2/2017 10:00:00 AM

Do you know who is least likely to vote and what is the plan for outreach to them?

Action & Response: No Action Needed – 10/18/17

We have identified the least likely to vote as young adults (18-25), language minority communities, voters with disabilities and seniors. We are coordinating several outreach events for these voters.

Number: 51 Author: Elba Gonzalez-Mares Subject: Public Hearing Date: 10/2/2017 10:00:00 AM

- La Voz – Spanish newspaper
- Hire extra help to assist with bilingual outreach
- List family resource center (Clinic Ole, Federal Qualifying Health Clinics, etc.) – Teresa Foster
- Healthy Aging Coalition – Celine R.
- School District Parent Liaisons
- St John's/Faith based organizations
- Wants to have a meeting at a different time of day for the public to be able to attend

Action & Response: Accepted – 10/18/17

The EAP will be updated to include the listed organizations. We will work with other organizations to provide bilingual resources at each event.

Number: 52 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Public Hearing Date: 10/2/2017 10:00:00 AM

Would like a document on Google Docs which everyone can access to view comments and add new comments as the EAP changes.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 10/18/17

We will publish a Summary of Comments with each draft Election Administration Plan and post the comments with the plan on our website.

Number: 53 Author: Alissa Abdo Subject: Public Hearing Date: 10/2/2017 10:00:00 AM

- Volunteered Community Leadership Coalition as a resource to help support the process and promote the VCA.
- Can help bridge the gap with faith based organizations.
- Would like to see us continue to engage with the underserved communities.

Action & Response: Accepted – 10/18/17

Has been added to the EAP.

Number: 54 Author: Fred Nissen Subject: Public Hearing Date: 10/2/2017 10:00:00 AM

- Would like to have a VAAC meeting before the next version of the EAP is released.
- Concerned about what the mobile/accessible ballot option is going because not all voters will be able to leave their homes or use paper and pen to mark ballots.
- Would like to see more people from ParentsCan, HHS, etc involved in the VAAC

Action & Response: Accepted – 10/18/17

We will convene VAAC and LAAC meetings during the 14 day comment period following release of the next version of the EAP. Napa County will adopt one of the certified accessible ballot systems when available. Suggested groups have been added to the EAP.

Number: 55 Author: Jonathan Stein Subject: Public Hearing Date: 10/2/2017 10:00:00 AM

- Would like to see a 10 Day Vote Center in American Canyon.
- Would like to see additional drafts of the EAP as things change.
- Clarification that budget is just for one election.
- November outreach will need to be increased substantially due to a higher turnout.

Action & Response: Accepted – 10/18/17

We are currently looking at relocating the 10 day vote center to American Canyon. The old versions of the EAP are available and all previous versions will be posted to the County Election Website. As the EAP is updated the new versions will be posted. The budget listed in the EAP covers one election and will be increased if needed. Outreach will be increased for November to meet higher turnout of voters.

Number: 56 Author: Alex Magsano Subject: Letter Date: 10/2/2017 5:28:00 AM

Upon reading the EAP draft, we have noticed there are only two vote centers that will be open for 10 days before Election Day, and both are located in the city of Napa.

It is our opinion that this does not provide appropriate access to in-person early voting for residents of American Canyon (or for residents of North County, for that matter). We feel that early voting will be a crucial factor in the participation of electorates and easy access to it will better facilitate voter turnout. A successful Vote-by-Mail program must include as much accessibility as possible, including as much time as possible for the voting population.

Please consider adding more vote centers 10 days prior to Election Day.

We would like to request at least one voting center in American Canyon to be open for 10 days before Election Day. This would allow the voters in the area to have sufficient time to cast their ballots. Tied with effective outreach and "get out the vote" campaign, we can ensure a successful civic engagement and voter election turnout.

Action & Response: Accepted – 10/18/17

We are currently looking at relocating the 10 day vote center to American Canyon. In addition we are looking into a Mobile Vote Center concept.

Number: 57 Author: Grania Lindberg Subject: Email Date: 10/6/2017 2:10:00 PM

Regarding the Community Partners section, E g, Napa Valley CanDo requests that you list our name as Napa Valley CanDo rather than CANDO. Thank you.

Action & Response: Accepted – 10/18/17

This has been corrected.

Number: 58 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 11/26/2017 8:01:00 PM

This is in reference to the comment and response for Number 35 of this document.

LWVNC Response: We agree that decisions for vote centers and drop boxes should be made based on demographic data, paying particular attention to targeted underserved communities. Concerns regarding significant populations of college students and young adults; disabled veterans; and language/ethnic communities are set forth in some of the following responses. We believe much data is accessible, perhaps anecdotally based on experience.

So far, vote centers in Napa County have been or will be located in public spaces, some government, some not: a high school, a private college, a public college, a firehouse, and a church. All of these locations are considered *secure*. We believe that when choosing more vote centers, as we hope you do, you will make your selections based on demographic data as well as spatial considerations.

Action & Response: Not Accepted - 11/29/17

Already reviewed this issue in Number 35. The response has not changed.

Number: 59 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 11/26/2017 8:01:00 PM

This is in reference to the comment and response for Number 38 and Number 55 of this document.

LWVNC Response: We would like to know the locations you are looking at. The 4-day vote center to be located at the high school is on the eastern side of the city. It is hoped that a drop box will be located centrally. It is hoped that an 11-day vote center will be located on the western side of the city, possible at American Canyon Community Services, a large city facility on Benton Way. We recommend you contact Mayor Leon Garcia, 707-649-4369, lgarcia@cityofamericancanyon.org for help in finding a vote center location.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 11/29/17

We are in process of working with several real estate agents to locate a space in American Canyon. Due to the volume of events at the American Canyon Community Services Building, we were unable to host a four day Vote Center there in 2016. We have up to 88 days prior to an Election to secure the Vote Center Locations.

Number: 60 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 11/26/2017 8:01:00 PM

This is in reference to the comment and response for Number 56 of this document.

LWVNC Response: See *LWVNC Response to Comment #35 above*.

If funded, the Community Leadership Coalition will be working with the registrar to schedule the use of a mobile van. We believe that the mobile van will be very busy visiting numerous rural areas, nursing homes, and senior residences.

At this time, it does not appear that the Veterans Home or the Napa Valley College will have vote centers or even drop boxes, and this lack will further make mobile visits important for these locations.

Only one mobile van is available from the CLC. Before deciding not to expand the number of vote centers or drop boxes beyond what is legally required, it might be reasonable to assess the capacity for one van and the number of visits desired. Unless more than one van will be available!

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 11/29/17

Already reviewed this issue in Number 56. The response has not changed.

Number: 61 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 11/26/2017 8:01:00 PM

This is in reference to the comment and response for Number 23 and Number 38 of this document.

LWVNC Response: The League mistook South Campus for the college campus and thus assumed that the vote center would be serving a targeted underserved community: college students and young adults. It is probable that the 11-day South Campus vote center (government office) will be moved to American Canyon, leaving only the 11-day vote center in downtown Napa. It seems that putting a 4-day vote center on the college campus would help to cultivate the targeted underserved group, but also provide a vote center in the south part of town. We are unaware of housing in the industrial park where South Campus is located, but there are numerous residential communities south of downtown.

Considering that PUC is being given its own vote center (1,600 students), it does not seem equitable that Napa College is not given either a vote center or even a drop box (6,900 students). (Even one-quarter of this student population exceeds the PUC population.) Most PUC students live on or near campus. Napa College has no student housing, but most surely *do* live in the county while attending school. But even if many students live outside the county, under the VCA voters may cast their ballots for any county in the state, with the guarantee that their ballots will be counted. We recommend that the registrar apply for the extra funds to establish a 4-day vote center on the Napa Valley College campus.

The League is already making significant community connections and is confident that we will, with others' help, be able to fulfill our goal of helping the registrar to find sufficient vote center workers. College students may themselves like the opportunity of working in the vote center. We believe it is more important to establish the need for vote centers based on the demographics of targeted communities and then find the needed workers, rather than saying we can't have vote centers because of a lack of workers.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 11/29/17

Already reviewed this issue in Number 23 and Number 38. The response has not changed.

In reference to voters from any county being able to cast their ballot in any county, this only means to drop off their VBM return ballot envelope.

Number: 62 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 11/26/2017 8:01:00 PM

This is in reference to the comment and response for Number 39 of this document.

LWVNC Response: We are pleased that a mobile van is being considered, but continue to recommend that a 4-day vote center be available at the Veterans Home, whether mobile or stationary. We also advocate for an additional drop box to be funded for this location. This is an isolated population where mobile residents usually take the bus to go to town and then walk everywhere. But many are not mobile and require help from others for their daily needs. We believe this is the definition of *underserved*; demographic consideration should be made for this community of disabled, infirm, and seniors. We recommend you contact the Veterans Home Allied Council, a nonprofit advisory body to the home's administration.

The Veterans Home has many large spaces that would easily fit a vote center. The League believes that many who live there would be happy to work in any vote center established there. This is an opportunity for extra funding to be made available to provide good services to this large underserved community.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 11/29/17

Already reviewed this issue in Number 39. The response has not changed.

Number: 63 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 11/26/2017 8:01:00 PM

This is in reference to the comment and response for Number 26 and Number 34 of this document.

LWVNC Response to Answer #1, vote center and drop box locations. VCA implementation is an opportunity to revisit vote center locations based on central locations and underserved communities. No location can serve or please everyone, but this is a time to look more carefully at demographics, and if possible, to expand locations of vote centers and drop boxes as needed. We believe that funding will be forthcoming if demographic needs are sufficiently considered, decisions that will serve the county in the future.

LWVNC Response to Answer #2, ballot security issues. See *LWVNC Response to Comment #35 above re vote center security issues*. We do not accept the explanation that drop boxes would not be secure in locations other than government buildings. The registrars in at least two other VCA counties also disagree with this position. VCA legislation goes to great lengths to explain that drop boxes must be built to be extremely secure; there is no indication that one location would be any more secure than another. All public places should be considered for drop box locations.

LWVNC Response to Answer #3, drive-thru drop boxes. Having drive-through capability while vote centers are operating will be quite handy. However, drop boxes are available for 30 days before each election, while vote centers are open 4 days per election except in two 11-day locations. Given the fewer days vote centers are operating, the location and number of drop boxes becomes even more important.

LWVNC Response to Answer #4, limits to library locations. Please see an extensive analysis in the *LWVNC Response to Comment #40, below*.

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 11/29/17

Already reviewed this issue in Number 26 and Number 34. The response has not changed.

Number: 64 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 11/26/2017 8:01:00 PM

This is in reference to the comment and response for Number 40 of this document.

We have done a survey comparing city hall hours with library hours and some alternate venues. (Only one city hall posts its hours on its website; we had to call to get actual hours.) See the *Excel chart attached to the email for actual hours for each library/alternate venue and city hall*. All libraries/other venues and city halls, with the exception of AmCam's city hall, are located in the center of town.

Napa Main Library Is open 60 hours, including 17 hours after 5:00pm during the work week. It is open until 9:00pm on election days (Tuesdays). The library is open 8 hours on Saturday, and only closed on Sunday. There is good parking at a downtown location; it is probably the busiest and friendliest public space in the City of Napa. The business office reports that the library has not been contacted about the possibility of putting a drop box in their lobby.

Napa City Hall is open 45 hours with no evening hours during the week, and is closed on both Saturday and Sunday. City offices are in nine different locations throughout the city.

American Canyon Library is open 36.5 hours, 6 hours less than the town's city hall. However, it is open two nights for 3 hours after 5:00pm and 3 nights one-half hour past 5:00pm, for a total of 7.5 evening hours. It is closed Sunday and Monday. It is downtown, adjacent to the main post office, which closes at 4:00pm! This makes the drop box location very convenient for those who would rather drop than mail their ballots. The only downside to choosing this library is that it is closed on Monday. However, it is open on Saturday. It seems to us that on Mondays a notice could be put on the library door indicating to go to a vote center for the 10 days/3 days before elections plus election days.

AmCan's City Hall is closed on Saturday and Sunday. City hall is open 42.5 hours and is located at the eastern perimeter of town, making it relatively inaccessible to many residents.

Alternately, a centrally located **retail operation** would be an excellent choice to locate a drop box, as it is likely to have high public traffic, be used by many residents, and be open many hours, seven days a week.

Calistoga Library is only open 33 hours, 4.5 hours less than Calistoga's city hall. It is closed on Monday but open on Saturday. However, it is open 6 evening hours for 4 days. On Mondays, a notice could be posted indicating to go to a vote center for the 4 days prior to and on election day.

Calistoga City Hall is open 37.5 hours a week and is closed Saturdays and Sundays. It has a very small public area.

Alternately, **Calistoga's Cal Mart** would be an excellent choice to locate a drop box, as it has high public traffic, is centrally located, used by

most residents, and is open 14 hours a day, seven days a week.

Yountville Library is open only 34.5 hours. It is closed for 3 entire days (Sunday, Monday, and Friday). However, it is open 9 hours for 3 days and 7.5 hours on Saturdays, with a total of 6.5 evening hours. The library is next to the community center, where the vote center will be located. The community center has the same hours as city hall and is next to the library.

Yountville City Hall is open 45 hours, closed 2 days on the weekend.

Ranch Market Too is the only grocery store in town and is some blocks away from both the library and community center in a downtown location. It is open every day for 16 hours a day. Given its location and accessibility, this is the recommended choice for the drop box location in Yountville.

St. Helena Library is not part of the Napa County library system. While public, it is a city department that also benefits from private endowments. Residents came to the library to vote when there were polling places. The library is open for 45 hours, including 11 hours open after 5:00pm. I spoke to Director Chris Krieden (707-963-5244, x104, chris@shpl.org) about the library having a drop box, and she was very enthusiastic about the idea, particularly since almost every voter used to vote there. It is only closed on Sundays, and is open until 7:00pm on election days.

St. Helena City Hall is also open 45 hours but is closed on weekends. It has a very small public area.

Summary. Two libraries—Napa Main and St. Helena—are excellent choices for installing drop boxes. American Canyon, Calistoga, and Yountville libraries are open fewer hours, but have the mitigating factor of being open on Saturdays and often during many weekday evenings. Choosing libraries for drop boxes would satisfy the registrar's preference for government/public buildings. However, high-traffic retail stores may be even better choices for locating drop boxes in these communities. (Two other VCA counties have chosen most or all drop box locations in centralized retail stores.)

Action & Response: Not Accepted – 11/29/17

Already reviewed this issue in Number 40. The response has not changed.

Number: 65 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 11/26/2017 8:01:00 PM

This is in reference to the comment and response for Number 41 of this document.

LWVNC Response: The vote center on campus seems to take the place of the previous polling location. As stated previously, we recommend the **College Market** as a drop-box location. It is at the center of town and is where everyone goes besides the equally popular laundromat. It is open for long hours every day except Saturday. *Note:* All businesses in Angwin and the PUC campus are closed on Saturdays to honor the Seventh Day Adventist holy day, *including before elections*. Many VCA counties are choosing to place drop boxes where there is a lot of foot traffic, such as retail stores.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

We have up to 88 days prior to an Election to secure the Vote Center Locations. The information provided in the EAP is information available at the time of publication and is subject to change.

Number: 66 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 11/26/2017 8:01:00 PM

This is in reference to the comment and response for Number 52 of this document.

LWVNC Response: We appreciate all the comments cataloged and neatly typed up. However, they were sent via email as the new draft was published, so there was no way to have an immediate dialogue based on the registrar's responses or for others to see comments about various issues and be able to weigh in. We consider this lack of continuous communication to be a weakness in putting together the EAP. We are further dismayed to note that the comments have *not* been posted on the website, as promised. (Perhaps we are wrong about the lack of such posting; if so, it is at least confusing, since no comments appear along with the draft EAP.)

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/27/17

The comments have been listed on the Napa County Election website since October 31, 2017. If you go to the Election Division website and click on Department Documents, the comments document is available there along with all versions of the EAP.

Number: 67 Author: Robyn Orsini Subject: Letter Date: 11/26/2017 8:01:00 PM

This is in reference to the comment and response for Number 32 and Number 42 of this document.

LWVNC Response: We understand the registrar's need to receive sign-off from the secretary of state so that he can begin the implementation phase. Since all comments and responses are not being made public until the next draft is complete, as discussed above, we only hope that the weight of these comments will have an impact on the final EAP.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/27/17

See response to Number 66.

Number: 68 Author: Blanca Huijon, Xulio Soriano and Alex Masgano Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 5:06:00 PM

Many members of our communities do not feel comfortable visiting city halls. This makes the locations for the Drop Boxes that are currently listed problematic. Drop Boxes should be placed at Family Resource Centers in addition to city halls. Family Resource Centers are go-to

places for immigrant community/s (aka minority language communities) and low-income families. They are generally in our neighborhoods. i.e. McPherson Family Resource center, Up Valley Family Resource Center, Philips Family Resource Center, and Puertas Abiertas Community Resource Center. If your office has not contacted Family Resources Centers about the possibility of placing Drop Boxes at their locations, we urge you to extend the timeline of this project so that your office can initiate the appropriate relationships and have the necessary conversations. We would be happy to help your office with outreach to and conversations with the Family Resource Centers.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

See response to Number 33 and Number 34

Number: 69 Author: Blanca Huijon, Xulio Soriano and Alex Masgano Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 5:06:00 PM

For Drop Box locations, we also recommend the Napa Main Library, the St. Helena Library, the American Canyon Library, and Latino grocery stores and other commercial hubs in the Latino community. We can discuss those locations with you if you would like.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

See response to Number 34.

Number: 70 Author: Blanca Huijon, Xulio Soriano and Alex Masgano Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 5:06:00 PM

We support the idea of a mobile Vote Center or mobile Drop Box that could park in front of events and gatherings. For example, a mobile Vote Center or Drop Box could park outside a flea market on the day a flea market is being held.

Action & Response: Accepted 11/29/17

Mobile Voter Centers are being considered. We have up to 88 days prior to an Election to secure the Vote Center Locations.

Number: 71 Author: Blanca Huijon, Xulio Soriano and Alex Masgano Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 5:06:00 PM

The EAP should be updated to identify how often Spanish radio stations will run PSAs advertising the voting change. The organizations we work with will often negotiate a deal with a Spanish radio station so that the radio station sponsors our event and we buy air time from them to maximize reach. This approach should be considered.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

The information provided in the EAP is information available at the time of publication and is subject to change.

Number: 72 Author: Blanca Huijon, Xulio Soriano and Alex Masgano Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 5:06:00 PM

Puertas Abiertas has a radio show every second Sunday of the month; we can make voting announcements. We ask that you add this to the EAP.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

We appreciate the information. Spanish media is included in the EAP.

Number: 73 Author: Blanca Huijon, Xulio Soriano and Alex Masgano Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 5:06:00 PM

We recommend that the elections office work with local TV news to get the voting change mentioned on the news and during news talk programming. If funds are available, TV ads would also be a good idea.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

We appreciate the information. Local TV media is included in the EAP.

Number: 74 Author: Blanca Huijon, Xulio Soriano and Alex Masgano Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 5:06:00 PM

We have shown the EAP to Geoff Ellsworth, a City Councilmember in St. Helena. While we cannot speak for him, our understanding is that he would like more time in the feedback process so he can study the EAP properly and so he can engage his constituents about the upcoming voting change. Additionally, the recommendations we make above will take time to investigate. Thus, we urge you to take the time necessary before completing the EAP (1) to allow local elected representatives to review and provide feedback and (2) to allow your staff to fully explore every useful idea. A modest delay will not hurt your timeline but will maximize how well this voting change works for our communities.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

See response to Number 32.

Number: 75 Author: Michele Grupe, Alissa Abdo, Deborah Peralez Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Voter Outreach: The Registrar's office has done a wonderful job of incorporating many of the community partners connected to the identified target populations through a variety of outreach events. An area for continued improvement is focusing on outreach to youth and young adults served through our high schools and colleges. We recommend that Napa Valley College, Pacific Union College and high schools throughout the valley be added as partners and outreach events at those locations be added to increase voter participation among this demographic.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

The information provided in the EAP is information available at the time of publication and is subject to change.

Number: 76 Author: Michele Grupe, Alissa Abdo, Deborah Peralez Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Serving Voters with Disabilities and Language Minority Voters

- Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) and the Language Accessibility Access Committee (LAAC) meetings: The intent of the EAP is to inform Napa County's residents about the county's plans around VCA implementation. The VAAC and LAAC meetings have been sparsely attended to date. While the VCA does not require that these committee details be included in the EAP, we suggest that the EAP be updated to include 1) when/where VAAC and LAAC meetings will be held and located (at a variety of times and locations across the county), 2) how members of these committees are selected, and 3) how community members can apply to serve on these committees.
- Translation of EAP to Tagalog and Chinese: The timeline for the submission of the EAP is fast approaching (comments to be received by 11/27/17). The 10/31/17 version of the EAP on the county website has not been translated to Tagalog or Chinese - two target populations for our community. In an email on 10/30/17 at 9:32am, you stated that the translations of the EAP are in process, but in a second email on 10/20/17 at 4:02pm, you noted that the Tagalog and Chinese versions will be published when submitted to the Secretary of State for approval. This timeline does not allow for any input on the EAP from these difficult to reach populations. We recommend that you have the EAP translated into Tagalog and Chinese for a third draft and work with community organizations and officials in American Canyon to actively solicit input from these targeted language minority communities for the final version to be sent to the Secretary of State in January 2018.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

1. We will not be adding this information to the EAP because it is constantly changing and not required to be included in the EAP.
2. It was our intention to have the translation done prior to the publication of the EAP but have been awaiting changes for the Tagalog translations. These translations will be available as soon as we can make them available.

Number: 77 Author: Michele Grupe, Alissa Abdo, Deborah Peralez Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Voter Center and Drop Box Locations: In order to promote civic engagement among all Napa County residents, we put forward our strong recommendations regarding Voter Center and Ballot Drop Off Box locations:

- Factors to Consider for Vote Center and Dropbox Locations: As the intention behind the Voters Choice Act is to locate Vote Centers near communities that may have trouble accessing their vote and need the greatest assistance when voting, consideration must be paid to proximity to Spanish-speaking, Tagalog-speaking, and Chinese-speaking communities, proximity to communities with historically low vote-by-mail usage (Latinos and young people), proximity to voters with disabilities, proximity to low-income communities and proximity to geographically isolated populations. A good deal of public comment has been provided on the placement of Vote Centers and Drop Boxes at government offices. This input has been rejected by the elections office in the "Summary of Comments on Napa County EAP with Responses 10-18-2017" with an explanation of "Have had vote center locations for 10 years and want to maintain consistency for voters who have used them in the past." While important to maintain consistency, it is of equal or greater importance that we create an election system that engages and provides access for underrepresented individuals. The VCA provides the opportunity to determine if we can do better and engage more eligible voters, rather than just "maintain the status quo." To promote inclusiveness, we recommend that adequate data analysis be done to determine the catchment areas for underrepresented eligible voters, and the decision about the locations of Vote Centers and Drop Boxes be determined using both the analysis and feedback provided by each of the communities in Napa County, including St. Helena, Calistoga, Angwin, Pope Valley, Yountville, Rutherford and Napa. We urge you to contact Professor Mary Romero of UC Davis to inquire how her siting tool can help Napa County complete this data analysis. Additionally, we recommend that you specifically reach out to the underrepresented populations themselves for input.
- Drop Box Locations: As mentioned in our 9/21/17 letter, we are concerned about the proposed sites of the 7 indoor and outdoor Drop Box locations, which are all located in or near government buildings. Community-based partners that work with targeted populations have consistently flagged this as a problem. Nevada and Santa Mateo Counties are examining placement of drop boxes in retail locations, community centers, libraries and schools. The drop boxes are constructed to be secure and if placed in a location with higher traffic like the libraries or community centers, will be as secure in these more accessible locations. We strongly recommend that the Drop Box locations be reevaluated and be placed in locations trusted by underrepresented populations of voters.
- American Canyon Vote Center: American Canyon is the second largest city in the county, with a large population of language minority voters, youth/young adult voters and voters with disabilities. With the support of local elected officials and community partners, we are confident that a location for a ten-day Vote Center can be successfully identified and established. We are happy to help support that effort.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

We have up to 88 days prior to an Election to secure the Vote Center Locations. The information provided in the EAP is information available at the time of publication and is subject to change.

Number: 78 Author: Michele Grupe, Alissa Abdo, Deborah Peralez Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Communication

- The Summary of Comments on the Napa County EAP provided on 10/18/17 was helpful in understanding the reasons why suggestions were accepted or rejected. We request that this document be updated weekly and posted on the Napa County website so that an open line of communication between the election office and community members is maintained. This is being done in other counties.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

See response to Number 52.

Number: 79 Author: Michele Grupe, Alissa Abdo, Deborah Peralez Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

As there is no deadline in the statute for submitting these plans to the SOS, we request that you adjust the timeline for submission to the SOS to January 31, 2018, and extend the public comment period for a third draft of the EAP to early 2018. Adjusting the timeline to be in line with other counties will provide our community with the necessary time to gather adequate input from the key target communities (youth/young adult, language minority (Spanish, Chinese and Tagalog) and voters with disabilities) in a realistic and valuable way.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

See response to Number 32.

Number: 80 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Voter outreach generally

Community Outreach. The elections office has done excellent work since the first draft of the EAP to expand the lists of community partners and outreach events. However, there are no partners or events noted for the two colleges in the county (Pacific Union College and Napa Valley College). We recommend that on-campus events and partners be added to increase voter participation among the underrepresented youth demographic.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

We have attempted contact with both colleges, without a response. The information provided in the EAP is information available at the time of publication and is subject to change.

Number: 81 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Voter outreach generally

Toll-Free Number. We read the VCA as requiring the EAP to include the actual number for the toll-free voter assistance hotline. (Elec. Code §4005(a)(10)(I)(vii).) If the number is available at this time we believe it should be included.

Action & Response: Accepted 11/29/17

Toll free number and TTY have been added to the EAP.

Number: 82 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Voter outreach generally

Website. Sub-section G of the "Voter Contact – General" section of the EAP says that your office "Will explore website technology with other agencies." Without further context, we do not know what this refers to or its goal.

Action & Response: Accepted 11/29/17

This will be limited to the Voter with Accessibility Needs portion of the EAP.

Number: 83 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Serving voters with disabilities

VAAC. While the county is not statutorily required to discuss its Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) in the EAP, the purpose of the EAP is to inform the county's residents about the county's plans for handling important details of VCA implementation. Planning for disability access is one such important detail. We suggest that the EAP be augmented to include details on (1) when VAAC meetings will be scheduled, (2) how VAAC members are chosen, and (3) how members of the public can apply to serve on the VAAC.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

We will not be adding this information to the EAP because it is not required to be included in the EAP.

Number: 84 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Serving voters with disabilities

Outreach Tools. We appreciate that the EAP acknowledges that Napa County can use the social media of supporting organizations to reach the disability community. We recommend (1) adding newsletters and other client outreach tools of the organizations and (2) naming the intended partners (e.g. the North Bay Regional Center, the Disability Service and Law Center, local Department of Rehabilitation offices, local In-Home Supportive Services, local offices of the State Council for Developmental Disabilities, the California Council for the Blind, etc.).

Action & Response: Accepted 11/29/17

Partner agencies added to the EAP.

Number: 85 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Serving voters with disabilities

Terminology. Section C.c. of the EAP refers to "accessible independent ballot." The terminology used by the statute, by the Secretary of State, and by other stakeholders working on VCA implementation is "remote accessible vote-by-mail."

Action & Response: Accepted 11/29/17

The EAP has been updated to the correct terminology.

Number: 86 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Serving voters with disabilities

Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail Ballot Details. For the sake of clarity, the EAP needs to define a remote accessible vote-by-mail ballot, i.e. a downloadable ballot which can be filled out on a voter's computer and is printed and returned by mail. The county is required to indicate in the EAP how voters with disabilities may request a remote accessible vote-by-mail ballot or replacement ballot. (Elec. Code §4005(a)(10)(I)(ii).) The EAP does not currently do that. Additionally, we recommend that the county note in the EAP that any list of voters with disabilities making a request for a remote accessible vote-by-mail ballot will remain confidential.

Action & Response: Accepted In Part 11/29/17

EAP will specify that sign up for RAVBM will be available on County website and via postcard included in Vote By Mail packet. We plan on going with one of the SOS certified methods. We are exploring options for voters with disabilities to request a remote accessible vote-by-mail ballot or replacement ballot. Napa County will not be maintaining a list of voter requesting RAVBM, and we do not feel it needs to be added to the EAP.

Number: 87 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Serving voters with disabilities

Website. The VCA requires that the EAP describe the accessible information that will be provided on the elections office's website. (Elec. Code §4005(a)(10)(I)(i)(IV).) We also recommend that, as a best practice, the elections office create a web page dedicated to accessible voting. The Center for Technology and Civic Life (<https://www.techandcivicle.org/>) has a very good template. For an example, please see the Inyo County website (<http://elections.inyocounty.us/p/accessible-voting.html>).

Action & Response: Accepted 11/29/17

EAP will refer to best practices for accessible information.

Number: 88 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Serving language minority communities

LAAC. All concerns articulated in the first bullet point of the previous section pertaining to the VAAC also apply to the Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC). (See Number 83)

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

We will not be adding this information to the EAP because it is not required to be included in the EAP.

Number: 89 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Serving language minority communities

Section 14201 Citation. In the opening paragraph of the "Voter Contact - Language Minority Communities" section of the EAP, there is a reference to "subdivision (c) of section 14201." Section 14201 has been rewritten by AB 918 (Bonta, 2016), making this citation outdated. It is simpler to simply say "Section 14201." And, for clarity, we suggest using "Section 14201 of the California Elections Code." That way the reference to Section 14201 cannot be accidentally read as a reference to part of the federal Voting Rights Act, which is mentioned immediately following Section 14201 in the sentence.

Action & Response: Accepted 11/29/17

The EAP has been updated.

Number: 90 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Serving language minority communities

Community Outreach. We recommend that the list of community partners in language minority communities include the American Canyon United Methodist Church, which predominantly serves the Filipino American community, and the American Canyon Family Resource Center, which serves both the Filipino American community and the Latino community. The American Canyon United Methodist Church is already involved; their leadership submitted feedback on the first draft of the EAP.

Action & Response: Accepted 11/29/17

The list has been updated.

Number: 91 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Serving language minority communities

Translation of EAP. Elections Code Section 4005(a)(10)(E)(iii) requires, in Napa County, that the draft EAP, the amended draft EAP, and the final EAP be posted on the elections office's website in Spanish, Tagalog, and Chinese. We know the elections office is hard at work trying to facilitate both translations and community review of those translations. We also know this task can be hard to do well. We appreciate your efforts. We want to urge you to post translated amended draft(s) of the EAP during the public comment period and ideally at the beginning; there is little value in having translated versions available for the public to review and comment on after the public comment period is over.

Action & Response: Accepted 11/29/17

It was our intention to have the translation done prior to the publication of the EAP but have been awaiting changes for the Tagalog translations. These translations will be published as soon as they are available.

Number: 92 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Vote Center and Drop Box siting

Required Factors for Consideration. Elections Code Section 4005(a)(10)(B) requires that the elections office consider a number of factors when siting Vote Centers and Drop Boxes. There are a variety of methods that can be used to assess the factors, from mapping technology to feedback gathered from the community. Technological tools may soon be available from the California Civic Engagement Project at UC Davis, working in collaboration with Databank, which will be able to analyze a variety of data pertinent to the statutorily-required siting criteria and identify geographic areas for optimal Vote Center and Drop Box placements. We are concerned about the elections office's rejection of public feedback suggesting changes to locations specified in the first draft of the EAP and the elections office response "Have had vote center locations for 10 years and want to maintain consistency for voters who have used them in the past." This makes it appear as if Napa County has not done an analysis of the statutorily-required siting criteria. While the statute does not require Vote Centers and Drop Boxes to be placed exactly where a rigorous data-based analysis suggests, the siting criteria must at least be considered. We urge you to contact Professor Mindy Romero of UC Davis to inquire how her siting tool can help Napa County comply with Elections Code Section 4005(a)(10)(B).

Action & Response: Accepted 11/29/17

Napa County is in contact with UC Davis regarding the use of the Vote Center Siting Tool.

Number: 93 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Vote Center and Drop Box siting

American Canyon Vote Center Location. We appreciate that the elections office is taking seriously the many community requests to locate one of the ten-day Vote Centers in the county's second-largest population center, American Canyon. If there is anything we or American Canyon-based partners can do to help make that happen, please reach out.

Action & Response: Accepted 11/29/17

Napa County appreciates any contact information available regarding locations in American Canyon.

Number: 94 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Vote Center and Drop Box siting

Vote Centers in Eastern Napa County. As we have noted previously, there are no Vote Centers on the eastern side of the county. While a mobile vote center may be the solution needed to serve the populations that live in that region, the public cannot evaluate whether that is the case without basic details about the mobile vote center. How many stops can it make in a day? How will it be staffed? Can citizens call in to request it come to their area? If so, what is the process? We suggest these details be added in the next draft.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

A Mobile Vote Center is being considered but has not been refined. We have up to 88 days prior to an Election to secure the Vote Center Locations.

Number: 95 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Vote Center and Drop Box siting

Drop Box Locations. We continue to be concerned with limiting Drop Box placement to city halls, especially considering the volume of public feedback received on this subject. Other counties, like San Mateo and Nevada, are not similarly restricting Drop Box placement – they are contemplating placements in markets and grocery stores, community centers, libraries, and schools. Presumably those counties do not believe they are sacrificing ballot security by doing so. We urge reconsideration of the Drop Box locations.

Action & Response: Not Accepted 11/29/17

See response to Number 34.

Number: 96 Author: Fred Nisen, Dora Rose and Jonathan Stein Subject: Letter Date: 11/27/2017 2:47:00 PM

Emergency preparedness

Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail. In the "Election Day Issues" section of the In-House Emergency Plan, the plan has been improved as to what to do if the ballot-marking devices become inoperable. However, the last sentence of that section is unhelpful without further explanation. The remote accessible vote-by-mail ballots will not help somebody at a Vote Center. Given what remote accessible vote-by-mail ballots are and how they will be made available, a voter would have had to already request a remote accessible vote-by-mail ballot seven days before Election Day, and at least have access to a computer and printer, if they wanted to use a remote accessible vote-by-mail in a Vote Center. They of course would not have requested a remote accessible vote-by-mail ballot if they planned on voting at a Vote Center. We propose that the final sentence of that section be deleted and that this issue be further discussed with Fred Nisen.

Action & Response: Accepted 11/29/17

The EAP has been updated to remove reference to RAVBM.

Number: 97 Author: Melissa Atienza Subject: Email Date: 11/27/2017 1:02:00 PM

In line with the New Voter's Choice Act in Napa county, I support having at least one 10-day voting center in American Canyon. This will give the voting population in American Canyon, including the Filipino-American community who have had historically low voter turn-out, the needed accessibility as we encourage the community to exercise their voting rights. Thank you for hearing our request.

Action & Response: Accepted 11/29/17

There will be a 10-day Vote Center in American Canyon. We are working on securing a location for this. We have up to 88 days prior to an Election to secure the Vote Center Locations.

Number: 98 Author: Mariam Aboudamous Subject: Email Date: 11/28/2017 7:39:00 PM

First, I would like clarification on the language components. As you know, the City of American Canyon has a large Tagalog speaking community, in addition to Spanish and Mandarin. Once you start distributing brochures, will they also be made available in Tagalog, Spanish, and Mandarin?

RESPONSE: We will be distributing bilingual brochures in English and Spanish. The Tagalog and Chinese language requirements are limited to the EAP itself and facsimile ballots at the vote center in American Canyon (because voters can use any vote center in the county we will have Tagalog and Chinese facsimile ballots at all vote centers.) We will provide the brochure in advance to the FIL-AM Club in case they want to translate it for their use.

In regards to social media outreach, may I suggest working with the City's in getting the same information posted on each City page, along with the County page?

RESPONSE: The municipalities are listed in the EAP and will be a very helpful resource.

Also, in terms of community partnerships, have you reached out to the American Canyon Family Resource Center? I know you have been in touch with Fil-Am. Another really active organization is the Mom's Club. I can connect you with them if you are interested.

RESPONSE: The family centers and community groups are listed in the EAP. I would appreciate contact information for the Resource Center and the Moms Club. Thanks

I noticed that the drop off centers are all at various City Halls. For those who are uncomfortable dropping off their ballots at a municipality, can they drop off at the various vote centers?

RESPONSE: Vote centers accept vote by mail ballots during opening hours.

In regards to the vote centers, American Canyon is largely a commuter town. Virtually no one is home before 6:00pm. For this reason the 8:30am-4:30pm hours of operation for the vote centers concern me. I see that they will be open longer on Election Day but I am concerned that they will receive virtually no traffic during the 3 days prior.

RESPONSE: Our American Canyon vote center (at the Public Safety Building and then the High School) have been active in past elections. We do not have the resources to staff longer hours at the vote centers other than on Election Day.

I saw in the plan that we will have at least one Tagalog worker and one Chinese worker at the American Canyon locations. Will we have a Spanish worker as well?

RESPONSE: We hope to have at least two Spanish bilingual workers at each vote center, including American Canyon.

I wanted to let you know that I strongly support at least one Vote Center and Drop Off location in American Canyon. We are the second largest City in the County and have a need for more voter outreach and support. I also support the notion of a mobile vote center.

RESPONSE: We are working on making the American Canyon Vote Center a 10 day center. We are still working on the mobile vote center concept which would be primarily for outlying regions or areas of high concentration of voters with mobility issues.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I am happy to help in any way that I can.

RESPONSE: Your input to this process is already very helpful, Mariam, and we count on it continuing.

Action & Response: Accepted 12/1/17

See responses above.