



County of Santa Cruz

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Voting & Language Accessibility Advisory Committee Deadline to apply: July 30, 2019

Position Description

The County Clerk is looking for volunteer committee members to serve on the new Voting & Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (VLAAC), a county advisory committee of people with disabilities, people who are elderly, people who speak other languages, people who have experience working with low English proficient voters, and people with experience in architectural accessibility.

The VLAAC members advise the County Clerk on issues related to the accessibility of elections for voters with disabilities and voters with low English proficiency. They meet regularly in person to discuss upcoming elections, outreach efforts, accessibility and language guidelines and standards, pending legislation, and emerging technologies. The VLAAC also provides recommendations identifying and prioritizing activities, programs, and policies to ensure every voter has equal access to the ballot.

This is a volunteer committee. There is no pay, stipend, or reimbursement, for participation in the VLAAC.

Desired Qualifications

1. Be willing to serve from appointment through December 31, 2020.
2. Be willing to attend meetings in-person at the County Clerk's office.
3. Have advocacy, outreach, technology, and/or elections experience.
4. Have understanding of barriers faced by voters with disabilities or low English proficiency.

While committee membership is limited to appointment, all meetings are open to the public. All interested voters and advocates are welcome to attend and participate.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Gail Pellerin at 831-454-2419 or email gail.pellerin@santacruzcounty.us.

Santa Cruz County VLAAC Committee Member Application

Thank you for your interest in the Santa Cruz County Voting & Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (VLAAC). To apply for appointment to the committee, please complete the following application. Applications may be submitted by sending an e-mail to vlaac@votescount.com or by mailing to Gail Pellerin, County Clerk 701 Ocean St., Room 310, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Deadline to apply is July 30, 2019.

Name: _____

Title: _____ (if applicable)

Organization: _____ (if applicable)

E-mail: _____

Phone number: _____

Address where you live: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

1. What education or experience do you have related to disability and or language access, outreach, advocacy, or technology, and what education or experience do you have related to elections?

2. Are you, or have you been in the past, a member of a local/county advisory committee?

No

Yes, county & committee: _____

3. Do you have a position or first-hand experience that helps you to understand and represent the point-of-view of a specific community of people who share a disability or language barrier? (If yes, then what is the specific community?)

No

Yes, community/org/disability/language: _____

4. Please describe your relevant experience with voters with disabilities or language assistance.

5. Please describe your relevant experience in disability or language minority communities.

6. If applicable, please state which languages you are fluent in and the level of fluency in each language (spoken, written).

7. Please describe any experience with state and federal laws regarding voting, voters with disabilities or language access.

8. Please describe any experience in voter outreach, education, or engagement.

9. Explain your interest in being a VLAAC member.

10. Please list additional relevant experience not discussed elsewhere in the application.