

State Council on Developmental Disabilities Bay Area Office
Community Outreach &
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Networking 6:15-6:30 PM Meeting 6:30-9:00 PM
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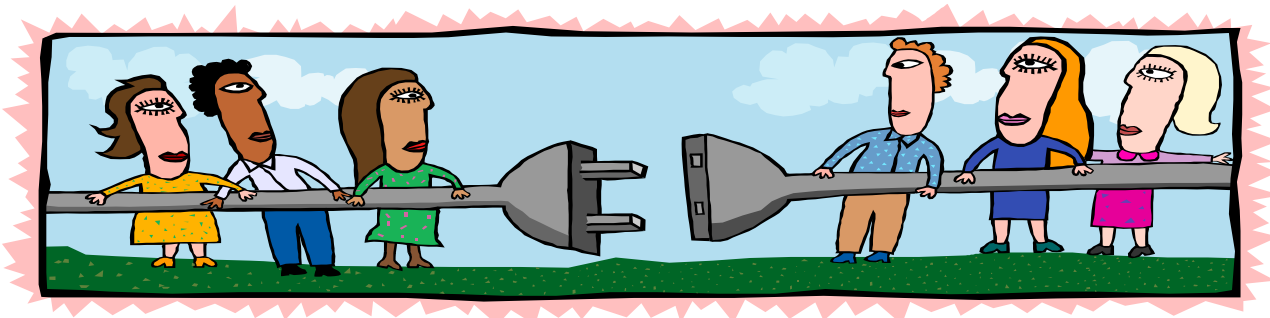
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Collaboration is key! We invite members of the community to share input, issues and concerns. All are welcome. Featured this meeting: Voting Rights updates and preparation for the fall election; celebrating outgoing RAC members, RAC Member updates, and more!

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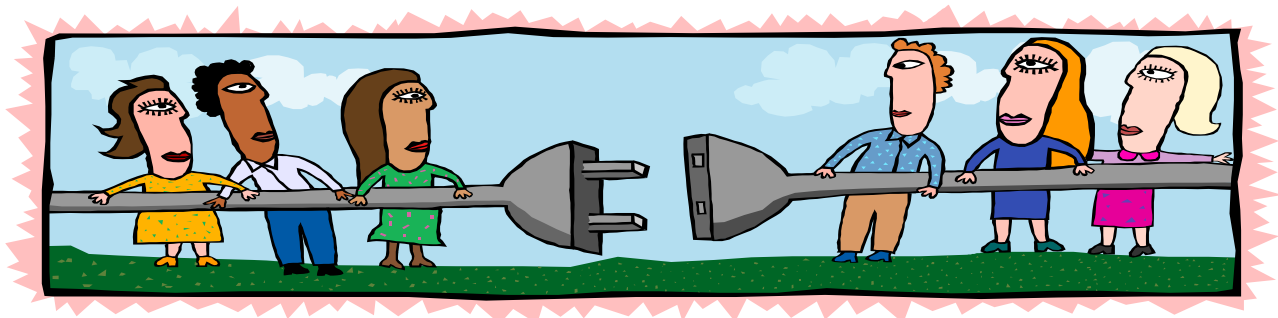
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¡La colaboración es clave! Invitamos a los miembros de la comunidad a compartir opiniones, cuestiones y preocupaciones. Todos son bienvenidos. Destacado en esta reunión:
¡Actualizaciones de los derechos de voto y preparación para las elecciones de otoño;
¡celebración de los miembros salientes del RAC, actualizaciones de los miembros del RAC y más!

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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD)

BAY AREA REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) MEETING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

NOTICE & AGENDA*



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6:30p Call to Order

Introductions / Establishment of Quorum

Grigsby



6:35p Approval of the June 2022 Meeting Minutes

Grigsby



6:40p Public Comment

An invitation to provide the public an opportunity to comment and/or present information to the Committee on **any matter that is not on the agenda**. Each public member has up to 3 minutes to speak. Written requests will be considered first. The Committee will provide a public comment period not to exceed 5 minutes total for all public comments prior to action on any agenda item. Legislative office elected officials or staff may also introduce themselves or provide comment.



6:55p 2022 Voting Rights Presentation

Nisen & Spencer

Hear a presentation from Fred Nisen, Managing Attorney & Paul Spencer, Staff Attorney 2 about election basics, election rights, accessible voting options, and elections advocacy. Ask your question about elections and voting as a Californian with disabilities.



7:40p Additional Legislative Office Comments

Grigsby



An invitation for legislative offices in attendance to provide brief statements, comments on emerging issues, or updates impacting their constituents from disability communities.



7:50p Community Reports

Grigsby

- People First Report
- Regional Center Reports
- County Developmental Disabilities Councils Reports



8:15p Member Reports: SCDD Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) & SCDD Councilmembers

Grigsby & Garcia

First, celebrate outgoing RAC members Dianne Millner, Pam Perls, and Kate Rauch for their exceptional leadership and advocacy over two terms of RAC membership.

Then, hear updates from RAC members and Councilmembers on their regional and statewide advocacy work, and their priorities.



8:50p Other Announcements & Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Grigsby

An opportunity of members of the community to bring up ideas, needs, issues and concerns.



9:00p Meeting Adjourned

Grigsby

***All times indicated, and the order of business are approximate and subject to change. Any agenda items have the potential to be brought for a vote.**



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)
Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting
June 29, 2022 Minutes DRAFT**

Main Location: This meeting was held in a hybrid format through Zoom (video call or call-in only) and at the Elihu M. Harris State Office Building, 1515 Clay Street, Auditorium, Oakland, CA 94612.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81223679419?pwd=RWI2dWVkl3EyQXBOb2w4QXZHnkFaZz09>
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Committee Members Attending: Sascha Bittner, Jennifer Fung, Francisco Garcia, Elizabeth Grigsby, John Marble, Diane Millner, Kate Rauch, Florence Wong

Committee Members Absent: Pam Perls, Marla Silversmith, Regina Woodliff

SCDD Staff: Sheraden Nicholau, Gabriela Solval, and Valerie Buell.

Accessibility Assistance: Interpreter Adriana, Interpreter Arturo, Captioner Joanna, Captioner Laura

Legislative Office Representation: Joan Lubamersky, Leslie Bulbuk, Sereena Gill, Suraj Pangal, Ilaf Esuf.

Guests Attending in person or through Zoom: Patrick McKay, Sara Desumala, Angel Ng, Lisa Kleinbub, Eric Zigman, Vi Ibarra, Emily Witkin Sammy Chloe, Jerry Grace,

6:30p Chair Elizabeth Grigsby called the meeting to order. Valerie Buell reviewed housekeeping: Zoom functions, chat, and interpretation services, and then took roll call of RAC members. (technical issues with microphones delayed roll call to 6:37)

6:40p Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 23, 2022:
Moved: Sasha Bittner Seconded: Jennifer Fung Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

6:43p Public Comments:

- Ilaf Esuf from Assemblymember Buffy Wicks Office introduced herself and stated that she looks forward to future collaboration. Her email is ilaf.esuf@asm.ca.gov
- Suraj Pangal from Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan's Office shared three bills that passed:
 - [California Senate Concurrent Resolution 91 \(SCR91\)](#) COVID-19 relief: tenancy, federal rental assistance.
 - [Assembly Bill 2164 \(AB2164\)](#) Disability access: certified access specialist program, funding.
 - [Assembly Bill 2547 \(AB2547\)](#) Peace officers: determination of bias.
- Lesley Bulbuk from Assemblymember Marc Berman's Office shared that votes on the state budget are happening presently and if anyone needs assistance or has questions, reach out to her office.
- Sereena Gill from Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan's Office shared budget highlights:
 - Department of Health Care Services Medi-Cal funding increased over .3%.
 - State community services increase 15%.

6:50p Updates and emerging needs within policy work and advocacy presented by Sheraden Nicholau. Sheraden Nicholau read an excerpt from the SCDD Policy Platform 2021-22, reviewed the top priorities, and then Gabriela Solval played the video of Bridget Kolakosky Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs for SCDD presenting on the bill priorities for the year. And comments after the presentation were:

- What would happen if any of the bills do not pass and what happens to the people who need housing?
- If questions can be emailed after people take time to read through the attachments in the meeting packet.
- There is a lot of work that has to be done because the new laws are changing. At the same time, we must be vigilant and keep fighting/advocating.
- Excited by all the legislative advocacy that lead to these bills.
- AB1663: while it does define supported decision making as a different method of helping people make decisions, it does not take away or reduce rights.
- This is the second year of a two-year cycle for bills so there is a lot to watch from now until the end of August.
- To State Council: There should be more consultation with people with developmental disabilities within groups like University of California, Davis (UC) MIND Institute.
 - UCEDDs are wonderful, but their group is still a majority white leadership and doesn't reflect the state in its executives or its board leadership.
 - They need to make better progress incorporating people with developmental disabilities and if there is ever a place for the State Council just to emphasize that with lawmakers, perhaps the next legislation we could get another positive step.

7:30p Additional Legislative Office and/or RAC Member comments and introducing new RAC member Jennifer Fung: Some highlights were:

- Jennifer Fung shared information about herself including where she grew up, work she has done with helping people with disabilities, and her interest in serving Asian Americans with disabilities, applying as an advocate for them in Marin County and the greater Bay Area.
- Joan Lubamersky from Assemblymember Marc Levine's office shared she will look through the documents in the meeting packet regarding policy and legislative priorities, and if she can get information for anyone they can reach out to her office.

7:37p Community Partner Reports:

- **People First:** Highlights from Patrick McKay, President Bay Area People First and of the Northern Alameda People First Chapter:
 - Patrick McKay and Sara Desumala will investigate Hayward for a place to have hybrid or face to face meetings. There is a continued concern about COVID infections, so there is a possibility to continue Zoom meetings.
 - The Arc in San Francisco can have hybrid meetings. The East Bay doesn't have a location yet for meetings. There may be a possible location for outdoor meetings at the Hayward public library.
- **Regional Center Report Highlights:**
 - Eric Zigman gave the report for Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC). Highlights include:
 - GGRC is hiring but underfunding is still causing staff to resign. GGRC may hire as many as 30 or 40 more case workers, but still must be able to retain them. To do that, regional centers continue to work on negotiating a way to fund them appropriately.
 - GGRC is doing everything it can to have creative approaches to the funding issues and many of them bring a strong social justice and civil rights foundation and frame to their work.

- Lisa Kleinbub gave the report for Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB). Highlights include:
 - Similar to GGRC, RCEB has the same struggles with hiring. A lot of hiring will come for children under the age of six.
 - One positive thing in the new budget: Family fees that were proposed have been postponed again until the end of next June 2023. The fees often stopped people from accessing services because they were unpredictable, and people didn't know if they would be assessed.
 - Department of Developmental Services (DDS) just put out a notice of grants for developing supporting employment and helping people to get jobs.
- **Developmental Disabilities (DD) Councils Report Highlights:**
 - Vi Ibarra gave the report for the Contra Costa Developmental Disabilities Council:
 - The joint county event between Alameda and Contra Costa counties happened June 9th and presented awards to:
 - A parent of a regional center client who is an advocate.
 - A transition teacher of San Ramon Valley Unified School District.
 - Director at Nurturing Independence Through Artistic Development (NIAD).
 - Rocio de Mateo Smith (lifetime achievement award).
 - The DD Council continues to recruit for specialty health ambassadors. These positions are for people who are regional center service recipients who wish to go out and do community outreach and education to help others who are not receiving services (or not receiving enough), but maybe should be.
 - Valerie Buell read the report from Ben Chen for the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council:
 - The Alameda County DD Council is entering into a new program year and approved the board of directors and officers for its council. They will begin the new 2022-2023 year with a board meeting on July 13, 2022 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM.
 - The National Access and Functional Needs Symposium is coming up July 19-20, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and will highlight inclusion efforts and practices in emergency management.
 - At-Home test kits for COVID-19 that are more accessible for those who are blind or low vision are available now and can be read using a Bluetooth enabled smart phone. <https://special.usps.com/testkits/accessible> (shared in chat)

8:17p Member Reports: RAC Members and Councilmembers reported on their regional and statewide advocacy work and priorities. Highlights were:

- Sascha Bittner:
Working on Self-Determination and met with fellow members of other Advisory Committees yesterday to plan what can be done together, across several regional center catchment areas.
- Francisco Garcia:
Continuing the Zoom workshops with Spanish-speaking families. There is a need for more emergency kit backpacks for the emergency preparedness trainings. There was an issue at San Leandro High school where some diplomas were not ready for the graduating students, specifically students with disabilities. The families felt discriminated against. Sheraden Nicholau and Francisco Garcia are continuing to look into this and are engaging with the families and the school district. Also had discussion about the screening of the documentary [Crip Camp](#) in Santa Cruz.
- Elizabeth Grigsby:

Shared and recognized Patrick McKay and Sara Desumala's pioneering efforts and work they do with the community. Sara hosts a class on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM on self-advocacy. Attendees share that there is a need for self-advocates to have the opportunity to stand up and speak up to be heard. The class has gone from people saying I don't know (before the pandemic) to now putting forth ideas and starting to make plans.

- John Marble:
His work in the past couple of months was focused on the passage of Proposition D in San Francisco, which consolidates victim services and creates a one-stop shop for victims of crime and guarantees civil counsel for domestic abuse victims. It passed in June 2022. He will be continuing to work with the disability community about their options in addressing abuse in their living situations. He was also in contact with AASCEND, a group for autistic adults, and brought attention to the intersection of LGBTQ identity and the autistic community.
- Dianne Millner:
Continuing work as a member of the Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee (SDLAC) for RCEB. The SDLAC and the regional centers in the Bay Area have been working on putting together a website that helps families and individuals become familiarized with the program and helps transition them into participation.
- Florence Wong:
Shout out for Special Olympics Northern California, the athletes were happy to be in person at Santa Clara University. There is a budget proposal for Special Olympics to be split between Northern and Southern California. It would provide expansion and continued free participation. The San Mateo Co Caregiver Abuse Registry work group will continue to meet in August. Working on proposal language to gain support in legislation offices.

8:52p Other Announcements:

- Sammy Chloe: Keep up the good work in San Mateo county regarding domestic abuse and relocating needs that experience the "run around."

8:58p Meeting Adjourned.

Voting Rights

Training for SCDD

September 28, 2022

Presented by Disability Rights California, Voting Rights Practice Group

Fred Nisen, Managing Attorney and Paul Spencer, Staff Attorney 2

Training logistics

- 30-45 minutes long
- Will take some short breaks
- Asking questions
 - Use the Zoom chat function.
 - Ask at any time, and we'll answer them as we can.

Overview of training topics

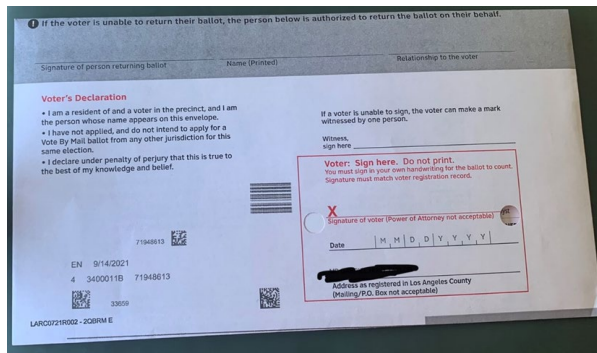
- Election basics
 - Important dates for election
 - Voting by mail or in-person
 - Eligibility to vote, including people under conservatorships
 - Voter registration
- Accessible voting options
- Helping with elections advocacy

Election Basics

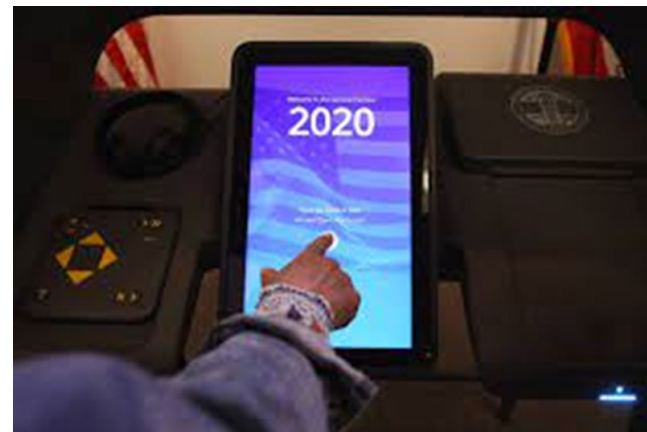
Timing of elections

- Major California statewide elections in 2022
 - November 8, 2022: General election
- County special elections throughout the year

What Are My Voting Options?



Vote-by-Mail Ballot



Ballot Marking Device



Ballot Drop Box

Election models

- Traditional polling place model
 - Voters assigned to specific polling place
 - Polling places open only on Election Day
- California Voter's Choice Act (VCA) model
 - Currently, 27 of the 58 counties, (including San Mateo, Marin and Alameda) use the VCA model as of 2022
 - Voters can vote at any vote center in the county
 - Vote centers open prior to Election Day
 - 11-day vote centers
 - 4-day vote centers

Important dates for November 2022

- Oct 24: Last day to register to vote
- Oct 25 through Nov 8: Same-day voter registration
- Nov 8: Election Day
 - Postmark vote-by-mail (VBM) ballot
 - Vote in person: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - Submit VBM ballot by 8:00 p.m. (ballot drop box or voting location)

DRC Is Always Here to Help! Call us!

- Disability Rights California runs a Voting Hotline for people with disabilities that is now available for voters ahead of the Recall Election!
- **DRC's Voting Hotline: (888) 569-7955; TTY (800) 719-5798**
- We answer questions, provide assistance to voters with disabilities, and advocate for greater accessibility with the voting process!

Eligibility to vote in California

- United States citizen
- California resident
- At least 18 years old on Election Day
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for a felony conviction
- Not currently found “mentally incompetent” by a court

Voting by people under conservatorship

■ Current law

- Presumed competent to vote regardless of conservatorship status
 - Conservatee should not be deemed “mentally incompetent”—and therefore disqualified from voting—unless a court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the person “cannot communicate, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process”
- Disqualification is by a judge, not parents or conservator!
 - Voting rights can be restored by court order

Voter registration

- Ways to register
 - Online application (registertovote.ca.gov)
 - Paper application
 - Applying at some agencies (e.g., DMV)
- Re-register after changes
 - Name
 - Address
 - Political party preference
 - Signature

Voter registration (continued)

- Timing
 - Pre-registration for 16- and 17-year-olds
 - 15 days prior to Election Day
 - Same-day voter registration
 - 14 days prior to Election Day and on Election Day
 - Also known as conditional voter registration
- Check registration status
 - Online (voterstatus.sos.ca.gov)
 - Contact [county elections office](#)

Resources

- [DRC's voting-related publications](#)
- DRC's year-round Voting Hotline: (888) 569-7955
- [California Secretary of State's website](#)
- County elections websites
 - [Alameda County](#)
 - [Contra Costa County](#)
 - [Marin County](#)
 - [San Francisco County](#)
 - [San Mateo County](#)
- [Voter's Edge California](#)
- [Easy Voter Guide](#)

Accessible voting options for voters with disabilities

**A private and
independent ballot is
everyone's right.**

Voting Options – Generally

- Voting In-Person
- Voting from Home (also known as Vote-by-Mail)

In-person Voting Accessibility

Parking: Must have access on aisle and disabled parking sign

Path of Travel: there must be an accessible route to the entrance of the polling place from:

- accessible parking
- passenger drop-off sites
- sidewalks and walkways
- public transportation stops
- Ramps
- Protruding objects: must be detectable by someone using a cane
- Building entrance: must be big enough for mobility device

Accessible Voting System

In California, every polling place is required to have one accessible voting system. Vote Centers must have at least three.

- These systems ensure that a person with a disability can vote privately and independently.
- These voting systems are both accessible via touch screen or through audio interface.

(Cont.) Accessible Voting System

Many people need an accessible voting system to cast their ballot. These may be individuals with vision, mobility, learning, intellectual, manual dexterity or other disabilities.

The accessible voting systems allow voters with disabilities to cast their ballot privately and independently.

Other in-person accessible voting options

- Voters with disabilities may have anyone assist them with voting including family or poll workers.
- Curbside voting: A voter with disabilities can request that a poll worker bring a regular ballot to a person with disabilities outside of the polling place (e.g., parking lot or sidewalk). Curbside voting is becoming more common statewide and is great for voters with disabilities unable to easily exit a vehicle or immunocompromised.

Assisting Voters with Disabilities

- Voters with disabilities may choose to have anyone assist them with voting, except for their employer, an agent for their employer, or a member of their union. California Election Code Sec. 14282(a).
- A voter with a disability may have no more than two persons assist him/her to vote. California Election Code Sec. 14282.

Voting by mail (1 of 3)

- Vote-by-mail (VBM) ballots automatically mailed
 - To all active registered voters
 - Approximately one month before Election Day
- Ballot return envelope
 - Postage is paid
 - Sign and date

Voting by mail (2 of 3)

- Options for submitting marked VBM ballots
 - Mail
 - Postmarked no later than Election Day
 - Received by elections official no later than 7 days after Election Day
 - Official ballot drop box
 - Deposited no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day
 - More drop boxes in VCA counties than in non-VCA counties
 - Voting location
 - Drop off no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day

Voting by mail (3 of 3)

■ Ballot-tracking

- Status updates
 - When ballot is mailed, received, and counted
 - By text message, email, or phone call
- Available in every county
- Sign up online (WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov)
- If no Internet access, call your county elections official to sign up.

Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail

- All counties will offer an additional option to cast their ballot called remote accessible vote-by-mail (RAVBM).
- This option is now available for all voters. Initially it was just for people with disabilities.
- RAVBM allows a voter to read, mark, review, and print out a ballot from home using their own assistive technology devices.
- A voter using RAVBM will also be sent a pre-paid envelope to be able to return their completed ballot.
- All voters regardless of disability status can use RAVBM

(Cont.) Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail: Issues

- Voters still need to print and fold ballot to return in envelope – it is not Internet voting
- Signatures on the envelope.
- Manipulating the printout and signing it is not accessible for people with print disabilities.
- If these issues affect your ability to vote privately and independently, please let us know.

Emergency? Use the LATE VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION



How Can I Vote If I Cannot Vote in Person Due to a Medical Emergency?

Jan 14, 2020 | #5417.01

This publication explains how a voter who cannot go out to vote because of a medical emergency, which does not allow them to leave their homes to go vote, or are in the hospital or other care facility. The process is slightly different in each county. In most counties, a voter experiencing a medical emergency needs a family member or friend to help them obtain and return their ballot.

How can I vote if I will not be able to vote in person and it is more than a week before Election Day?

Any voter can request a Vote-by-Mail ballot at least seven (7) days before Election Day by filling out and returning the postcard on the Sample Ballot/Voter Information Guide, or by calling your County Elections Office. A complete list of all Elections Offices by county is located at:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/>

Then, you would need to complete the ballot, place it in the return envelope, sign and date the outside of the envelope and mail it postmarked on or before 8:00PM on Election Day, or have someone return it to any polling place, vote center or drop box in the county by 8PM on Election Day.

How can I vote if I did not request a Vote-by-Mail ballot in time, but I cannot leave my home or am hospitalized because of a medical emergency?

California Late Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
3/2020

If a voter is not able to vote in person at the polls and does not have a vote-by-mail ballot, the voter may apply in writing for a late vote-by-mail ballot. This application must be provided in person to the county elections official by the voter or the voter's representative. The late vote-by-mail ballot cannot be issued or returned by mail. The ballot must be returned personally or through the voter's representative.

1. PRINT NAME: _____ **2. DATE OF BIRTH:** _____
First Middle or Initial Last Month/Day/Year

3. RESIDENCE ADDRESS: _____
Number and Street (P.O. Box will not be accepted)

City Zip Code California County

4. TELEPHONE NUMBER (OPTIONAL): _____

5. YES, I WANT TO BECOME A PERMANENT VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTER.
 By checking this box and by initialing here _____, I am requesting to become a permanent vote-by-mail voter. A vote-by-mail ballot will automatically be sent to me in all future elections. I understand that if I fail to vote by mail in four consecutive statewide general elections, I will need to reapply for permanent vote-by-mail voter status.

6. STATEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION:
On _____, the day of the _____ election, I will be unable to go to my polling place. I authorize _____ to obtain my ballot and deliver it to me.
Month/Day/Year Primary/General/Special Authorized Representative

I understand my ballot may not be returned by mail. It must be returned in person to the county elections official or to any polling place in the county prior to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

7. CERTIFICATION:
I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct.

Signature of Voter (Do Not Print): _____ Date: _____
If a voter is unable to sign, he or she may make a mark which shall be witnessed.

8. WITNESS (IF APPLICABLE):
Witness Signature: _____

Warning: Perjury is a felony, punishable by imprisonment in state prison for up to four years. (Penal Code § 126)

Election Planning

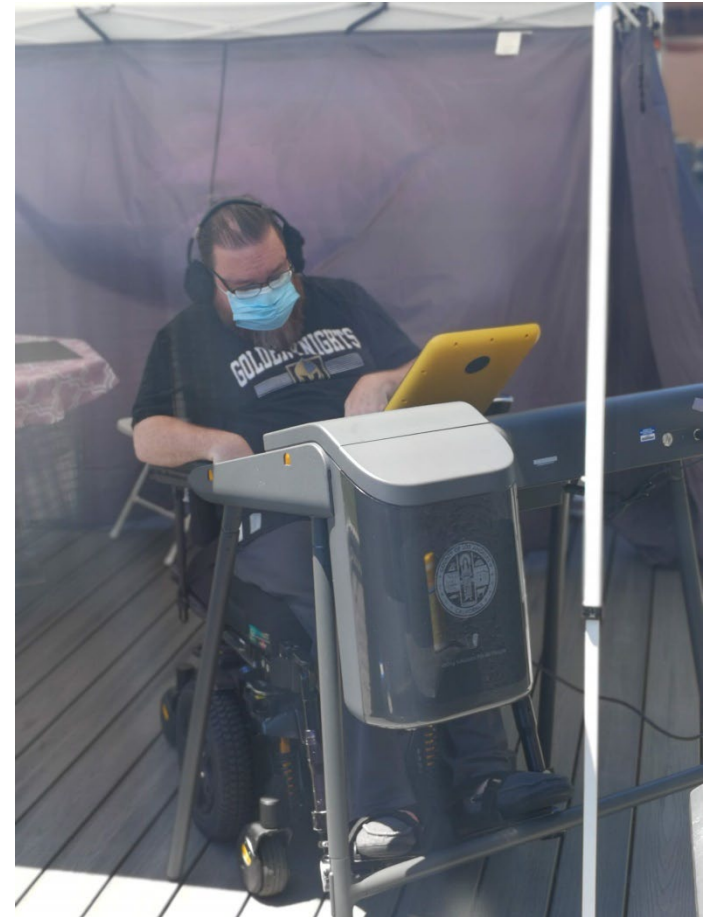
- Start by contacting your local County Elections office.
- Introduce yourself and share information about the group or organization you represent.
- Make some notes ahead of your call with ideas you want to bring up or questions you'd like to ask.

Attending Events

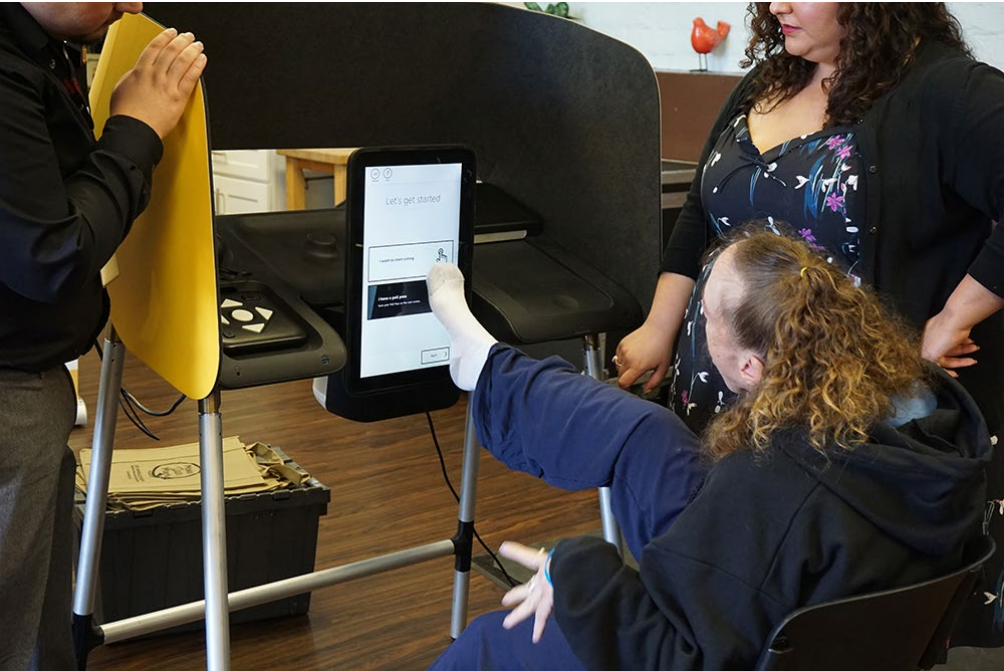


Get Involved!

- Community voter education events.
- Public meetings.
- Voter registration drives.
- County voting machine demonstrations.



Using The Voting Machines



VSAP Demo Easter Seals Norwalk 2018



...A few more ideas

- Make sure you are registered to vote.
- Invite friends to join in the discussion.
- Look for ways to offer your ideas.
- Participate with your County's local Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC).



Voting Accessibility Advisory Committees

What is a VAAC?

A Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) is a community-based committee in partnership with local elections officials which meets regularly to help develop strategies to improve voting accessibility.

The Committee also assists the County to comply with election laws and provide equal access to all voters.

What is a VAAC? (Cont'd)

-A VAAC can benefit your community in many ways, including providing a forum for the disability and senior communities in your county to voice their concerns.

-The Committee provides advice and opportunities for collaboration and outreach with the community.

Other ways to get involved in Voter's Choice Act Counties

- Counties are required to involve people with disabilities in election planning.
- Counties host “workshops” for voter with disabilities before major elections.
- Counties will periodically update their election administration plans. They are required to seek public input.

Now, Just One More Thing . . .

Make your voice heard. Go out and vote!



Questions?

- DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA'S VOTER ELECTION DAY HOTLINE NUMBER, (888) 569-7955.



To: Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Members & Interested Parties
From: State Council on Developmental Disabilities' Bay Area Regional Office
Date: July 22, 2022

Re: **2022-2023 Schedule of State Council Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meetings**

Members of the public are welcomed and encouraged to participate in these Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings telephonically or by Zoom from any location.

Accessible formats of all agenda and materials can be found at least 10 days prior to the meeting at: www.scdd.ca.gov/bayarea/.

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 11123.1 and 11125(f), individuals with disabilities who require accessible alternative formats of the agenda and related meeting materials and/or auxiliary aids/services to participate in this meeting should email us at bayarea@scdd.ca.gov or call us at **510.286.0439**, a least five (5) business days before the meeting.

For all meetings: Networking from 6:15 PM to 6:30 PM, RAC Meeting from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

- September 28, 2022** Community Outreach Meeting
- November 30, 2022** Community Outreach Meeting
- February 22, 2023** Community Outreach Meeting
- April 26, 2023** Community Outreach Meeting
- June 28, 2023** Community Outreach Meeting

No Meetings in July or August 2023



Para: Miembros del Comité Asesor Regional (RAC) y partes interesadas
De: Oficina Regional del Área de la Bahía
Re: Calendario 2022-2023 de las reuniones del Comité Asesor Regional del Área de la Bahía

Fecha: 6 de Julio de 2022

Los miembros del público son bienvenidos y alentados a participar en estas reuniones del Comité Asesor Regional del Área de la Bahía por teléfono o por Zoom desde cualquier lugar.

Los formatos accesibles de todos los programas y materiales se pueden encontrar al menos 10 días antes de la reunión en el siguiente enlace: www.scdd.ca.gov/bayarea/.

En cumplimiento de las secciones 11123.1 y 11125(f) del Código de Gobierno, las personas con discapacidades que requieran formatos alternativos accesibles de la agenda y materiales relacionados de la reunión y / o ayudas / servicios auxiliares para participar en esta reunión deben comunicarse al 510-286-0439 o bayarea@scdd.ca.gov al menos 5 días hábiles antes de la reunión.

[Todas las reuniones del comité están abiertas al público.](#)

Oportunidad de red 6:15 pm a 6:30 pm y las reuniones del RAC son de 6:30 pm a 9:00 pm.

28 de Septiembre de 2022 Reunión de Alcance Comunitario

30 de Noviembre de 2022 Reunión de Alcance Comunitario

22 de Febrero de 2023 Reunión de Alcance Comunitario

26 de Abril de 2023 Reunión de Alcance Comunitario

28 de Junio de 2023 Reunión de Alcance Comunitario

No hay reuniones en **Julio y Agosto de 2023**

Revisado: 7/22/2022

"The Council advocates, promotes & implements policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity & inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families."