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Applicants sought for Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC)

Registrar of Voters Barbara J. Levey announced that the Merced County Registrar of Voters Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) is now accepting membership applications. The LAAC is an all-volunteer committee established to advise on issues related to language accessibility for elections and elections materials. The mission of the LAAC is to advise and assist with implementation of federal and state laws relating to access to the electoral process by voters with limited-English proficiency so that all persons eligible to vote can understand the voting process. The LAAC 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 stipend or reimbursement for participating in LAAC.

The application period is open until **5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2017.**

“Our view has been from the top-down, looking at the various laws and how to comply with them,” Levey said. “Now we need to take the next step and look at how things operate from the perspective of our affected voters. Firsthand knowledge from the perspective of someone who is actually at the other end of the voting pen is crucial.”

The committee will consist of at least 5 members who have demonstrated language accessibility experience and have knowledge of methods for presenting written materials.

Requirements for appointment:

- Commitment to meet once-per-month.
- Desire to improve election accessibility for language minorities.
- Ability to advise on outreach initiatives, and provide support to program leads.
- Motivation to complete work and see real results.

For additional information or questions, please contact the Merced County Registrar of Voters office at (209) 385-7541 or elections@co.merced.ca.us.



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Language Accessibility Advisory Committee Application (LAAC)

The Language Accessibility Advisory Committee is an all-volunteer committee established to advise on issues related to language accessibility for voters with limited-English proficiency, so that all persons eligible to vote can understand the voting process.

Applicant Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Phone Number	
Email Address				
Residence Address				
City			State	Zip
Mailing Address (if different from above)				
City			State	Zip

ALL MEMBERS MUST COMMIT TO MEET ONCE PER MONTH.

1. Describe your relevant experience in language minority communities.
2. Please state which languages you are fluent in and the level of fluency in each (spoken, written).
3. Explain your interest in being a LAAC Member.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please return this completed application to:
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