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Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) Quarterly Report – 2nd Quarter, 2019

The following is the second quarterly update of 2019, detailing project activities and accomplishments during the period of April 1 to June 30, 2019. This report is provided to inform your Board and the public on the progress of the VSAP initiative. This report is prepared in response to a motion adopted by your Board on September 7, 2010.

The Department concluded its second round of Vote Center Placement Project (VCPP) Grassroots Community Meetings on June 29, 2019. We selected 16 new community based organizations (CBOs) and 8 returning organizations from those that conducted meetings during the first round. Participants from over 33 communities were engaged and provided valuable feedback regarding suggested locations and facilities for vote centers throughout the County. This second round of meetings focused on providing voters with an overview of the background and goals of the County's new voting experience, summarizing our community engagement efforts that included the process of identifying potential locations, facility review and informing the public of the 2,000 potential vote center sites that the Department is currently reviewing for use in 2020.

VOTE CENTER PLACEMENT PROJECT (VCPP)

Second Round VCPP Meetings:

During the second round of the VCPP Grassroots Community Meetings, the Department, in partnership with our partner PlaceWorks and 25 CBOs, hosted a total of 34 community meetings conducted over a 9-week period from May 2 through June 29, 2019. The meetings covered 30 geographic regions of Los Angeles County, with additional meetings held in Long Beach, Pasadena and a special interest meeting for voters with disabilities. CBOs conducted robust outreach efforts to ensure meeting attendance at these meetings and to engage a culturally diverse group of participants. Simultaneous language translation and language assistance were provided

in 12 non-English languages based on the needs of the focus area. In addition, American Sign Language was also available at the meetings when requested.

Meeting facilitators delivered a [presentation](#) that provided an overview of the VSAP initiative, the requirements of the California Voter’s Choice Act (VCA) along with an overview of the methodology utilized by the Department to identify a database of 2,000 potential vote centers. Participants had the opportunity to recommend and review facilities in the County and comment on sites under consideration along with suggesting new facilities not yet identified as viable locations. Participants were able to provide this feedback in written form and/or using the online portal.

Second Round VCPP Partners:

Armenian Nation Committee of America, Crescenta Valley Chapter
 Armenian National Committee of America, Pasadena Chapter
 Armenian National Committee of America, Western Region Chapter
 Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Los Angeles (AAAJ)
 Black Women for Wellness
 California Common Cause
 Disabled Resource Center
 Disability Rights California
 FarsiVoter
 First African Methodist Episcopal Church (FAME) & Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA)
 Glassell Park Improvement Association
 InnerCity Struggle
 Lake Los Angeles Park Association
 League of Women Voters, Torrance Area
 League of Women Voters, Los Angeles
 Long Beach Gray Panthers
 Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) Program
 NALEO Educational Fund
 Pacoima Beautiful
 Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at Cal State LA
 South Bay Counseling Center (SBCC) Thrive LA
 Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Collective
 Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living
 United Cerebral Palsy of Los Angeles

Second Round VCPP Schedule:

2nd Round VCPP Grassroots Community Meetings			
Date	Event	Community Based Organization	District
May 2, 2019	Shephard Church, Porter Ranch	League of Women Voters, Los Angeles	3
May 3, 2019*	McBride Park, Long Beach	Disabled Resource Center	4
May 4, 2019	Long Beach Senior Center, Long Beach	Long Beach Gray Panthers	4
May 7, 2019	Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry Building, Santa Monica	League of Women Voters, Los Angeles	3
May 9, 2019	Glassell Park Community & Senior Center, Los Angeles	Glassell Park Improvement Association	1 & 5

May 10, 2019	Community Coalition, Los Angeles	Black Women for Wellness	1 & 2
May 16, 2019	Carson Civic Center, Carson	Black Women for Wellness	2 & 4
May 16, 2019	Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Toyota Meeting Hall, Torrance	League of Women Voters, Torrance Area	1, 2 & 4
May 17, 2019	UCPLA Culver City, Culver City	United Cerebral Palsy of Los Angeles (UCPLA) & Disability Rights California	2
May 18, 2019	C. Robert Lee Activity Center, Hawaiian Gardens	Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living	4
May 18, 2019	Armenian Cultural Foundation Center, Studio City	Armenian National Committee of America, Crescenta Valley Chapter	3 & 5
May 21, 2019	Cal State Los Angeles, Downtown, Los Angeles	Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at Cal State LA	1, 2 & 3
May 22, 2019	University of La Verne Executive Dining Room, La Verne	NALEO Educational Fund	1, 4 & 5
May 28, 2019	Covina Public Library, Covina	Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAAJ)	1, 4 & 5
May 28, 2019	Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, Norwalk	Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living	1 & 4
May 29, 2019	San Gabriel Adult Recreation Center, San Gabriel	California Common Cause	5
May 29, 2019	Burbank Central Library, Burbank	Armenian National Committee of America, Western Chapter	3 & 5
June 4, 2019	Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena	Armenian National Committee of America, Pasadena Chapter	5
June 5, 2019	West Hollywood City Council Chambers, West Hollywood	California Common Cause	2 & 3
June 6, 2019	Centro Maravilla Service Center, Los Angeles	NALEO Educational Fund	1, 4 & 5
June 6, 2019	Second Baptist Church, Monrovia	Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) Program	1 & 5
June 7, 2019	Chimbole Cultural Center, Palmdale	Black Women for Wellness	5
June 8, 2019	First AME Church, Los Angeles	First African Methodist Episcopal Church (FAME) & Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA)	1, 2 & 3
June 11, 2019	Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center, Calabasas	League of Women Voters, Los Angeles	3
June 12, 2019	Harbor City Recreational Center, Community Room, Harbor City	South Bay Counseling Center (SBCC) Thrive LA	2 & 4
June 13, 2019	South Gate Girls Club House, South Gate	Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Collaborative	1, 2 & 4
June 15, 2019	Old Town Newhall Public Library, Santa Clarita	Black Women for Wellness	5
June 18, 2019	Encino-Tarzana Branch Library, Tarzana	FarsiVoter	3
June 18, 2019	Hawthorne Memorial Center, Hawthorne	South Bay Counseling Center (SBCC) Thrive LA	2, 3 & 4
June 19, 2019	North Hills United Methodist Church, North Hills	South Bay Counseling Center (SBCC) Thrive LA	3 & 5
June 22, 2019	Northridge Recreation Center Gymnasium, Northridge	Black Women for Wellness	3 & 5
June 22, 2019	Jackie Robinson Park, Littlerock	Lake Los Angeles Park Association	5
June 27, 2019	Pacoima City Hall, Pacoima	Pacoima Beautiful	3 & 5
June 29, 2019	InnerCity Struggle, Los Angeles	InnerCity Struggle	1 & 5

*NBC 4 featured a live story on the 11:00am news from the meeting at McBride Park in Long Beach on Friday, May 3, 2019.

ADDITIONAL VSAP HIGHLIGHTS/MILESTONES

- Future of California Elections Conference in Sacramento: April 11, 2019.
- Voters Choice Act Debrief and Workshop in Sacramento: April 12, 2019.
 - Note: Aaron Nevarez, Manager of the Governmental & Legislative Affairs Division, presented on the overall scope of the VCPP Grassroots Community Meetings.
- The California Secretary of State approved the VSAP Pilot Plan for the November 5th Election: May 6, 2019.
- Held first of three Vote Center Test Labs from May 6, 2019 through May 17, 2019, where Department staff tested the operational procedures for the new voting experience.
- VSAP project staff and Community & Voter Outreach team members showcased the BMD EVT units at the Los Angeles County Equity Summit: May 31, 2019.
- Dean Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, conducted the *Los Angeles County Elections 2020 Boot Camp: What you need to know about LA County's New and Modern Voting Experience* presentation during an event hosted by the Future of California Elections: June 6, 2019.
 - Note: The event was held at the California Endowment in Downtown L.A.
- The Department received 15 Test Lab BMDs from Smartmatic USA: June 17, 2019.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

During this reporting period, the Department met with various organizations and city officials to present on the new voting experience.

Additional VSAP Presentations			
Date	Organization	City	District
April 4, 2019	ACT Meeting	Pasadena	5
April 8, 2019	Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council	Rowland Heights	4
April 9, 2019	CHIRLA at VSAP Lab	RR/CC	n/a
April 16, 2019	Hawthorne Neighborhood Leadership Meet & Greet	Hawthorne	2
April 16, 2019	Norwalk City Council	Norwalk	4
April 17, 2019	Antelope Acres Town Council	Antelope Acres	5
April 18, 2019	California Association of Black Lawyers (CABLE)	Downtown LA	1
April 19, 2019	Urban League: How to Run for Office	South LA	2
April 20, 2019	Sherman Oaks Democratic Club	Sherman Oaks	3
April 26, 2019	Senior Pathfinders	Rowland Heights	4
April 27, 2019	Palos Verdes Democratic Club	Rolling Hills Estates	4
April 29, 2019	LA African American Women's PAC	South Los Angeles	2
May 2, 2019	VoteSC Webinar	Exposition Park	2
May 3, 2019	League of Women Voters at VSAP Lab	RR/CC	n/a
May 4, 2019	St. Andrews Community Group	South Los Angeles	2
May 7, 2019	Glendale City Council	Glendale	5
May 7, 2019	San Gabriel City Council	San Gabriel	5
May 10, 2019	Black Women for Wellness	South Los Angeles	2
May 11, 2019	Progressive Democrats of the Santa Monica Mountains	Topanga	3

May 14, 2019	Cerritos Republican Club	Cerritos	4
May 16, 2019	OLLI #1 @ CSULB (different group from 5/20)	Long Beach	4
May 16, 2019	AARP Chapter 5353	Willowbrook	2
May 16, 2019	South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils	South Los Angeles	2
May 20, 2019	OLLI #2 @ CSULB (different group from 5/16)	Long Beach	4
May 23, 2019	Foothills Community Democratic Club	Monrovia	5
May 23, 2019	DHRM (arranged through RR/CC HR)	At RR/CC	n/a
May 31, 2019	Women in Leadership: Vital Voices	Pasadena	5
June 3, 2019	Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (DPSFV)	Van Nuys	3
June 5, 2019	Southland Regional Association of Realtors	Van Nuys	3
June 6, 2019	FOCE: LA County Elections 2020 Bootcamp	Downtown LA	1
June 7, 2019	Sovereign Park Estates Annual Meeting	Long Beach	4
June 11, 2019	DMAC / Office of Emergency Management	East Los Angeles	1
June 11, 2019	First African American Methodist Episcopal Church	Pasadena	5
June 11, 2019	La Mirada City Study Session	La Mirada	4
June 12, 2019	Willowbrook Senior Center	Willowbrook	2
June 13, 2019	Glendale City Town Hall	Glendale	5
June 15, 2019	Nat'l Council of Negro Women, Inc. - Long Beach Chapter	Long Beach	4
June 15, 2019	TRI Counties Democratic Club	Diamond Bar	4
June 15, 2019	League of Women Voters, Glendale / Burbank	Burbank	5
June 20, 2019	North Valley Democratic Club	Chatsworth	5
June 26, 2019	LA County Federation of Labor	Pico-Union	3
June 28, 2019	Southland Regional Association of Realtors Education Meeting	Canoga Park	3

MEDIA COVERAGE

May

- Dean Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, and VSAP was featured on the NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt
 - Note: NBC News reporter Cynthia McFadden highlighted the new voting experience from the RR/CC's Norwalk Headquarters.
- [How We Vote In LA Is About To Change. Here's How To Make Your Opinion Known | LAist](#)
- [Has Los Angeles County just reinvented voting? | NBC News](#)

June

- [Voting Centers on the Horizon for 2020 Elections | Los Angeles Sentinel](#)
- [Vote Center Placement Project Community Meeting on Tuesday, June 11 in Calabasas | MalibuCity.org](#)
- [Learn About Voting Changes At Meeting In Monrovia | Monrovia Weekly](#)
- [Meetings to focus on voting changes | Antelope Valley Press](#)
- [County Introduces Its New High Tech Voting System to Pasadena | Pasadena Now](#)

Newsletter

Attached to this report is the latest issue of the VSAP quarterly newsletter, which is produced to keep the VSAP Advisory Committee, VSAP Technical Advisory Committee and the public informed on activities and developments in the project.

About the VSAP Initiative

Launched in September 2009, the Voting Systems Assessment Project was developed by the Department in response to the growing voting system needs. The project has transitioned from a research and design project to a system implementation program and, as such, is now known as the Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP).

While the County's current voting system has served the voters of Los Angeles County with accuracy and integrity, the design of these systems and the age of their technology do not offer the technical and functional elasticity necessary to continue to accommodate our growing and increasingly diverse electorate.

The size and diversity of Los Angeles County and the limited voting systems market, however, make it almost impossible to reasonably consider a commercial off-the-shelf voting system solution. Any voting system solution will entail a significant development or customization process in order to satisfy the County's needs, General Voting System Principles and technical requirements.

In response to these needs and challenges, VSAP takes an unprecedented and comprehensive approach at modernizing the County's voting system. The vision of the project is to implement a voting system through a transparent process that takes into account the needs and expectations of current and future Los Angeles County voters. The VSAP aims at achieving three goals in this process: 1) give current and future Los Angeles County voters an unprecedented opportunity to participate in the assessment and development process; 2) increase voter confidence in the electoral process through the participatory structure of the project and; 3) synthesize public input and research to acquire or develop a new voting system for the County.

Stay Connected

More information regarding the VSAP Project is available to the public at <http://vsap.lavote.net>. The pages on our website are frequently updated with news and information and are a great way to stay connected with the progress of the project between quarterly reports. We strongly encourage public input throughout the process and look forward to continuing to work with your Board on this critical project.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly or your staff may contact Aaron Nevarez, Manager of Governmental & Legislative Affairs at anevarez@rcc.lacounty.gov or (562) 462-2800.