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MINUTES

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING WITH THE

DISABILITY COMMUNITY

Friday, December 29, 2017

Madera County Board of Supervisors Chambers

200 West 4th Street

Madera, California

Call to order at 11:15 a.m.

Introductions by Rebecca Martinez, County Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters

Staff: Justin White, Chief Assistant; Pearl Carlotto, Senior Deputy; Sherri Carrillo, Deputy

Everyone in attendance was provided with a copy of the agenda and the power point.

The County Clerk advised everyone that Eliza Flores-Clark, American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter was present.

Justin White gives an overview of the Voters Choice Act and calls for any questions or comments.

Sarah Harris, Resources for Independence, Central Valley, stated she would like us to hire people that will specifically be using and testing the equipment and indicated they could help us with that. Further, that we could hire some of their staff and to put some funding into that. Lastly, she indicated that there is a lack of transportation.

We advised that we were going to be having conversations with the appropriate agencies to mitigate that.

Charity Tokash, Resources for Independence, Central Valley, inquired if documents posted to our website were accessible.

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Justin advised the group that we had performed a WCAG (Web Content Accessible Guidelines) scan of our website for accessibility.

Paul Spencer, Disability Rights California, was excited about the WCAG scan and complimented us on our website. He stated that when the EAP comes out we have to have meetings. Reiterated things to consider that are required by law.

Susan Coulter, Educational Services Director for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center, stated that it is difficult for the deaf to read English material and that American Sign Language is their first language. Website accessibility might be a big challenge. She suggested a sign language interpreter in a box on the website.

Kathy Eisele likes 11 days to get out and vote and now there will be more options.

Stacy Weaver, Assistant City Clerk, Chowchilla, will see to getting out public service announcements as they have many contacts.

All attendees were invited to attend the upcoming Voting Accessibility Advisory meeting scheduled for January 31, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Madera County Government Center, 200 West 4th Street, Madera, Ca.