



## County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters

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**Rebecca Martinez, County Clerk-Recorder**

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Minutes of the Formation Meeting  
Madera County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)  
August 9, 2017

**In attendance:**

Rebecca Martinez, County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters  
Justin B. White, Chief Assistant County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters  
Stephanie Sibley, Elections Division Manager  
Marisol Hernandez, Deputy Clerk-Recorder II  
Pearl Carlotto, Deputy Clerk-Recorder II  
Sherri Carrillo, Deputy Clerk-Recorder II

**Attendees from the public include:**

Samuel Molina, Mi Familia Vota  
Cynthia Ortegón, City of Madera ADA Advisory Committee  
Paul R. Spencer, Disability Rights California  
Leonard Williams, Madera County Veterans Service Officer  
Letitica Gonzalez, Chief of Staff, Madera County Supervisor District 4  
Max Rodriguez, Chairman of the Board, Madera County Supervisor District 4

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:10am. Introductions were made by the County Clerk-Recorder and members of the audience were invited to announce their name and the communities they represent.

Justin White presented the VAAC materials to those in attendance. Attendees were given overview of committee needs, duties and authorities. Discussion surrounded the need for community involvement and the needs of our office to determine the best resources for getting information out to voters in our disabled, senior and veteran communities.

Cynthia Ortegón advised that she believes nearly 8% of all residents in Madera County could be disabled. That information was based on 2010 census data and also informed that she does not have current figures. The committee, once formed, would look into determining more updated figures to properly represent the numbers of disabled citizens to include in our outreach efforts.

Paul Spencer advised that Disability Rights California also struggles with determining those numbers and stated that the PEW center has determined that approximately 1 in 5 people has some sort of disability. His recommendation is to make elections more accessible in general. Making more choices available to our voters is a step in right direction and believes we are poised to succeed.

Cynthia Ortegón also suggested that we look into getting the assistance from the buses that will be used to provide transport for students to the Madera College center. The buses planned will eliminate the use of Dial-a-Ride by those students which takes away valuable time for transportation from individuals who use the service due to disabilities.

The group also discussed the need for a new voting system. The new system will accommodate voters with disabilities and will provide more voting options. Once the Registrar has decided which system to purchase, all members of the VAAC and the public will be invited to a demonstration whereby they can provide feedback on the new system and help us prepare for its use in June, 2018.

The VAAC will also look to do outreach at the upcoming Madera Fair. Cynthia Ortegón provided information and staff will make contact to arrange for a booth in our effort to get VAAC info out to the public as well as providing a great forum for the community to see the new voting system before it is used in our first election.

Applications were provided to those in attendance. Applications were received from:  
Cynthia Ortegón  
Leonard Williams

Next VAAC meeting will be held at a date and location to be determined.

All information provided at the formation meeting will be posted on [www.votemadera.com](http://www.votemadera.com).

Meeting was adjourned at 10:57am.