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Resumen Ejecutivo

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada tiene como objetivo llevar a cabo elecciones con un espíritu de innovación, integridad, accesibilidad, transparencia, y uso eficiente de los recursos de los contribuyentes.

Nuestra oficina implementó la Ley de Votación Flexible (VCA) en junio de 2018. En virtud de la VCA, a los votantes se les ofrecen más opciones sobre cómo, cuándo y dónde votar. Todos los votantes registrados en el Condado de Nevada reciben automáticamente una boleta de voto por correo. Los votantes, entonces, pueden dejar sus boletas votadas en uno de nuestros muchos lugares para entrega de boletas seguros que están por todo el condado, devolver la boleta por correo o entregar la boleta que recibieron por correo para votar en persona en un centro de votación. Si un votante elige votar en persona, ya no está limitado a un solo lugar de votación en un solo día. Un votante puede ir a cualquier centro de votación del condado.

La VCA también requiere que los condados publiquen un Plan de Administración Electoral (EAP) cada cuatro años. El EAP es una oportunidad para que el público le proporcione sus comentarios a nuestra oficina sobre nuestros planes. Publicamos un borrador del EAP, celebramos una audiencia pública y publicamos un borrador modificado si es necesario. Nuestro EAP describe cómo planeamos educar al público con respecto a las opciones que incluye el modelo de la VCA. Incluye información sobre las ubicaciones propuestas para nuestros centros de votación y para entrega de boletas, la manera en que se eligen, y cómo mantendremos su integridad. Con este EAP, esperamos brindarle al público una idea clara de cómo nuestra oficina administra las elecciones en el Condado de Nevada y nuestros esfuerzos por educar al público. Este EAP también incluye un conjunto sólido de apéndices con más detalles, incluido un glosario de términos.

Dos centros de votación abrirán 10 días antes de la elección y seis centros de votación abrirán tres días antes de la elección hasta el Día de las Elecciones, incluso los fines de semana. Además, un centro "temporal," es decir, un centro de votación de un solo día estará disponible para aquellas personas que tendrían que viajar una distancia significativa hasta el centro de votación más cercano, lo que da un total de nueve centros de votación para el Día de las Elecciones.

Este EAP propone el cambio de un lugar de nuestra lista de centros de votación disponibles y un buzón para entrega de boletas adicional. Lo elaboró Elecciones del Condado de Nevada en colaboración con nuestra comunidad.

Estamos abiertos a todas las preguntas que el público tenga sobre la Ley de Votación Flexible o sobre cualquier información incluida en este EAP.

¡Feliz votación!

Atentamente,

Natalie Adona
Secretaria-Registradora del Condado de Nevada/Registro de Votantes

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Resumen del Plan de Administración Electoral (EAP)

La Ley de Votación Flexible (VCA) exige a todos los condados participantes que elaboren un Plan de Administración Electoral (EAP). Los condados deben elaborar el EAP en el primer año de implementación de la VCA, luego una vez después de dos años, y luego cada cuatro años a partir de ese momento. El Condado de Nevada elaboró el EAP en 2018, 2020 y ahora en 2023 en preparación para los ciclos electorales de 2024 y 2026.

El EAP es el núcleo de toda operación electoral. Brinda información sobre los planes de difusión para los votantes, las ubicaciones propuestas para los centros de votación y los buzones para entrega de boletas, información sobre los comités asesores, los costos de las elecciones, y planes de contingencia ante los problemas conocidos que podrían afectar la votación. El EAP debe incorporar los comentarios de la comunidad según sea necesario después de dar aviso al público y recibir sus comentarios, y el Secretario de Estado de California debe aprobar el Plan de Educación y Difusión para el Votante.¹

Resumen de la Ley de Votación Flexible (VCA)

El Condado de Nevada fue uno de los primeros cinco condados que implementó la VCA en junio de 2018, junto con Napa, Madera, Sacramento, y San Mateo. A mayo de 2023, hay un total de 27 condados que administran elecciones conforme a la VCA, lo que abarca el 76 por ciento de los votantes registrados en todo el estado.²

Si un condado adopta la VCA, la ley exige que los funcionarios electorales 1) envíen una boleta por correo postal a todos los votantes activos y registrados³; 2) ofrezcan opciones de votación anticipada que sean sólidas; 3) establezcan los centros de votación; 4) establezcan los lugares para entrega de boletas de voto por correo; y 5) lleven a cabo una educación y difusión extensas para los votantes.

Los votantes bajo la VCA tienen varias opciones sobre cómo devolver su boleta votada:

1. **Correo de los Estados Unidos.** Varios miles de votantes del Condado de Nevada dependen del Servicio Postal de los EE. UU. para recibir y devolver sus boletas.
2. **Buzón oficial para entrega de boletas.** Los condados bajo la VCA deben proporcionar al menos un buzón para entrega de boletas por cada 15,000 votantes registrados. El Condado de Nevada supera el mínimo, y la mayoría se ubica en tiendas de comestibles.
3. **En persona.** Los funcionarios deben establecer un centro de votación por cada 50,000 votantes registrados 10 días antes de una elección, y un centro de votación por cada 10,000 votantes registrados tres días antes de una elección.⁴ Cualquier votante del condado puede votar en cualquier centro de votación sin la necesidad de votar provisionalmente en la mayoría de las circunstancias.

¹ Código Elec. § 4005(a)(10)(E)(i)

² Para conocer más información sobre los condados que participan en la VCA, visite <https://www.sos.ca.gov/voters-choice-act> (última consulta el 26 de mayo de 2023).

³ La legislatura ahora les exige a todos los condados que envíen por correo postal una boleta a los votantes, independientemente de si el condado elige participar en la Ley de Votación Flexible. Consulte el Código Elec. § 3000.5.

⁴ Código Elec. § 4005(a)(3)-(4). Esta fórmula para establecer la cantidad de centros de votación solo se aplica para las elecciones programadas con regularidad.

Desde la implementación de la VCA, cada vez más votantes del Condado de Nevada eligen devolver sus boletas por correo o en un buzón para entrega de boletas, cada vez menos eligen votar provisionalmente en las casillas, y el escrutinio de las elecciones finaliza con más rapidez que en años pasados. Los costos generales de las elecciones han disminuido, en mayor parte a causa de la liberación de fondos estatales destinados a los sistemas de votación y de emergencia por la pandemia, y el aumento en la cantidad de mandatos estatales que hace que el Condado de Nevada sea elegible para recibir reembolsos.

Plan de Educación y Difusión para el Votante

Resumen

La ley estatal exige que los condados bajo la VCA incluyan materiales educativos en publicaciones regulares como la Guía de Información para el Votante del Condado (CVIG) y mediante comunicaciones directas. El Condado de Nevada hace énfasis en los siguientes aspectos de la VCA y de la ley estatal:

- Las boletas están en el correo a partir del E-29 (se indican las fechas específicas)
- Los buzones para entrega de boletas se abren a más tardar el E-28 (se indican las fechas específicas)
- Los votantes del Condado de Nevada pueden elegir el método de votación (en persona, por correo, mediante buzón para entrega de boletas) que mejor se adapte a sus necesidades
- Cualquier votante del Condado de Nevada puede votar en cualquier centro de votación del condado—en la mayoría de los casos, sin la necesidad de emitir una boleta provisional
- Los centros de votación abren en horarios escalonados a partir del E-10 (se indican las fechas y los horarios de funcionamiento específicos)
- Los votantes pueden entregar su boleta en cualquier centro de votación del estado, siempre y cuando la boleta se entregue antes del cierre de casillas el Día de las Elecciones

La CVIG les brinda a los votantes información básica sobre los centros de votación y los lugares de entrega, incluidos los horarios de funcionamiento. Nuestra oficina pretende enviar las CVIG por correo a partir del E-40. Para dar más apoyo a la disponibilidad de los centros de votación e informar a los votantes sobre la devolución de las boletas, Elecciones del Condado de Nevada también usa sus dos comunicaciones directas obligatorias para informar las ubicaciones específicas y la información de contacto de la oficina, incluida la línea directa gratuita de asistencia al votante.

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada usará sus recursos⁵ sobre educación y difusión para el votante de manera eficiente para garantizar que los votantes estén plenamente informados sobre las elecciones en el condado en virtud de la VCA, de las siguientes maneras:

- Promocionar el voto por correo de acceso remoto y la línea directa gratuita de asistencia al votante por medio de redes sociales, diarios, radio y televisión, incluidos medios de

⁵ Los detalles sobre el presupuesto para educación y difusión de Elecciones del Condado de Nevada se presentan en el Apéndice I.

comunicación que atienden a comunidades que hablan un idioma minoritario.

- Acudir a eventos comunitarios para promocionar información básica y propiciar la fe y la confianza en el proceso electoral.⁶
- Brindar información oportuna sobre las elecciones y la votación en el sitio web de las Elecciones del Condado de Nevada, asegurándose de que esta información sea accesible.
- Organizar talleres de educación para el votante por medio de nuestros Comités Asesores, incluido al menos un taller de educación bilingüe para el votante, que abarque información sobre cómo los votantes pueden acceder a los servicios de elecciones y votación.
- Publicar anuncios de servicio público que informen a los votantes sobre las elecciones próximas y la línea directa gratuita de asistencia al votante, orientada a los ciudadanos de habla inglesa (incluidos los votantes sordos o con dificultades auditivas y los votantes ciegos o con deficiencias visuales) y a los ciudadanos que no sean de habla inglesa en todo el condado.
- Enviar por correo al menos dos comunicaciones directas durante los 30 días previos a una elección para darles a los votantes información importante sobre la elección y nuestra información de contacto, incluida la línea directa gratuita de asistencia al votante.
- Promocionar el sitio web de Elecciones del Condado de Nevada, el cual ofrece información oportuna y precisa sobre el registro de votantes, la restauración de derechos, noticias de elecciones específicas (incluidas las fechas límite) y detalles sobre la VCA, el sistema de votación del condado y la observación electoral.

Además de las actividades mínimas que Elecciones del Condado de Nevada lleva a cabo para educar a los votantes, nuestro personal también está consciente de la creciente falta de confianza en las elecciones, mucha de la cual se origina por la información errónea y la desinformación. Hemos implementado elementos de acción destinados a apoyar nuestras actividades actuales y ayudar a promover una mayor transparencia y confianza en el sistema.

Comités de la VCA

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada tiene tres comités asesores que nos ayudan con nuestros esfuerzos de planificación y difusión: el Comité Asesor de Acceso para el Votante, el Comité Asesor de Acceso Lingüístico y el Comité de Educación y Difusión para el Votante. Nuestro personal quiere adelantarse al ciclo electoral 2024 al revitalizar todos los Comités Asesores y promover una pertenencia y participación sólidas.

Comité Asesor de Acceso Electoral (VAAC)

La misión del Comité Asesor de Acceso Electoral es colaborar con los defensores comunitarios en la creación de soluciones accesibles que les permitan a los votantes del Condado de Nevada obtener la información que necesitan para votar de manera privada e independiente.

El VAAC se fundó el 29 de agosto de 2017. Los miembros del VAAC están estrechamente vinculados

⁶ Consulte el Apéndice J para obtener más información sobre los eventos públicos.

con la comunidad de personas con discapacidad. El Comité se compone de defensores dedicados que siguen apoyando a nuestro personal en el desarrollo de planes que atiendan mejor a los votantes con discapacidades en el Condado de Nevada.⁷

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada organizó un taller educativo para el votante para aumentar el acceso y la participación de los votantes con discapacidad elegibles en la primavera de 2023 y es probable que organice al menos una reunión más antes de que termine el año. La fecha, el horario y el lugar de todos los talleres se anunciarán públicamente con al menos 10 días de anticipación.

Como resultado de la continua interacción con el VAAC, Elecciones del Condado de Nevada ha recibido comentarios positivos y seguirá desarrollando los siguientes servicios:

- Sitio Web Accesible sobre las Elecciones. Nuestra oficina trabajará en conjunto con el personal de Servicios Informativos del Condado de Nevada para garantizar que toda la información sobre las elecciones esté disponible en un formato accesible. Nos esforzamos por optimizar nuestro contenido para los lectores de accesibilidad y proporcionar el URL completo de las páginas vinculadas y la información. El Condado de Nevada también incluye Traductor de Google en todas las páginas del departamento, incluido el sitio web de Elecciones del Condado de Nevada.
- Opciones Accesibles en los Centros de Votación y los Lugares para Entrega de Boletas Electorales. Cada centro de votación tendrá estacionamiento accesible y cumplirá con la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA).⁸ El personal inspeccionará los centros de votación para garantizar que cada centro de votación tenga el equipo y los materiales necesarios para cumplir con la ADA. Todos los centros de votación están equipados con al menos tres Dispositivos de Marcación de Boletas (BMD, también llamados Verity Print) que incluyen opciones de accesibilidad auditiva y visual y puertos de control por exhalación e inhalación. El personal electoral tiene experiencia en el uso de BMD, recibe entrenamiento de sensibilidad y capacitará al personal de nuestro centro de votación para que ayude a cualquier votante. Todos los lugares para entrega de boletas en interiores y exteriores serán accesibles y estarán lo más cerca posible a las rutas del transporte público. El lugar para entrega de boletas abierto las 24 horas en el Edificio de Gobierno del Condado de Nevada (Rood Center) es accesible y se encuentra en una ruta de transporte público.
- Acceso a Boletas de Voto por Correo de Acceso Remoto. Todos los votantes registrados recibirán una boleta de voto por correo y materiales educativos. Cada votante también recibirá una solicitud para pedir una boleta de voto por correo de acceso remoto. Los votantes que soliciten una boleta de voto por correo accesible solo tienen que llenarla y devolverla a Elecciones del Condado de Nevada. Los votantes también pueden solicitar una boleta de voto por correo accesible y recibir otra información sobre la votación accesible mediante nuestro sitio web. Elecciones del Condado de Nevada seguirá usando la plataforma Democracy Live para distribuir las boletas de voto por correo de acceso remoto.
- Información sobre Cómo Solicitar una Boleta de Reemplazo. Todos los votantes, incluidos los votantes con discapacidades, pueden encontrar información sobre cómo solicitar una boleta de reemplazo. La solicitud para presentar esta petición se encuentra en el sitio web de Elecciones del Condado de Nevada. Los votantes también pueden llamar, presentarse en

⁷ Consulte el Apéndice A para conocer los materiales sobre este comité.

⁸ Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades de 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.

persona o visitar cualquier centro de votación para solicitar una boleta de reemplazo. El último día que se puede **enviar por correo** una boleta de voto por correo de reemplazo es siete días antes de la elección. Cualquier votante del Condado de Nevada también puede acudir a cualquier centro de votación para obtener una boleta de reemplazo o para votar en un equipo de votación accesible.

- Línea Directa Gratuita para Votantes Sordos y con Dificultades Auditivas. Elecciones del Condado de Nevada tiene una línea directa gratuita TTY (530-265-1335) para votantes sordos y con dificultades auditivas que está disponible de lunes a viernes: de 8:00 am – 5:00 pm y de 7:00 am – 8:00 pm el Día de las Elecciones. El número de la línea gratuita se publica en el sitio web de Elecciones del Condado de Nevada y se incluye en los materiales de votación que se envían a los votantes.
- Atender las Desigualdades de Accesibilidad y Participación entre los Votantes. Después de cada elección, Elecciones del Condado de Nevada hará un esfuerzo razonable para tratar las desigualdades significativas de accesibilidad y participación entre los votantes. Elecciones del Condado de Nevada se reunirá con el VAAC del Condado de Nevada para atender y analizar todos los problemas surgidos durante la elección. Además, Elecciones del Condado de Nevada encuestará al personal de todos los centros de votación para evaluar y atender todas las desigualdades de accesibilidad y participación entre los votantes.
- Organizar talleres y reuniones de educación para los votantes a través de Zoom y Teams. Desde la pandemia, Elecciones del Condado de Nevada ahora ofrece a los miembros de nuestro LAAC opciones para reunirse de manera remota. Herramientas como Zoom y Teams ofrecen servicios de subtítulos descriptivos que todos los asistentes pueden usar para comunicarse mejor con los demás. Para nuestras reuniones en persona, podemos ofrecer demostraciones del equipo de votación accesible. También hay videos disponibles sobre cómo funciona nuestro equipo de votación en el sitio web de Elecciones del Condado de Nevada.

Comité Asesor de Acceso Lingüístico (LAAC)

La misión del Comité Asesor de Acceso Lingüístico es colaborar con los defensores comunitarios en la creación de soluciones lingüísticas que les permitan a los votantes del Condado de Nevada que necesitan materiales electorales en otros idiomas obtener la ayuda que necesitan.

El LAAC se fundó el 29 de agosto de 2017. La finalidad del LAAC es facilitar nuestros esfuerzos orientados a alcanzar e informar mejor a la población de habla hispana del Condado de Nevada.⁹ Conforme a la ley estatal, Elecciones del Condado de Nevada está obligada a proporcionar boletas facsímiles y otros materiales electorales en español.¹⁰ Desde la creación del LAAC, Elecciones del Condado de Nevada ha tenido numerosas dificultades para encontrar grupos que atiendan a los votantes de habla hispana del condado, a pesar de la evidencia de que la comunidad que habla español está creciendo. Aunque hemos tenido miembros que nos acompañan en las reuniones del LAAC, ninguno es hablante nativo de español. Seguimos haciendo difusión y hemos pedido la ayuda de la Secretaria de Estado. Nuestra oficina seguirá haciendo las siguientes actividades:

- Identificar a los Votantes que Hablan un Idioma Minoritario. Elecciones del Condado de Nevada identifica a los votantes que hablan un idioma minoritario según la preferencia de

⁹ Consulte el Apéndice B para conocer los materiales sobre este comité.

¹⁰ Código Elec. § 14201

idioma que indican en los formularios de registro del votante. Los votantes que hablan un idioma minoritario también pueden enviar un correo electrónico o llamar a Elecciones del Condado de Nevada para designar su preferencia de idioma. Nosotros recopilamos y almacenamos estos datos en nuestro sistema de gestión electoral. También recibimos información sobre las comunidades que hablan un idioma minoritario de la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense de la Oficina del Censo de EE. UU.¹¹

- Organizar Talleres Educativos Bilingües para Votantes. A causa de las dificultades que generó la pandemia de COVID-19, Elecciones del Condado de Nevada no pudo organizar talleres educativos bilingües para votantes en 2020. Nuestra oficina intentó volver a implementar estos talleres, pero la asistencia al LAAC ha sido extremadamente baja. Elecciones del Condado de Nevada hará más intentos en el futuro para organizar talleres educativos bilingües para los votantes durante el ciclo electoral 2024. La fecha, el horario y el lugar de estos talleres se anunciarán públicamente, en inglés y español, con al menos 10 días de anticipación. Algunos de los materiales y la información que podrían ofrecerse en nuestros talleres bilingües incluyen boletas facsímiles, el EAP, información de cómo ser funcionario de casilla, y un análisis sobre la información errónea y la desinformación sobre las elecciones.
- Publicar Anuncios de Servicio Público y de Medios de Comunicación. Cuando la VCA se implementó originalmente, la Oficina Electoral supo de la existencia de varias estaciones de radio en español. Sin embargo, ninguna de ellas tenía sede en el Condado de Nevada ni estaba dirigida a sus residentes. Tras consultarlo con el público, el LAAC concluyó que anunciarse en medios de comunicación distintos a los locales resultaría confuso para los votantes que viven en los condados que aún no adoptan la VCA. Elecciones del Condado de Nevada hará todos los esfuerzos que sean razonables para llegar a las comunidades de habla hispana mediante la distribución de materiales educativos en español. Proporcionaremos más materiales y publicaciones en redes sociales que sean bilingües en comparación con los años pasados y ofreceremos materiales bilingües para que los grupos los incluyan en los correos electrónicos, boletines y volantes dirigidos a sus miembros, incluido el Centro de Recursos para la Familia en Truckee. Se publicarán anuncios en español de servicio público en los diarios The Union y Sierra Sun, así como en otros medios locales.
- Línea Directa Gratuita de Asistencia al Votante en Español. Elecciones del Condado de Nevada proporcionará una línea directa gratuita de asistencia al votante de habla hispana en el Condado de Nevada. Esta línea operará 29 días antes de la elección hasta las 5:00 p.m. del día posterior a la elección. El número de esta línea directa se publicará en el sitio web de Elecciones del Condado de Nevada y en los materiales de votación que se envían a los votantes.

Comité de Educación y Difusión para el Votante (VEOC)

La misión del Comité de Educación y Difusión para el Votante es fomentar la fe y la confianza en el proceso democrático al dar a los votantes del Condado de Nevada las herramientas que necesitan para comprender sus derechos electorales, al dar poder a nuestros residentes para que conozcan más sobre el proceso electoral, y al brindar al Condado de Nevada la información necesaria para infundir confianza en los resultados de las elecciones.¹²

El VEOC se fundó el 29 de agosto de 2017. Cuando se implementó la VCA en el Condado de Nevada en 2018, se suspendieron las reuniones del Comité. Debido a las extraordinarias dificultades para

¹¹ La ACS se encuentra en <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs>.

¹² Consulte el Apéndice C para conocer los materiales sobre este comité.

comunicar y transmitir información basada en hechos y no partidista a los votantes en un entorno hiperpartidista, nuestra oficina decidió que era momento de reestablecer y revitalizar el VEOC. Los miembros provienen de varios sectores de nuestra comunidad, incluidos educadores, organizaciones sin fines de lucro que atienden a jóvenes votantes, medios locales y jefes de departamentos del condado. Los objetivos del VEOC incluyen:

- Revitalizar el Comité de Educación y Difusión para el Votante al invitar a partes interesadas a se vuelvan miembros asesores
- Establecer un punto de partida para comprender las necesidades informativas del Condado de Nevada y hacer todos los esfuerzos necesarios para adaptarnos a la situación de las personas
- Publicar constantemente información actualizada sobre el proceso electoral, en el sitio web de Elecciones del Condado de Nevada y mediante otros medios de comunicación/redes sociales
- Interactuar con votantes que cuentan con poca información, incluidos, entre otros, votantes con necesidades de acceso lingüístico, votantes militares y ubicados en el extranjero, y votantes jóvenes
- Organizar reuniones informativas con la oportunidad de recibir comentarios del público
- Participar en eventos del Condado y ofrecer información a los votantes sobre las próximas elecciones y sus derechos

Una función del VEOC es determinar y atender las dificultades actuales para la educación del votante que el LAAC y el VAAC del condado no atienden. Elecciones del Condado de Nevada ha identificado dificultades clave a las que se enfrentará en el futuro cercano, las cuales consideramos que podemos superar con la ayuda de todos nuestros comités.

Cómo Superar las Dificultades de la Educación para el Votante

Si bien nunca han sido fáciles la educación y la difusión para el votante, las Elecciones Presidenciales Generales de 2020 plantearon dificultades sin precedentes a los funcionarios electorales de todo el país. Durante el transcurso de ese ciclo electoral, los funcionarios se vieron obligados a pensar más a fondo en cómo nos comunicamos con los votantes y qué podemos hacer para mejorar e intensificar los esfuerzos de educación y difusión. Varias jurisdicciones, incluido el Condado de Nevada, han aumentado su interacción en redes sociales, en medios de comunicación tradicionales y en eventos públicos.

Aun así, Elecciones del Condado de Nevada sigue enfrentándose a dificultades de comunicación y busca superarlas. Las tres dificultades de comunicación más importantes que Elecciones del Condado de Nevada se dedica a atender son:

1. Combatir la amenaza de la información errónea y la desinformación sobre elecciones.
2. Entender y cumplir las necesidades de los votantes que necesitan materiales y apoyo en español.
3. La falta de datos de referencia que describan el conocimiento que el Condado de Nevada tiene sobre el proceso electoral y de votación y los recursos que los votantes consultan para informarse sobre la votación.

A continuación se ofrece una descripción general de estas dificultades de educación y difusión, y los elementos de acción que se proponen para ayudar a superar estas dificultades y aumentar el conocimiento, la confianza y la seguridad de los votantes en los resultados de las elecciones.

Dificultad 1. Información Errónea y Desinformación sobre las Elecciones

La información errónea y la desinformación sobre las elecciones hacen que nuestros esfuerzos por brindarles a los votantes información basada en hechos sean extraordinariamente difíciles. Si las elecciones recientes son un indicador, podemos esperar que los ciclos electorales de 2024 y 2026 sobresaturen a los votantes con información sobre los candidatos y sobre los procesos electorales. En vez de forzar al votante a investigar entre una montaña de datos en línea para encontrar información relevante y basada en hechos, queremos presentarla justo delante de suyo.

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada usa varias herramientas de comunicación para educar a la población en edad de votar del Condado de Nevada. Nuestra oficina usa recursos en medios locales y redes sociales para promocionar la información sobre las elecciones¹³, así como nuestra información de contacto (incluida nuestra línea directa gratuita de asistencia al votante). Seguiremos colocando esa información en primer plano, con la esperanza de que sea más fácil que nunca para los votantes encontrar información básica sobre las elecciones.

Una lección que nuestra oficina aprendió de 2020 es que es muy difícil, en especial con poco personal, dar seguimiento a la información sobre las elecciones que proviene de todas las fuentes posibles y saber qué información errónea o desinformación va a molestar o preocupar a los votantes. En 2021 y 2022, nuestra oficina respondió a esto al dedicar tiempo del personal a monitorear las redes sociales. Nuestro personal atendió preguntas específicas de los votantes y enfrentó la información errónea y la desinformación al encontrarla, por medio de redes sociales y en publicaciones de preguntas y respuestas enviadas al diario local. Aunque nos dedicamos a mejorar ese proceso, nuestra oficina no tiene el personal ni el presupuesto para responder de manera estratégica a cada fragmento de información falsa a la que los votantes podrían tener acceso.

Para promover nuestro objetivo de contrarrestar la información errónea y la desinformación sobre las elecciones, y de brindarles a los votantes información no partidista y basada en hechos sobre las elecciones y la votación, tenemos pensado llevar a cabo los siguientes elementos de acción:

Elemento de Acción: Aumentar la presencia en la comunidad por medio de anuncios de servicio público, interacción regular en redes sociales y asistir a eventos locales

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada mantiene colaboraciones con varias organizaciones comunitarias y escuelas para llegar a los votantes. Nuestra oficina ha tenido más éxito con organizaciones que atienden a votantes con discapacidades como FREED Center for Independent Living, Sierra Services for the Blind y Meals on Wheels. Elecciones del Condado de Nevada seguirá haciendo énfasis en la disponibilidad de opciones accesibles de votación, incluido el voto por correo de acceso remoto (RAVBM).

Tenemos pensado hacer un acercamiento continuo y constante a nuevas organizaciones y líderes para hacerles saber que nuestra oficina está disponible para platicar con sus miembros e invitarles a integrarse a nuestros comités asesores. Muchas de estas organizaciones reciben medios oficiales por parte de Elecciones del Condado de Nevada con el propósito de difundir y

¹³ Puede consultar una lista de medios locales del Condado de Nevada en el Apéndice D.

educar.

Nuestra oficina ha destinado personal para que monitoree y atienda los comentarios sobre las elecciones que se hacen en redes sociales. Seguiremos destinando este tiempo para atender la información errónea y la desinformación sobre las elecciones. Le daremos al personal las herramientas y la capacitación que necesita para crear mensajes eficaces, muchos de los cuales se ofrecen a bajo costo o sin costo. También seguiremos usando los kits para redes sociales que ofrece la Oficina de la Secretaria de Estado.

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada ha acudido a eventos locales para aumentar más la interacción con la comunidad. En estos eventos, brindamos materiales y recursos para que los votantes se registren, consulten el estado de su registro, se prerregistren y hagan preguntas sobre las próximas elecciones. La asistencia al evento de la comunidad se publica en el sitio web de las Elecciones (nevadacountyca.gov/elections) en cuanto se confirma.¹⁴

Elemento de Acción: Aprovechar la experiencia de todos los miembros de nuestros Comités Asesores y trabajar en colaboración para crear los mensajes adecuados.

Por ley, todos los condados bajo la VCA deben establecer un Comité Asesor de Acceso Lingüístico (LAAC) y un Comité Asesor de Acceso para el Votante (VAAC). La finalidad del LAAC y del VAAC del condado es brindar oportunidades para la comunicación bidireccional entre el funcionario electoral y el público, de modo que los votantes que tengan necesidades específicas puedan entender mejor y acceder a las elecciones y la votación. De forma similar, Elecciones del Condado de Nevada reestableció su Comité de Educación y Difusión para el Votante (VEOC), que tiene el mismo propósito de actuar como conducto para la información y la comunicación entre nuestra oficina y la comunidad. Puede consultar información más específica sobre estos comités en este EAP, más adelante.

Las reuniones de nuestro LAAC, VAAC y VEOC le dan a Elecciones del Condado de Nevada la oportunidad de preguntar a nuestros asesores qué tipos de información errónea y desinformación afectan a sus votantes. Hemos comenzado el proceso de plantear estas preguntas y, según sea necesario, trabajaremos en colaboración con ellos para crear los mensajes adecuados.

Elemento de Acción: Interactuar regularmente con fuentes de medios de comunicación locales antes de cada elección, en especial cerca de fechas electorales clave.¹⁵

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada seguirá dirigiéndose estratégicamente a la población en edad de votar y programará sus comunicaciones lo más cerca y razonable posible a las fechas electorales clave (en vez de varios meses antes).

Los diarios The Union y YubaNet siguen siendo los medios de comunicación principales en los que sucede la educación y la difusión para los votantes. Recientemente supimos por parte de los miembros de nuestro VEOC, que le recomendaron a nuestro equipo que de ser posible incluyera más contenido en YubaNet. Sierra Sun y Moonshine Ink son otros dos sitios de noticias que

¹⁴ Consulte el Apéndice J para obtener una lista de los eventos a los que Elecciones del Condado de Nevada piensa asistir.

¹⁵ Consulte el Apéndice D para obtener más información sobre la elección de las fuentes de medios de comunicación.

tienen cada vez más lectores, y los seguiremos usando para llegar a tantos posibles votantes como sea posible.

También se usa la radio y periódicos secundarios para llegar a una audiencia más amplia. KNCO y KVMR son las dos estaciones de radio locales más populares en el Condado de Nevada y cuentan con una programación variada que atrae a diferentes públicos.

Elemento de Acción: Mejorar la información y los materiales sobre la votación en el sitio web de las Elecciones del Condado de Nevada.

Desde el último EAP, el Condado de Nevada actualizó su sitio web a .gov. Este cambio le dio a la Oficina Electoral la oportunidad de renovar el aspecto del sitio web y la organización del contenido.

En elecciones pasadas, a los votantes a veces se les dificultaba encontrar información clave en el sitio web y en ocasiones encontraban información de elecciones pasadas que ya no era pertinente. Algunas páginas tenían enlaces a información que carecía de contexto y otras podrían no haberse actualizado en varios años.

Las renovaciones del sitio web de Elecciones del Condado de Nevada ya casi están terminadas. Se archivaron las páginas viejas y se amplió la información para atender las preguntas más frecuentes de los votantes. Tenemos pensado consultar a nuestro VAAC, LAAC y VEOC respecto a cómo repetir esto y seguir mejorando nuestro sitio web.

Dificultad 2. Llegar a los Votantes que Necesitan Asistencia en Idioma Español

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada aumentó su interacción en redes sociales, diarios y públicamente, en comparación con la primera vez que administró unas elecciones conforme a la VCA. Nuestra oficina tiene que seguir el mismo método para los residentes de habla hispana.

Los datos del Censo de EE. UU. de 2020 brindan información sobre dónde se ubican los residentes que hablan idiomas distintos al español.¹⁶ Por el momento, no estamos seguros de cuáles sean las necesidades de los votantes que hablan español ni de cómo atender sus dificultades informativas específicas. Nuestro LAAC ha intentado, en numerosas ocasiones y sin lograrlo, acercarse a organizaciones comunitarias que atienden a votantes de habla hispana, encontrar estaciones de radio en español dirigidas a votantes del Condado de Nevada y encontrar otros medios de comunicación en idioma español.

Nuestra oficina ha trabajado constantemente con la Secretaria en el Pueblo de Truckee para vincularle con el LAAC y encontrar grupos locales que tal vez brinden servicios a los votantes de habla hispana. El LAAC solo ha logrado que 1-2 personas participen, ninguna de las cuales es hispanohablante nativa. Por un breve periodo, trabajamos con un grupo comunitario en el Condado de Western que se dedica al acercamiento con poblaciones históricamente marginadas, pero el director de la organización redujo el ritmo de sus actividades por enfermedad.

En seguimiento de nuestro objetivo de mejorar la asistencia lingüística para los votantes, tenemos

¹⁶ Consulte el Apéndice H para conocer los mapas con detalles de dónde viven las comunidades de votantes en el Condado de Nevada.

pensado llevar a cabo las siguientes actividades:

Elemento de Acción: Encontrar grupos estatales y locales que puedan vincular a nuestra oficina con personas y organizaciones que atiendan a votantes que necesiten asistencia en idioma español.

Algunos de los grupos estatales que ya tenemos trabajan con regularidad con otras organizaciones que atienden a poblaciones hispanohablantes. En específico, Disability Rights Coalition es un participante regular de nuestro VAAC y es posible que pueda enlazar a nuestra oficina con organizaciones sin fines de lucro que serían ideales en nuestro LAAC. Nos hemos comunicado con regularidad con la Oficina de la Secretaria de Estado y con grupos locales para encontrar organizaciones que puedan brindarles servicios a los votantes de habla hispana.

Elemento de Acción: Ofrecer más información en español sobre las elecciones, incluidos materiales de comunicación directa, el sitio web de Elecciones del Condado de Nevada y la guía de información para el votante del condado.

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada invitará al proceso electoral a los votantes que necesiten asistencia lingüística al publicar más información y materiales en español sobre las elecciones. Esperamos que al hacer esto, nuestra oficina les parezca más accesible a los votantes de habla hispana.

Dificultad 3. Datos de Referencia Sobre los Votantes del Condado de Nevada

Nuestra oficina nunca ha determinado una referencia sobre el conocimiento de los votantes a partir del cual pueda elaborar un plan de comunicación exhaustivo.

Para realmente poder “predesmentir” la información equivocada y engañosa sobre las elecciones y atender mejor a nuestro electorado, Elecciones del Condado de Nevada tiene que conocer mejor a nuestro público y atender sus necesidades específicas. No tenemos claro, por ejemplo, cuántos votantes están familiarizados con la VCA, cuántos votantes comprenden las opciones que tienen para devolver una boleta, ni en qué fuentes de información electoral confían. Tener un punto de referencia para la información podría ayudar a nuestra oficina a adelantarse a la información errónea y desinformación que podría generarse sobre la VCA y sobre los servicios que nuestra oficina brinda para facilitar una votación segura y protegida.

En seguimiento de nuestro objetivo de mejorar nuestra comprensión de los votantes del Condado de Nevada, tenemos pensado llevar a cabo las siguientes actividades:

Elemento de Acción: Acercarnos a investigadores que puedan ayudarnos a investigar sobre los conocimientos y recursos de los votantes.

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada recopilará la investigación existente sobre la comunicación con los votantes y determinará cómo aplicar los hallazgos de las investigaciones en nuestras actividades en el Condado de Nevada, de ser posible. Nuestra oficina también se comunicará con académicos para encontrar investigaciones no publicadas que pudieran ser útiles y, de ser necesario, se asociará con una empresa encuestadora para realizar una investigación original.

Elemento de Acción: Obtener datos más específicos sobre las necesidades de los votantes del Condado de Nevada y las áreas a las cuales destinar las comunicaciones.

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada está trabajando en colaboración con el Funcionario de Información Pública del Condado en crear comunicaciones dirigidas durante las elecciones. Incrementaremos nuestra presencia en redes sociales y trabajaremos con el PIO del Condado cuando nuestra oficina acuda a eventos de la comunidad.

Ubicaciones Propuestas para los Centros de Votación y los Buzones para Entrega de Boletas

Nevada es uno de los muchos condados que usan una herramienta de ubicación de centros de votación para facilitar el proceso de encontrar las ubicaciones propuestas para los centros de votación y los buzones para entrega de boletas.¹⁷ La herramienta de ubicación usa los 15 parámetros que el estado dispone para la selección de lugares a fin de crear un mapa de calor que muestre las áreas óptimas donde ubicar los centros de votación y los buzones para entrega de boletas. Después depende del funcionario electoral dar seguimiento a estos lugares.

Ubicaciones Propuestas para los Centros de Votación

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada anticipa que seguirá ofreciendo nueve lugares para votar en persona a lo largo del condado. En función de la población, se necesitan ocho centros de votación (un centro de votación por cada 10,000 votantes registrados tres días antes de la elección). También seguiremos ofreciendo un centro de votación “temporal”, es decir, un lugar que ofrece servicios en persona únicamente el Día de las Elecciones, en la comunidad de North San Juan. Se seleccionó a North San Juan como una ubicación temporal con base en los comentarios de la comunidad y porque hubiera sido necesario que los residentes viajaran 14 millas hacia el centro de votación más cercano para votar en persona.

El Condado de Nevada ofrece votación anticipada en persona en sus oficinas centrales 29 días antes de una elección y antes de abrir oficialmente como Centro de Votación de 10 Días. Después, nuestra oficina abre otro Centro de Votación de 10 Días en el Ayuntamiento de Truckee, seis Centros de Votación más de 3 Días y luego un centro de votación temporal en North San Juan el Día de las Elecciones. Nuestra oficina abrirá más centros de votación conforme lo exige la ley si la población registrada supera los 80,000 a los 88 días antes del Día de las Elecciones.

Todos los centros de votación estarán abiertos al menos ocho horas al día durante el periodo de votación anticipada. Los horarios de funcionamiento de cada centro de votación se publican antes de cada elección en el sitio web de las Elecciones del Condado de Nevada y se incluyen en cada Guía de Información para el Votante del Condado. Cada centro de votación tendrá tentativamente al menos cinco miembros del personal pagado incluido el director del centro de votación. Los centros de votación están diseñados para garantizar que cada votante tenga el derecho de emitir su voto de manera independiente y privada. El equipo de votación y las urnas para el depósito de las boletas electorales se ubican estratégicamente en el centro de votación para que los votantes las identifiquen fácilmente y que el personal del centro de votación pueda supervisarlas.¹⁸

El Día de las Elecciones, todos los centros de votación abrirán de 7:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m., como lo exige la ley.¹⁹

¹⁷ La herramienta de ubicación de un centro de votación está alojada en el Center for Inclusive Democracy, un centro de investigación no partidista ubicado en la Universidad del Sur de California. Animamos a los defensores y al público a que usen la herramienta y brinden sus comentarios a nuestra oficina. La herramienta está disponible en <https://ca.cidsitingtool.org/> (última consulta el 14 de febrero de 2023).

¹⁸ Consulte el Apéndice E para conocer la descripción de los 15 parámetros de ubicación usados para ubicar los centros de votación y los buzones.

¹⁹ Consulte el Apéndice F para conocer la disposición del diseño general de los centros de votación.

²⁰ Código Elec. § 14212

| Centros de Votación de 10 Días |
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| <p>Eric Rood Administration Center, 2.º Piso, Providence Mine Room 950 Maidu Ave., Nevada City, CA 95959</p> <p>Truckee Town Hall, Piso superior- Prosser Room 10183 Truckee Airport Rd., Truckee, CA 96161</p> |
| Centros de Votación de 3 Días |
| <p>Gold Miners Inn, Ballroom (Sala de fiestas) 121 Bank St., Grass Valley, CA 95945</p> <p>Higgins Lions Community Center, Main Room (Sala Principal) 22490 E Hacienda Dr., Grass Valley, CA 95949</p> <p>The Love Building, Condon Park 660 Minnie Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945</p> <p>Nevada County Fairgrounds, Main Event Hall (Sala Principal) 11228 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95949</p> <p>Western Gateway Park, Buttermaker's Cottage 18560 Penn Valley Dr., Penn Valley, CA 95946</p> <p>Truckee Donner Public Utility District, Board Room (Sala de Juntas) 11570 Donner Pass Rd., Truckee, CA 96161</p> |
| Centro de Votación de 1 Día |
| <p>North San Juan Community Center, Main Room (Sala Principal) 29190 State Hwy. 49, North San Juan, CA 95960</p> |

La Oficina Electoral tomará en cuenta la viabilidad y el costo de instalar centros de votación móviles y temporales además del de North San Juan. Cualquier ubicación adicional de los centros de votación se basa en los comentarios y las necesidades de la comunidad. Si se agrega algún centro de votación, incluido algún centro de votación móvil o temporal, Elecciones del Condado de Nevada avisará al público mediante su sitio web y en los materiales de votación que se envían a los votantes.

Ubicaciones Propuestas de los Buzones para Entrega de Boletas

La VCA exige al Condado de Nevada establecer al menos cinco lugares para entrega de boletas en el Condado de Nevada. Debido al alto uso del voto por correo en el Condado, la Oficina Electoral del Condado de Nevada establece muchos más lugares de entrega que el mínimo.

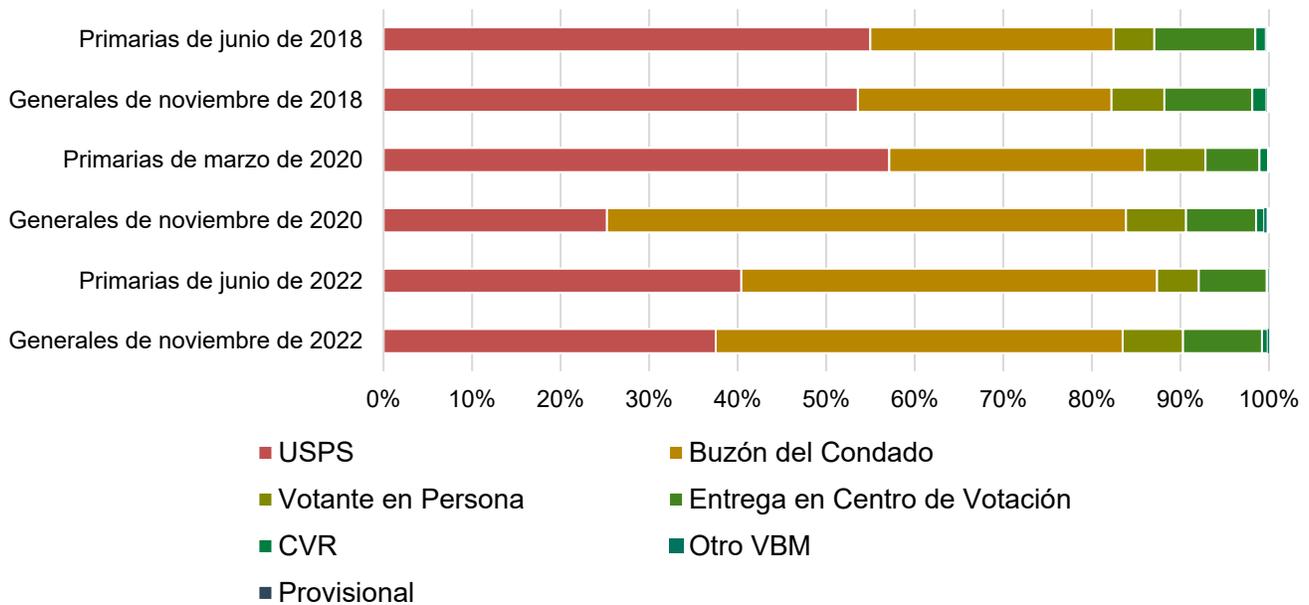
| Grass Valley |
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| <p>BriarPatch Food Co-op, 290 Sierra College Dr., Todos los días, de 7am – 10pm</p> <p>Chicago Park Store, 19077 Colfax Highway, Todos los días, de 7am – 7pm (horario extendido durante el verano)</p> <p>Grocery Outlet, 616 Sutton Way, Todos los días, de 7am – 9pm</p> <p>SPD Market, 129 W McKnight Way, Todos los días, de 7am – 9pm</p> <p>SaveMart, 2054 Nevada City Highway, Todos los días, de 6am – 10pm</p> <p>Gold Miners Inn Lobby, 121 Bank Street, Todos los días las 24 horas</p> <p>Hills Flat Lumber Co., 380 Railroad Avenue, L-V de 8am – 6pm, Sa – Dom, 8am – 5pm</p> <p>Sierra College, 250 Sierra College Dr. Bldg. N-1, L-J de 8:30am-5pm</p> |
| Nevada City |
| <p>Estacionamiento del Eric Rood Center, 950 Maidu Avenue, Todos los días, las 24 horas</p> |
| Penn Valley |
| <p>Holiday Market, 11324 Pleasant Valley Road, Todos los días, de 7am – 10pm</p> |
| Condado South |
| <p>Holiday Market, 21656 Higgins Road, Todos los días, de 7am – 10pm</p> |
| North San Juan |
| <p>Sweetland Garden Mercantile, 29435 Hwy 49, L-Sa de 9am – 5pm</p> |
| Truckee |
| <p>Truckee Town Hall, 10183 Truckee Airport Rd, Todos los días, las 24 horas</p> <p>SaveMart, 11399 Deerfield Drive, Todos los días, de 6am – 10pm</p> <p>Grocery Outlet, 11213 Donner Pass Road, Todos los días, de 7am – 10pm</p> |

Todos los lugares para entrega de boletas deben abrir a más tardar 28 días antes de la elección y hasta el Día de las Elecciones y permanecer abiertos durante los horarios de atención normales. Todos los lugares

se cierran al cierre de casillas, a las 8 p.m. de la Noche de las Elecciones. Los horarios de funcionamiento exactos de cada lugar para la entrega de boletas se publican en el sitio web de las Elecciones del Condado de Nevada y se incluyen en la Guía de Información para el Votante del Condado.²⁰

Nuestra oficina anticipa que el uso de buzones seguirá siendo elevado en todos los ciclos electorales federales. Para las elecciones de noviembre de 2020, nos percatamos de que el uso de buzones superó el uso del Correo de EE. UU. y siguió superando el uso de los buzones tradicionales en 2022. Elecciones del Condado de Nevada mantendrá y reemplazará las urnas conforme sea necesario para garantizar la adecuada seguridad de las boletas.

Métodos de Devolución de Boletas, por Elección



²⁰ Consulte el Apéndice E para conocer los mapas de las ubicaciones propuestas para los centros de votación y los buzones para entrega de boletas en el Condado de Nevada, así como una lista de requisitos para la ubicación de lugares.

Planes de Contingencia, Medidas de Prevención y Posibles Alteraciones

Todo el personal electoral y del centro de votación estará preparado para enfrentar posibles alteraciones en los centros de votación.²¹ Elecciones del Condado de Nevada contará con personal de almacén experimentado para distribuir los materiales y el equipo de reemplazo necesarios. El personal de almacén estará preparado para resolver problemas con el equipo. Todos los centros de votación tendrán teléfonos celulares para conectarse de manera rápida con el personal electoral y del almacén cuando sea necesario.

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada garantizará la seguridad de la votación que se lleve a cabo en los centros de votación mediante el uso de métodos y normas de seguimiento:

- Todo el personal del centro de votación estará bien capacitado y preparado para ayudar a los votantes de todas las maneras posibles. Todo el personal del centro de votación estará muy versado en cuanto a los procedimientos adecuados de la cadena de custodia y el manejo del equipo de votación.
- El personal del centro de votación tendrá acceso al mismo sistema de gestión electoral (EMS) que se usa en la oficina del Condado. Para garantizar que todos los votantes elegibles emitan la boleta electoral a la que son elegibles para emitir su voto en cada elección, el EMS le permite al personal del centro de votación determinar si el votante está correctamente registrado, si el votante recibió una boleta, si el votante devolvió una boleta y qué tipo de boleta se le debe facilitar al votante.
- Todas las computadoras portátiles conectadas al EMS están conectadas a VoteCal, la base de datos oficial de registro de votantes a nivel estatal de la Secretaria de Estado de California. VoteCal rastrea a los votantes en todo el estado y notifica al personal del centro de votación si un votante tiene registro activo en otro condado y si el votante recibió o devolvió una boleta electoral en otro condado.
- Todo el equipo conectado al servidor del EMS está en pleno cumplimiento de todas las medidas y regulaciones de seguridad.²² Garantizamos el cumplimiento en colaboración con el personal de Información y Servicios Generales del Condado de Nevada.
- Todos los centros de votación tendrán el equipo, los recursos y la señalización de votación ubicados estratégicamente para garantizar que todos los votantes puedan emitir un voto independiente y privado.
- El equipo de votación HART Verity es un sistema que usa papel y no se conecta a ninguna red. Todo el equipo está protegido con sellos antimanipulaciones. El personal del centro de votación apagará y guardará con llave el equipo de manera segura cuando los centros de votación no estén abiertos.

²¹ Consulte el Apéndice L para obtener una lista de las posibles alteraciones y respuestas que el personal electoral y del centro de votación implementará en caso de una alteración.

²² 2 CCR § 20158

- Todos los votos registrados, incluidas las boletas electorales en papel, las boletas de registro condicional del votante (CRV), las boletas electorales provisionales, y las boletas electorales de voto por correo se transportarán diariamente de manera segura a Elecciones del Condado de Nevada después del cierre del centro de votación.

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada también estará preparada para cualquier contingencia que suceda fuera de los centros de votación y ya coordina esfuerzos con otros departamentos del condado y con las fuerzas del orden público locales. Nuestra oficina también incorporó nuestros planes ante enfermedades infecciosas y pandemias. Consulte los Apéndices L-O para obtener un resumen de todos nuestros planes de contingencia.

Costo Estimado de la Educación y Difusión para el Votante

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada determinó que los costos superaban los ahorros tras la implementación original de la VCA en 2017-2018. Algunos costos a corto plazo fueron, entre otros, la compra de impresoras de boletas por pedido, computadoras portátiles y monitores para los centros de votación, conexiones a Internet seguras en todos los centros de votación, capacitación exhaustiva para el personal, la compra de buzones para entrega de boletas y el alquiler de las instalaciones. Varios de estos artículos representaron costos de implementación por única ocasión.

En general, la VCA fomenta el ahorro de costos reduciendo el número de lugares de votación, el tiempo que pasa el personal procesando boletas provisionales, el tiempo total que el personal tarda en el procesamiento y los reembolsos estatales por concepto de educación y difusión para el votante. Con el tiempo, la VCA fomentará ahorros similares a los que se calcularon en Colorado, que implementó un modelo electoral similar. Según un informe publicado por The Pew Charitable Trusts, los costos electorales de Colorado se redujeron un 40 por ciento en promedio después de que se implementó la Ley de Acceso al Votante y de Modernización de las Elecciones de Colorado de 2013.²³ Puede consultar información más detallada sobre el costo de las elecciones desde la VCA en el sitio web de las Elecciones del Condado de Nevada.²⁴

Elecciones del Condado de Nevada espera gastar más en educación y difusión para el votante que en años anteriores. Primero, la pandemia de COVID-19 hizo que organizar y acudir en persona a los eventos de educación para el votante fuera difícil, incluso imposible. Segundo, el clima político actual hace que la educación y la difusión para el votante sean todavía más cruciales, pues a los funcionarios electorales de todo el estado y el país se les pide restaurar la fe y la confianza en el proceso electoral.

Consulte el Apéndice I para ver una perspectiva de las tendencias del costo por votante a lo largo del tiempo y una comparación de los costos reales de la educación y la difusión para el votante en marzo de 2020 en comparación con los costos presupuestados en marzo de 2024.

²³ Iniciativas Electorales. "Colorado Voting Reforms: Early Results". Pew Charitable Trusts. Disponible en <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/issue-briefs/2016/03/colorado-voting-reforms-early-results> (última consulta el 26 de mayo de 2023).

²⁴ Costos de las Elecciones, sitio web de las Elecciones del Condado de Nevada: <https://nevadacountyca.gov/3245/Election-Costs>.

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Appendix A: Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Nevada County Voter Education and Outreach Committee was established on August 29, 2017. The following pages represent documents related to this committee between July 2021 and April 2023.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE FROM THE NEVADA COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS THAT A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD FOR A VOTING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY MEETING (VAAC).

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peggy.lee@co.nevada.ca.us**



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Warm Regards,

Peggy Lee

Clerk Recorder Assistant I

Nevada County Elections

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 29, 2021

Rood Center 950 Maidu Ave., Nevada City, CA 95959

Meeting to be held via Zoom/Telephone

Please email elections.mail@co.nevada.ca.us or

call 530-265-1604 for Zoom Meeting Information

MEETING AGENDA

- **Welcome and Introductions of Staff and Attendees**

- **Review of Voter's Choice Act (VCA)**

- **Review Remote Accessible Vote By Mail (RAVBM)**

- **Review Potential Vote Center Locations**

- **New Website Being Developed**

- **What's New and Community Outreach**

Questions, Comments, Feedback:

➤ **Have you experienced any barriers concerning:**

Access to Voter Registration?

Voting Technology?

Voting by Mail?

Vote Centers?

➤ **Do you have any suggestions or ideas for vote center locations?**

➤ **Do you have any vote center location accessibility concerns?**

➤ **Are there any ways that we can improve on any accessibility issues?**

➤ **Do you have any suggestions or ideas for the new website?**

VAAC MEETING

July 29, 2021 10:00 am

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|---------------------|-----------------|---|
| <u>Host</u> | Peggy Lee | Election Official Clerk Recorder Assistant I |
| <u>Participants</u> | Gregory Diaz | Clerk Recorder Registrar of Voters |
| | Natalie Adona | Clerk Recorder Assistant Registrar of Voters |
| | Jaime Melugin | Election Official Clerk Recorder Assistant II |
| | Myra Davies | Election Official Clerk Recorder Assistant II |
| | Carl Sigmond | FREED |
| | Doug | League of Women Voters |
| | Joanne | League of Women Voters |
| | Douglas Bianchi | Concerned Citizen |

Questions and Comments

Carl Sigmond

Back up plans for PPS ?

Natalie Adona – We do have generators available at sites where needed. PGE is aware that we have an Election on September 14th and they will try to give us advance notice of PPS, if possible.

Internet Connectivity ?

Natalie Adona – We do have internet back up for access to voter information. Should this fail, voters will be required to complete a conditional/provisional ballot until access is restored. To be clear though, internet access is not used for voting.

Carl Sigmond (Continued)

Comments on Website ...

Website good for the most part.

Video about the RAVBM is great

Comments on LIFT ...

Distribute postcards to nursing facilities

More advertisement for LIFT

Additional comment ...

Presentation very informative 😊

Excellent Job Peggy ... YEAH 😊



Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

Welcome and Introductions

Elections Staff Introductions

- **Peggy Lee- Chairperson/Clerk-Recorder Assistant I- Elections**

I am happy to welcome you to our VAAC meeting. I'm looking forward to working with the Accessible community so that every registered voter has the opportunity to vote privately and independently. This committee is very important so that we can get ideas and information to advise our Elections team on how we can best serve the Accessible members of our community.

Other members of our Elections team joining us today are:

- **Gregory Diaz- Nevada County Registrar of Voters**
- **Natalie Adona- Assistant Registrar of Voters**
- **Kyle Kenney- Senior Clerk-Recorder Technician- Elections**
- **Jaime Melugin- Clerk-Recorder Assistant II- Elections**
- **Myra Davies-Easley- Clerk-Recorder Assistant II- Elections**

Attendee Introductions and Affiliation

- Please introduce yourself and affiliation.

Voters Choice Act (VCA)

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- The Voters Choice Act is designed to make voting more convenient and accessible.
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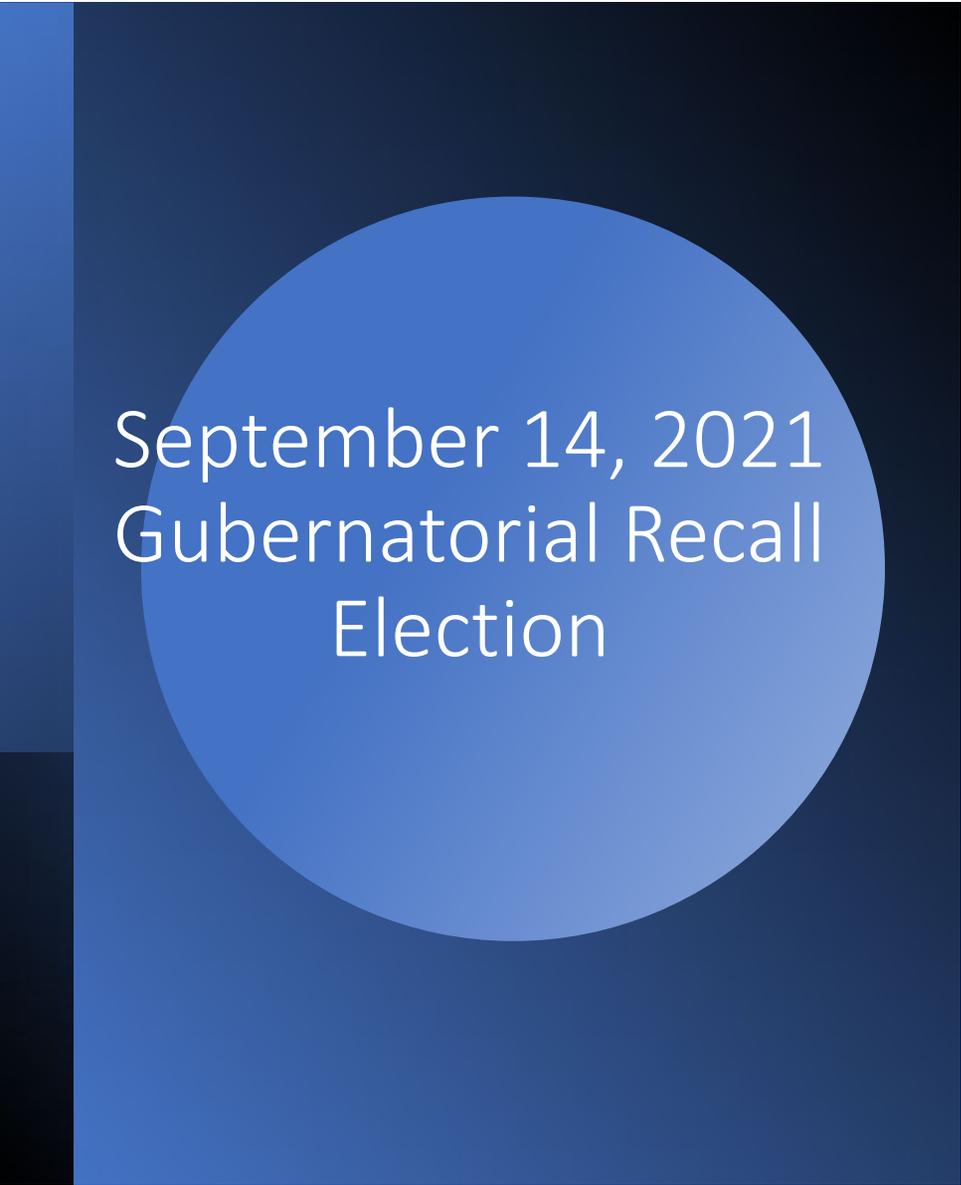
Remote Accessible Vote By Mail (RAVBM)

Elections Office: 530-265-1298

Email: elections.mail@co.Nevada.ca.us

- **How To Use the RAVBM System:**
- You can request a RAVBM ballot by contacting the County Elections Office by phone, mail or email.
- Mark the ballot on your own computer using assistive technology if needed. Review your ballot and make any necessary corrections. Download and print your ballot.
- Place your printed ballot into the return envelope and seal the envelope. You must then SIGN the envelope, which has specially punched holes to indicate where someone with a sight disability should sign.
- You can return your completed ballot by mailing it, taking it to the County Elections Office, dropping it into any drop box in the County, or by taking it to a Vote Center.

- ❖ **Has anyone experienced any barriers concerning Voting By Mail?**
- ❖ **Have you had any problems using Voting Technology?**
- ❖ **Have you experienced any issues with Voter Registration?**



September 14, 2021
Gubernatorial Recall
Election

On September 14, 2021, there will be a Recall Election for the office of Governor.

It's important to note that the recall is in two parts. You can choose to vote "YES" or "NO" on whether to recall the Governor **AND** you can vote for a replacement candidate.

So, even if you vote "NO" on recalling the Governor, you can still choose a replacement candidate.

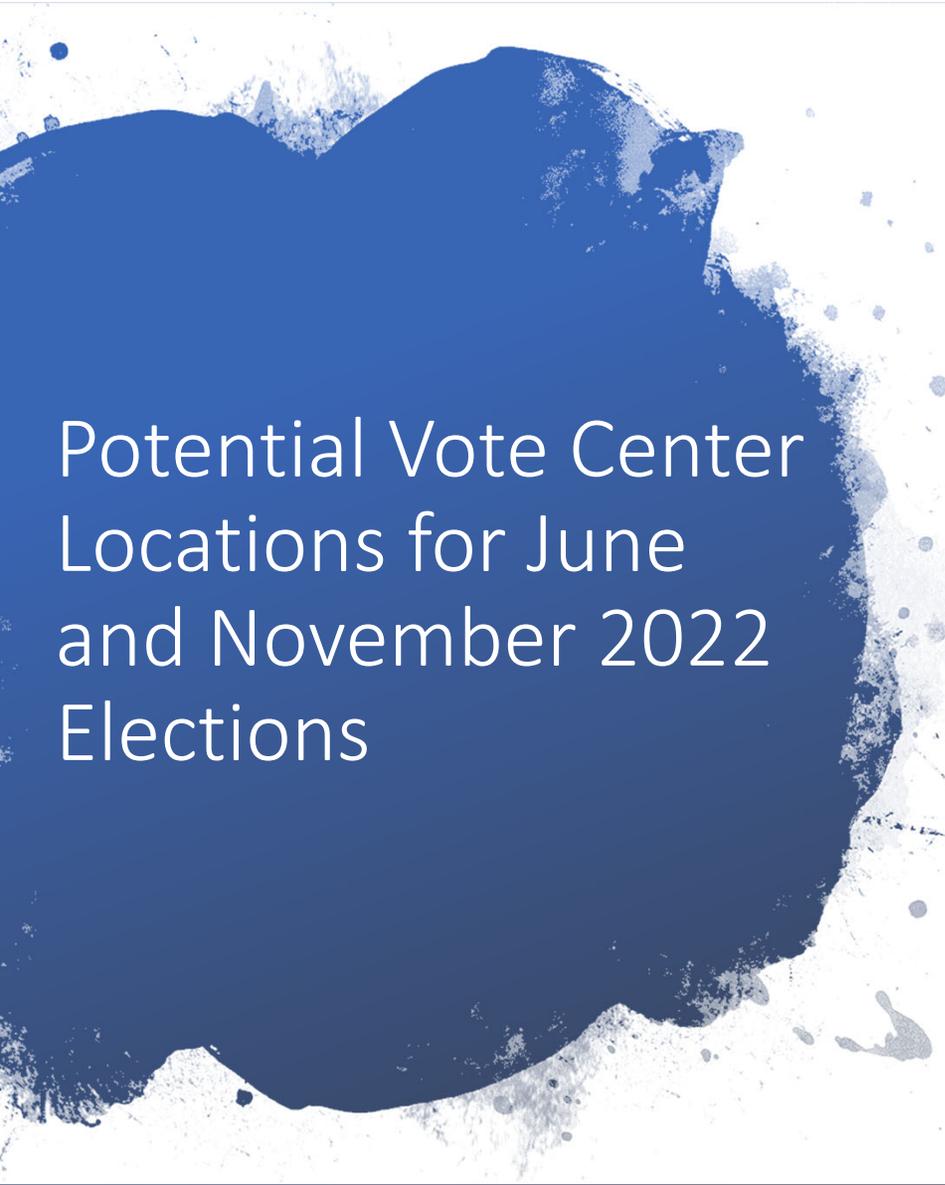
Free Bus Fares to Local Vote Centers

Nevada County Elections has partnered with Gold Country Lift to provide free rides to local vote centers for the Recall Election on:

- ❖ Saturday, September 11
- ❖ Monday, September 13
- ❖ Tuesday, September 14

Participating local vote centers are The Rood Center, Higgins Community Center and Gold Miners Inn.

To reserve a date/time you can call Gold Country Lift at **530-271-7433**



Potential Vote Center Locations for June and November 2022 Elections

- **Eric Rood Admin. Center -Providence Mine Conference Room-2nd Floor-**
- 950 Maidu Ave., Nevada City 95959
- **Truckee Town Hall-**
- 10183 Truckee Airport Rd., Truckee 96161
- **Tahoe Truckee Unified School Gymnasium-**
- 11603 Donner Pass Rd., Truckee 96161
- **Higgins Lions Community Center-**
- 22490 Hacienda Dr., Grass Valley 95949
- **Buttermaker's Cottage Western Gateway Park-**
- 18567 Penn Valley Dr., Penn Valley 95946
- **North San Juan Community Center-**
- 29190 State Hwy 49, North San Juan 95960
- **Gold Miner's Inn Ballroom-**
- 121 Bank Street, Grass Valley 95945
- **The Love Building-**
- 660 Minnie St., Grass Valley, CA 95945

- ❖ Do you have any vote center location accessibility concerns?
- ❖ Have you experienced any barriers at a Vote Center?
- ❖ Do you have any suggestions for Vote Center Locations?

What's New and Community Outreach

- **New Website**

Nevada County Elections is working on creating a new website. We are still in the early stages, but we are excited about it.

We welcome your suggestions and input on ways to make it more accessible.

- **Petition Updates**

In a recent VAAC meeting with the Secretary of State's office, Petitions were discussed. Currently, the address portion of the petition must be filled out in the signer's own handwriting in order for the petition signature to be counted. The SOS is working on adding a Witness Signature line so that someone else can fill out the address portion for a voter who is unable to do so. The voter can then sign the petition and the signature would be considered valid.

The SOS is also in the process of updating the VAAC Toolkit on their website.

- **Community Outreach**

Gold Country Senior Services has decided that they would like to be part of our VAAC.

Meals On Wheels was asked if they would let us include voting information along with the delivery of meals. It is understood that they would have to approve the materials before distributing them, but I think that this would be a great way of reaching voters who may be in need of assistance.

- ❖ **Do you have any suggestions for the new website?**
- ❖ **Are there any ways that we can improve on any accessibility issues?**
- ❖ **Does anyone have any agenda items for the next VAAC meeting?**
- ❖ **Any other Questions, Concerns or Comments?**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by Gregory J. Diaz, Nevada County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, in accordance with the provisions of the Elections Law of the State of California, that on Friday, September 16, 2022, the Nevada County Elections Office will hold a Voter Accessibility Advisory Meeting at 10 a.m. via Teams. You can find the link on our website at <https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/elections>

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any interested members of the public may attend the meeting. For any questions, please contact the Elections Office at 530-265-1298, or by email at elections.mail@nevadacountyca.gov.

Gregory J. Diaz
Nevada County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters



Nevada County Elections **Invites you**

**TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE
Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee
(VAAC)**

Wednesday, September 17, 2022
via Zoom or by Telephone
10:00 – 11:00a.m.

Our committee will include representatives from our local community and community organizations that advocate on behalf of, or provide services to, individuals with disabilities. The VAAC is designed to advise, assist and provide recommendations so that voters with disabilities can vote independently and privately.

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Clerk Recorder
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GREGORY J. DIAZ
Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters

NATALIE ADONA
Assistant Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters

Invitation

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

Friday September 16, 2022

via Teams or by Telephone

10:00 – 11:00a.m.

We would like to invite you to attend our Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting on September 16, 2022 at 10:00a.m. Our committee will include representatives from the disability community and community organizations and individuals that advocate on behalf of, or provide services to, individuals with disabilities.

Please RSVP 530-265-1341 or by email at tamara.juergenson@co.nevada.ca.us. If you are unable to attend, but have information you would like to pass along, please feel free to email that information.

Warm Regards,

Tamara Juergenson

Clerk-Recorder Assistant I
Nevada County Elections



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Clerk Recorder
Registrar of Voters

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NATALIE ADONA
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Invitation

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee

Tuesday May 17, 2022

via Zoom or by Telephone

10:00 – 11:00a.m.

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Warm Regards,

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Nevada County Elections

MEETING MINUTES

VOTING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY (VAAC)

Date: September 16, 2022

Time: 10:00am

Meeting called to order by: Tamara Juergenson

IN ATTENDANCE

Peggy Lee, Myra Davies – Easley, Michael Lloyd, Greg Diaz, Lise Hinman, Carol Cunningham, William Rutherford, Esther Leon, Angelina Andes, Danielle Fleschute, Carl Sigmond, Paul Spencer, and Courtney Williams

WELCOME

Tamara welcomes everyone to the meeting.

VOTERS CHOICE ACT

Discussed how we are a VCA county and what that intel's

REMOTE ACCESSIBLE VOTE BY MAIL (RVBM)

We discussed how accessible the RVBM link is and how we can improve it. Paul was concerned about the language and how it should be simple more like a 3-4 grade reading level. The link to accessible ballots should be more visible. Michael suggested that we have the link in 2 locations. Carl asked about how to get a RVBM. Michael said it is simpler now that anyone in California can request a RVBM. Michael said that if anyone has any questions to email him. Carl thinks it fabulous to have more than one link.

NEVADA COUNTY OBSERVER PANEL

The Nevada County Election Observer Panel will be hosting a presentation on October 12, 2022 at 11:00am. We will be going over observer guidelines and any questions and concerns. Carl said that FREED was invited by Nevada County Elections to be an Election Observer. Carl wants to thank us for inviting his team to participate and recruiting FREED as a resource – which they are. He said they are certainly willing to observe again. Paul Spencer from DRC said he would be willing to attend as well. Cal says the one observation Courtney observed at the last election

was that magnifiers and signature guides were not very visible. Paul would like the materials more visible at the sign in table.

Buttermaker's has accessible parking on the opposite side of the entrance. He would like better signage posted.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, FEEDBACK

Paul asked about the map of the vote centers on our website. He couldn't find them. Tamara said she would investigate that.

Paul would like to help find more members for our VAAC Committee. He asked if he could do an email blast. Some suggestions are long time election workers, transportation dept representative, Sierra Services for the Blind.

Carl would like data from the June Election. Paul said the VCA report is due out in a couple of months and a recall report as well that's more than 6 months behind. Carl wants to know if the County can provide more information on the June Election. Tamara will check into that.

Paul suggests a layout map of vote centers so that when using an electronic device, you can see where possibly there needs to have extra signage.

NEXT MEETING

Paul and Carl said that they are willing to help us between meetings to put together an agenda.

Paul suggests quarterly meetings. It would be more consistent and encourage more participation.

Fridays work well for Paul. Tamara will look at the calendar and let them know.

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

Welcome and Introduction

Elections Team Introduction

- Tamara Juergenson- Clerk-recorder Assistant I –Elections/Chairperson

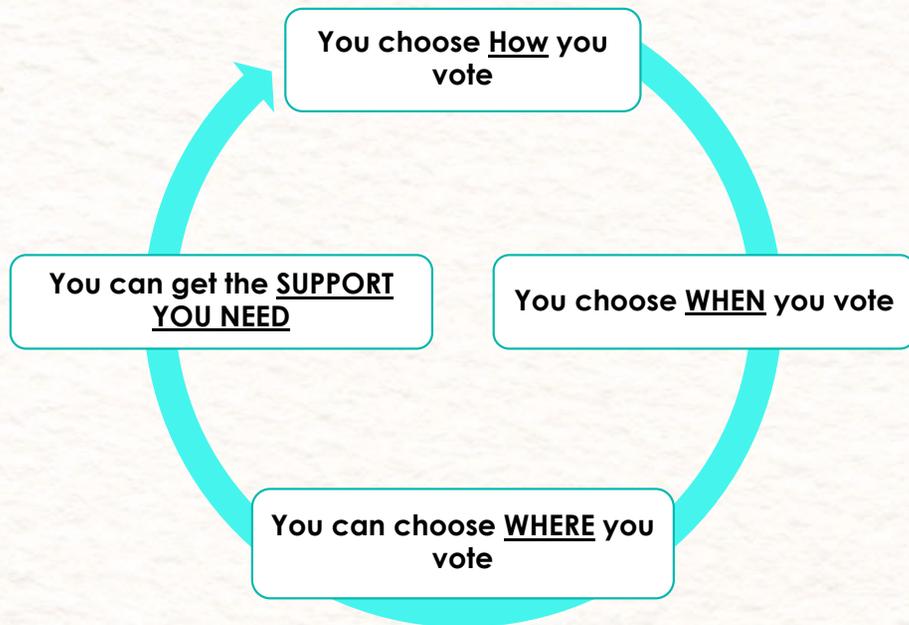
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- Peggy Lee- Clerk-Recorder Assistant II- Elections
- Michael Llyod- Senior Clerk Recorder Technician
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Vote Center Locations for June 2022 Statewide General Elections

Free Bus Fare to Local Vote Centers

Nevada County Elections has partnered with Gold Country Liff to provide free rides to all local vote center locations for the General Elections on:

- Saturday, November 5
- Monday, November 7
- Tuesday, November 8

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530-271-7433

- * Vote in Person
- * Same Day Voter Registration
- * Ballot Drop Off
- * Replacement Ballots
- * Voter Questions



Ballot Drop Boxes Open Oct. 11 - Nov. 8

VOTE CENTER HOURS & LOCATIONS

| 11 - Day Vote Centers Open Saturday, October 29 to Monday, November 7: 8am - 5pm & Election Day, November 8: 7am - 8pm |
|--|
| Eric Rood Administration Center—Providence Mine Room 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, CA 95959 <i>Ample parking, curbside voting, early voting begins October 11</i> |
| Truckee Town Hall—Upstairs, Prosser Room 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA 96161 <i>Central Truckee location, ample parking, curbside voting</i> |
| 4 - Day Vote Centers Open Saturday, November 5 to Monday, November 7: 8am - 5pm & Election Day, November 8: 7am - 8pm |
| Gold Miners Inn—Ballroom 121 Bank Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945 <i>Convenient downtown location, ample parking, curbside voting</i> |
| Peace Lutheran Church—Classroom 5 828 West Main Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945 <i>Ample parking, curbside voting</i> |
| Nevada County Fairgrounds—Main Event Hall 11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949 <i>Easily accessible location, ample parking, curbside voting</i> |
| Higgins Lions Community Center 22490 E Hacienda Drive, Grass Valley, CA 95949 <i>Convenient south county location, ample parking, curbside voting</i> |
| Western Gateway Park—Buttermaker's Cottage 18560 Penn Valley Drive, Penn Valley, CA 95946 <i>Ample parking, curbside voting</i> |
| Truckee Donner Public Utility District 11570 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, CA 96161 <i>Easy access from the freeway, curbside voting</i> |
| Open Election Day Only Tuesday, November 8: 7am - 8pm |
| North San Juan Community Center 29190 State Highway 49, North San Juan, CA 95960 <i>One-day vote center serving North San Juan, curbside voting</i> |

DROP BOX HOURS & LOCATIONS

| Drop Off Location | Hours |
|--|---|
| Grass Valley | |
| Brian Patch Food Co-op 290 Sierra College Drive | Daily 7am - 10pm November 8: 7am - 8pm |
| Chicago Park Store 19077 Colfax Highway | Daily 7am - 7pm November 8: 7am - 7pm |
| Gold Miners Inn Lobby 121 Bank Street | Daily 24 hours November 8: until 8pm |
| Grocery Outlet 616 Sutton Way | Daily 7am - 9pm November 8: 7am - 8pm |
| Hills Flat Lumber Co. 380 Railroad Avenue | M-F 8am - 6pm, S-S 8am - 5pm November 8: 8am - 6pm |
| SPD Market 129 W McKnight Way | Daily 7am - 9pm November 8: 7am - 8pm |
| Save Mart 2054 Nevada City Highway | Daily 6am - 10pm November 8: 6am - 8pm |
| Nevada City | |
| Eric Rood Center Parking Lot 950 Maidu Avenue | Daily 24 hours November 8: until 8pm |
| North San Juan | |
| Sweetland Garden Mercantile 29435 Highway 49 | M-Sat 9am - 5pm November 8: 9am - 5pm |
| Penn Valley | |
| Holiday Market 11324 Pleasant Valley Road | Daily 7am - 10pm November 8: 7am - 8pm |
| South County | |
| Holiday Market 21656 Higgins Road | Daily 7am - 10pm November 8: 7am - 8pm |
| Truckee | |
| Grocery Outlet 11213 Donner Pass Road | Daily 7am - 10pm November 8: 7am - 8pm |
| Truckee Town Hall 10183 Truckee Airport Road | Daily 24 hours November 8: until 8pm |
| Save Mart 11399 Deerfield Drive | Daily 6am - 10pm November 8: 7am - 8pm |

All Locations are ADA Accessible

- What's New

- Community Outreach

- **New Website Address**

Nevada County Elections has successfully created and completed our new website. We encourage you to take the time to look at our website and let us know if you have any suggestions on its accessibility. Our new mail address is www.nevadacountyca.gov/elections

- **Nevada County Observer Panel**

The Nevada County Election Observer Panel will convene on October 12, 2022 at 11:00AM in the Providence Mine Room located in the Eric Rood Administrative Center at 950 Maidu Avenue in Nevada City. Our esteemed Nevada County Clerk-Recorder Elect, Natalie Adona will present our observer guidelines and address any questions or concerns you may have.

Questions, Comments, Feedback



Have you experienced any obstacles with:

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Voting Technology?

Voting by Mail?

Vote Centers?

Do you have any suggestions or ideas for our future vote center locations?

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Are there any recommendations we can improve on any accessibility issues?

Thank You

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NOTICE FROM THE NEVADA COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS THAT A PUBLIC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD FOR A VOTER ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY MEETING (VAAC) AND LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAAC).

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any interested members of the public may attend the meeting. For any questions, please contact the Elections Office at 530-265-1298, or by email at elections.mail@nevadacountyca.gov.

Natalie Adona
Nevada County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by Natalie Adona, Nevada County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, in accordance with the provisions of the Elections Law of the State of California, that on Friday, March 24, 2023, the Nevada County Elections Office will hold a Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting (VAAC) at 10:30 a.m. at the Eric Rood Administrative Center located at 950 Maidu Ave, Nevada City, CA 95959 on the 2nd Floor in the Providence Mine Room and via Teams.

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Invitation

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

Friday, April 28, 2023

**Eric Rood Administrative Center
950 Maidu Ave Nevada City, CA
Providence Mine Room A, and Virtual on Teams
10:00 am – 11:00 am**

We would like to invite you to attend our Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting on April 28, 2023 at 10:00 am. Our committee will include representatives from the disability community and community organizations and individuals that advocate on behalf of, or provide services to, individuals with disabilities.

Please RSVP 530-265-1341 or by email at tamara.juergenson@nevadacountyca.gov If you are unable to attend, but have information you would like to pass along, please feel free to email that information.

Warm Regards,

Tamara Juergenson

Clerk-Recorder Assistant I
Nevada County Elections

Meeting Minutes

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: April 28, 2023

Time: 10am

Location: Providence Mine Room at the Eric Rood Administrative Center

Meeting called to order by: Tamara Juergenson

In attendance:

Peggy Lee, Michael Lloyd, Richard Crandell, and Paul Spencer

Welcome:

Tamara welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Mission:

The Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee's mission is to collaborate with community advocates around the creation of accessible solutions that allow all of Nevada County's voters to get the information they need to vote privately and independently.

Discussion:

Tamara went over the agenda list.

A. Election's Observer

- Carl from Freed was going to give us feedback regarding the November 8, 2022 Statewide General Election. Unfortunately, Carl couldn't join us today.

B. Revising our Election Administration Plan

- Tamara explained how we are updating the plan. Talked about revamping our Voter Education and Outreach Committee.

C. Updating Web Content

- Paul quickly looked at our website and checked how easy it was to locate the RAVBM system. Michael explained the new EMS system and was asked about the new RAVBM system. Paul liked the new updated website and RAVBM page. He likes it a lot and says it is descriptive. The link takes you directly to the Omni ballot. Good job! Much improved.

D. New Data and Research Portal

- Tamara demonstrated how the new data portal shows voting locations and census data. Need to confirm if it is on our website.

E. Assembly Bill 545

- Paul explains what the bill is about. It would make curbside voting a requirement, and to have access to signature guides, magnifiers and to have proper signage to indicate where the curbside voting is location.

Question from Paul. How does curbside voting work in Nevada County? Tamara responds that we have a designated handicap space that has a sign on a pole with a call bell and a sign in front of the parking space. We offer the voter a paper ballot or a tablet device. We also offer magnifiers and signature guides. Paul thinks Nevada county is already complying with the bill. The bill requires paper or devices. If anyone has questions about the bill Paul invites others to reach out to him. He would love to see it passed so that all vote centers have everything they need to vote easily.

Question, comments, and feedback:

Paul provided Vote Center link so that we can track vote center locations. [CID | California Voting Location and Outreach Tool \(cidvlot.org\)](https://cidvlot.org) . This helps people identify where vote centers can be located.

Richard Crandall said he is concerned about the definition of “Disability”. One in three people will be legally blind by the age of 80. The senior population is a huge part of the disabled community but not represented because some people don’t come forward.

Richard would like to see audio versions of the Voter Information Guide out earlier. He also mentioned his office needs updated information. Richard informed us that Folsom Prison does audio versions of lots of books/publications in case we need help getting the audio version.

Elections Administration Plan (EAP) was first implemented in Nevada County in 2018 and last updated in 2020. We are currently updating it for 2023. Paul asked when will the EAP draft be done and public hearings scheduled. Tamara will get timeline and email it to Paul. Paul says sooner is better than later. He suggested to hold more than one public hearing in person, remote and publicize it on the website. Maybe do a meeting in Nevada City and in Truckee, especially since it’s been 4 years since our last update.

Michael mentioned how Nevada County Elections is implementing more community events, collaborating with our local community college, Language Accessibility Advisory Committee, and Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Paul asked if there were any special elections in place. Tamara responded that currently there are no special elections scheduled.

Paul asked about how often VAAC will be. We can aim for quarterly meetings.

Tamara was asked if we have a LAAC and VAAC page on the website. Paul suggested having a page for each committee so people can see when the meetings will be. Paul also suggested to try to pick the next meeting and time at the end of every meeting once we get our committees more solidified.

Next meeting will be Friday July 21st at 10:00am.

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee



**NEVADA
COUNTY**
CALIFORNIA

Elections
Registrar of Voters

Introductions

- Name
- Current position
- Affiliation

Mission

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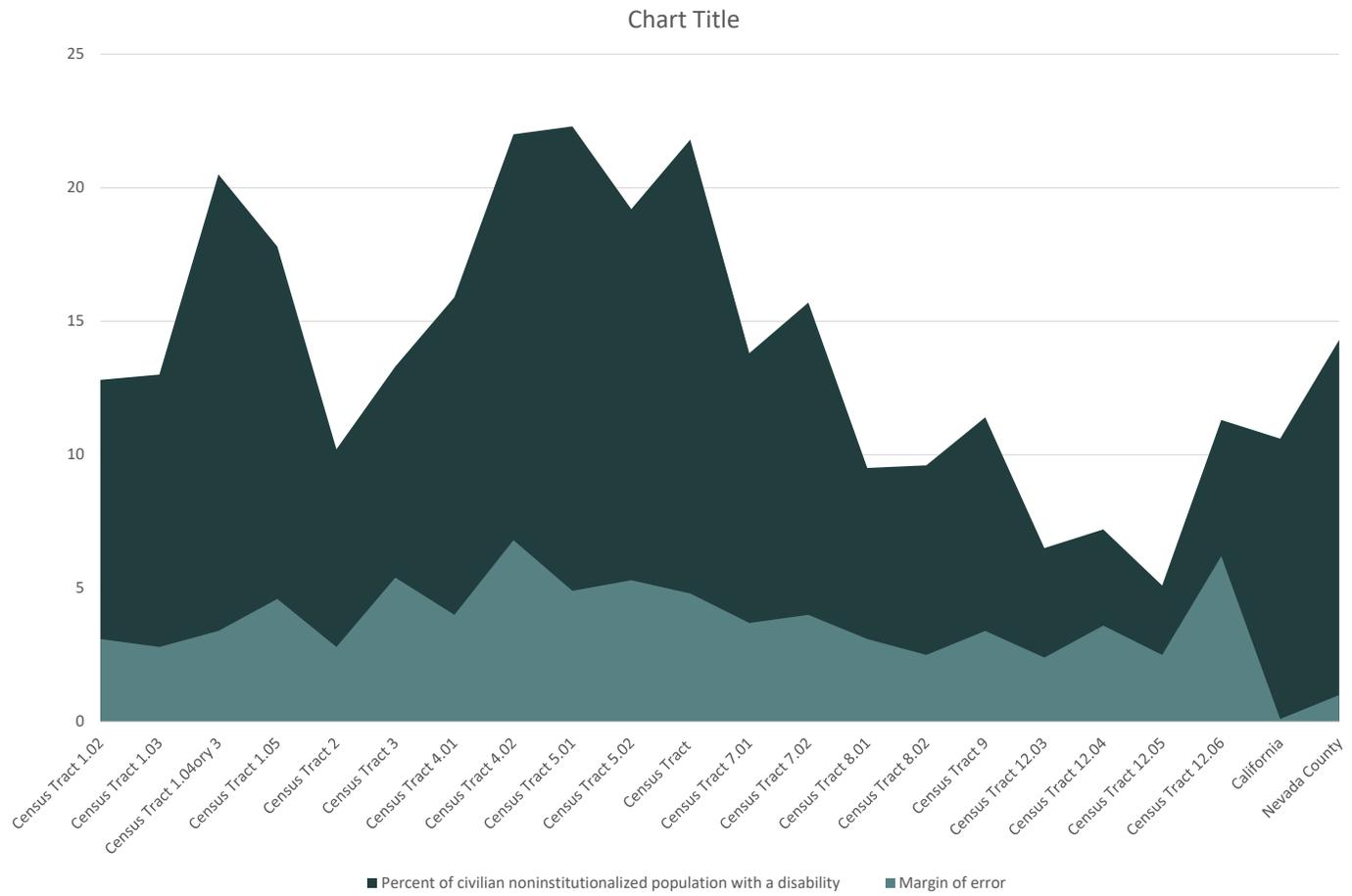
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Voters Choice Act (VCA)

- With the passage of the Voters Choice Act in 2016 and implementation in 2018 in Nevada County, every registered voter receives a ballot in the mail
- The Voters Choice Act is designed to make voting more convenient and accessible.
 - **You choose HOW you vote:** Whether using the mail, a Drop Box or a Vote Center, you choose the method that works best for you. Voters with disabilities may use their own accessible technology to mark their ballot at home.
 - **You choose WHEN you vote:** Instead of just one day to vote, you can vote in person for up to 11 days – even on the weekends.
 - **You can choose WHERE you vote:** You can vote at home or at any vote center in your county.
 - **You can get the SUPPORT you need:** Vote Center staff will be there to help you have a great voting experience, including providing assistance in multiple languages and helping voters with disabilities.

The Voter's Choice Act required the development of two committees, with participation from the public:

Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) and the Language Accessibility Committee (LAC) EC4005 (10) (A)





Agenda

- **Elections Observer**

 - Feedback from FREED

- **Current Elections Activities**

 - Revising our Election Administration Plan

 - Updating web content

 - Updating informational materials

 - Installing new mail sorter

 - Piloting new elections management system

 - Replacement vote center location

- **Questions, Comments, Feedback**



Elections
Registrar of Voters

Thank You!

Appendix B: Language Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Nevada County Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee was established on August 29, 2017. The following pages represent documents related to this committee between August 2021 and April 2023.

Amended NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by Gregory J. Diaz, Nevada County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters, in accordance with the provisions of the Elections Law of the State of California, that on August 11, 2021, the Nevada County Elections Office will hold a Language Accessibility Advisory Meeting at 1 pm via Zoom.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any interested members of the public may attend the meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83086246755?pwd=YmdPamdCZ24vTTZpNGVmT3pYT29pZz09>

For any questions please contact the Elections Office at 530-265-1298, or by email at elections.mail@co.nevada.ca.us.

Gregory J. Diaz
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Attention Nevada County Residents

You are invited to the Voter Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) Meeting.

The purpose of the LAAC is the following:

- To provide a public forum to voice concerns or make recommendations to improve the electoral process for voters with limited English proficiency.
- To allow the Public to assist and advise the Registrar of Voters regarding access to the electoral process for voters with limited English proficiency.

Agenda items will include the following:

- Staff and attendee introductions
- An overview of the LAAC objectives
- A roundtable discussion of the November 2020 election services regarding minority language accessibility.
- A discussion of future LAAC goals.

This meeting is scheduled for:

DATE: August 11, 2021

Time: 1pm-2pm

LOCATION: Sierra Community House, 11695 Donner Pass Road Truckee, CA 96161

If you would like to attend this meeting or wish to volunteer as a committee member please contact Kyle Kenney at (530)265-1771 or email Kyle.Kenney@co.nevada.ca.us for more information.



You are invited to the **Voter Language Accessibility Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Family Resource Center of Truckee

11695 Donner Pass Rd, Truckee, CA, California

The Language Accessibility Committee, in consultation with the public, has been formed to ensure that the voting process can be utilized effectively by voters for whom English is a second language. The Committee includes representatives from the language access community and community organizations and individuals that advocate on behalf of, or provide services to individuals with language barriers.

Our agenda will include introductions from staff and attendees and a debrief of the 2020 general election. We will discuss what what right and/or wrong in rearguards to language accessibility and take feedback on how we can improve our process to better serve individuals with language barriers.

We have posted all of the meeting materials on our website, www.mynevadacounty.com, which includes audio of the last meeting. The following information is attached for your review:

1. Published articles by Gregory J. Diaz, Nevada County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters
2. Voter's Choice Act Presentation and Flier
3. Agenda, minutes, and feedback pages from the language committee meeting held on August 29, 2017
4. Language Accessibility feedback questions

Click [here](#) for the link to the Voter's Choice Act legislation (aka SB 450). If you're interested in researching Elections Code you can do so [here](#). The bulk the Voter's Choice Act requirements are in Elections Code §4005.

Please RSVP by phone 530-265-1771, or by email Kyle.Kenney@co.nevada.ca.us to confirm your space at the meeting. If you are unable to attend, but have information that you would like to pass along, please feel free to email that information. The meeting agenda will be emailed in the near future.

Best Regards,

Kyle Kenney

Nevada County Elections Department



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Voter Language Accessibility Committee Meeting Agenda

Committee Chair:

Family Resource center Truckee

Agenda

- 1) Staff introductions**
- 2) Attendee introductions**
- 3) Objective of the Voter Language accessibility Committee:**

❖ **The Language Accessibility Committee, in consultation with the public, has been formed to ensure that the voting process, under the requirements of the Voter's Choice Act, can be utilized effectively by voters for whom English is a second language.**

4. The goal of this discussion is to examine our election services during the 2020 elections and identify what we did right and what we can improve on. Topics should include the following regarding language accessibility:

- **Vote center accessibility**
- **Ballot accessibility/legibility**
- **Vote outreach. Did voters get the information they needed to participate in the election?**
- **Website and phone accessibility**
- **Dropbox accessibility**

- 5) Q&A**

Kyle Kenney
[.Kyle.Kenney@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:Kyle.Kenney@co.nevada.ca.us)

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Gregory J. Diaz
Nevada County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters



LAAC

Welcome to the 2022 Language Accessibly Advisory Committee Meeting.

Introductions

- **Kyle Kenney- Chairperson/ Senior Clerk Recorder Technician**

Other members of our Elections team joining us today are:

- **Gregory Diaz- Nevada County Registrar of Voters**
- **Natalie Adona- Assistant Registrar of Voters**
- **Peggy Lee- Clerk-Recorder Assistant I- Elections**

Attendee Introductions

- Please introduce yourself and affiliation(if any).

Our Mission

- The Language Accessibility Committee, in consultation with the public, has been formed to ensure that the voting process, under the requirements of the Voter's Choice Act, can be utilized effectively by voters for whom English is a second language.
- The goal of this discussion is to examine our election services and identify how we can better serve these members of our community.

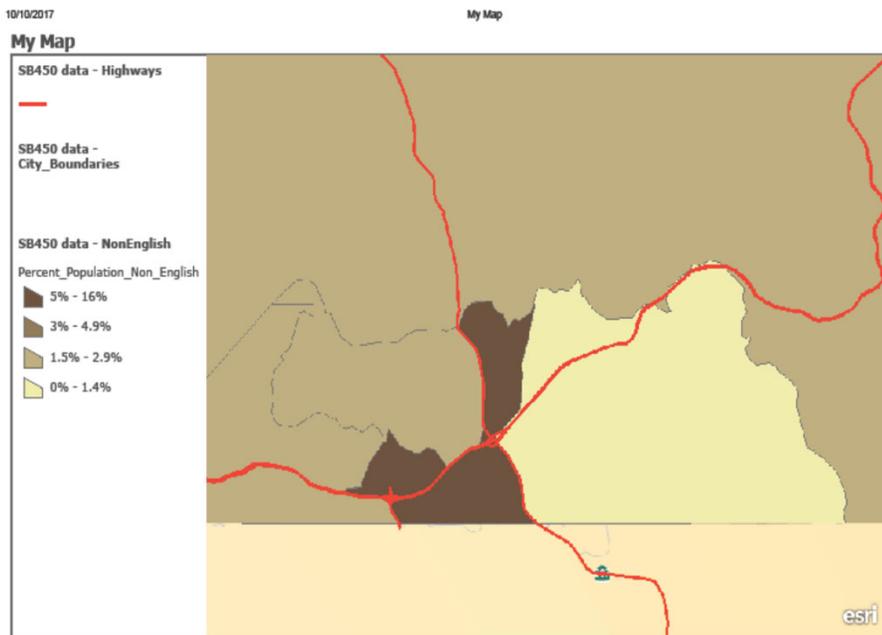
Topics of Discussion

- Vote Center and Ballot accessibility
- Voter outreach

What is required

- California Elections Code section 14201(B)(1)
- “In determining if it is appropriate to provide the election materials in Spanish or other languages, the Secretary of State shall determine the number of residents of voting age in each county and precinct who are members of a single language minority, and who lack sufficient skills in English to vote without assistance. If the number of these residents equals 3 percent or more of the voting-age residents of a particular county or precinct, or if interested citizens or organizations provide the Secretary of State with information that gives the Secretary of State sufficient reason to believe a need for the furnishing of facsimile ballots, the Secretary of State shall find a need to provide at least two facsimile copies with the ballot measures and ballot instructions printed in Spanish or other applicable language in the affected polling places.”

What is required pt. 2



Nevada County GIS | Nevada County GIS, County of Nevada Board of Supervisors | Nevada County GIS, Nevada County Board of Supervisors

Nevada County has 32 precincts that fit into this category.

| County | Section 203 Covered Languages | 14201 Covered Languages | Number of Precincts Meeting 14201 Coverage |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | | Filipino | 14 (Tagalog-14) |
| Nevada | | Spanish | 32 |
| Orange | Chinese | | |
| | Korean | | |
| | Hispanic | | |
| | Vietnamese | | |
| | | Filipino | 63 (Tagalog-63) |
| | | Persian | 71 |
| | | Gujarati | 4 |
| | | Hindi | 1 |
| | | Japanese | 22 |

Language Help at the Vote Centers

Preview Ballot
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BOLETA ELECTORAL OFICIAL CONDADO DE NEVADA

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7 DE JUNIO DE 2022, ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA DIRECTA A NIVEL ESTATAL

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3er Distrito del Congreso

1er Distrito de la Asamblea Estatal

INSTRUCCIONES PARA LOS VOTANTES

COMO VOTAR:
- PARA VOTAR POR UN CANDIDATO CUYO NOMBRE APARECE EN LA BOLETA ELECTORAL, MARQUE LA CASILLA DE VOTACIÓN JUNTO AL NOMBRE DEL CANDIDATO, CUANDO DEBAN ELEGERSE DOS O MAS CANDIDATOS PARA EL MISMO CARGO, MARQUE JUNTO A LOS NOMBRES DE TODOS LOS CANDIDATOS PARA EL CARGO POR EL QUE DESEE VOTAR. SIN EXCEPER, NO OIBSTANTE, EL NÚMERO DE CANDIDATOS QUE SI VAYAN A ELEGIR.
- PARA VOTAR POR UN CANDIDATO CALIFICADO POR ESCRITO, ESCRIBA EL NOMBRE DE LA PERSONA EN EL ESPACIO EN BLANCO PREVISTO PARA ESO EN DESPUÉS DE LOS NOMBRES DE LOS OTROS CANDIDATOS PARA EL MISMO CARGO.
- PARA VOTAR POR CUALQUIER MEDIDA, MARQUE EL INDICADOR DE VOTO JUNTO A LA PALABRA "SI" O JUNTO A LA PALABRA "NO".
- MARCAR LA BOLETA ELECTORAL FUERA DEL ESPACIO DESIGNADO PARA VOTAR POR UN CANDIDATO O MEDIDA PUEDE COMPROMETER EL CARÁCTER SECRETO DE LA BOLETA.
- SI MARCA DE MANERA INCORRECTA, ROMPE O DESPRECIARA ESTA BOLETA ELECTORAL, DEVUELVAGA AL MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA DEL RECINTO Y SOLICITE OTRA.
- EN LAS BOLETAS ELECTORALES DE VOTO POR CORREO, MARQUE CON PLUMA O LÁPIZ.

**Cargos Nominados por los
Votantes y No Partidistas:**
Todos los votantes, independientemente de la preferencia de partido que hayan mencionado en el momento de la inscripción, o de la negativa a revelar una preferencia de partido, pueden votar por cualquier candidato para un cargo nominado por los votantes o no partidista. La preferencia de partido, si la hay, designada por un candidato para un cargo nominado por los votantes es seleccionada por el candidato y se muestra sólo para información de los votantes. No implica que el candidato sea nominado o respaldado por el partido o que el partido apruebe al candidato. La preferencia de partido, si la hay, de un candidato a un cargo no partidista no aparece en la boleta.

ESTADO

Gobernador

Vote por UNO

MICHAEL SHELLENBERGER
Preferencia de Partido: Ninguno
Defensor de Políticas para Personas sin Hogar

FREDERIC C. SCHULTZ
Preferencia de Partido: Ninguno
Abogado de Derechos Humanos

WOODROW "WOODY" SANDERS III
Preferencia de Partido: Ninguno
Emprendedor/Director/Ingeniero

REINETTE SENUM
Preferencia de Partido: Ninguno
No tiene designación de boleta

LONNIE SORTOR
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Proprietario de Empresa

ARMANDO "MANDO" PEREZ-SERRATO
Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata
No tiene designación de boleta

JAMES G. HANINK
Preferencia de Partido: Ninguno
Educativo Jubilado

SHAWN COLLINS
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Oficial Militar/Abogado

HEATHER COLLINS
Preferencia de Partido: Verde
Proprietario de Pequeña Empresa

ANTHONY "TONY" FANARA
Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata
Proprietario de Restaurante

SERGE FIANKAN
Preferencia de Partido: Ninguno
Proprietario de Pequeña Empresa

LUIS JAVIER RODRIGUEZ
Preferencia de Partido: Verde
Escritor/Poeta

LEO S. ZACKY
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Empresario/Agricultor/Comentarista

BRADLEY ZINK
Preferencia de Partido: Ninguno
Actu de Niños para Niños

JENNY RAE LE ROUX
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Emprendedora/Planificadora

DAVID LOZANO
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Oficial Ejecutivo/Abogado

RONALD A. ANDERSON
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Contratista/Ingeniero/Empresario

GAVIN NEWSOM
Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata
Gobernador de California

ROBERT C. NEWMAN II
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Agricultor/Platibago

BRIAN DAHLE
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Senador/Agricultor

JOEL VENTRESCA
Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata
Asesor en Ingresos Adicionales

MAJOR WILLIAMS
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Empresario/Empresario

RON JONES
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
No tiene designación de boleta

ANTHONY TRIMINO
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Emprendedor/Director Ejecutivo

DANIEL R. MERCURI
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Padre/Proprietario de Empresa

CRISTIAN RAUL MORALES
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Director de Operaciones

Escribir en

Vicegobernadora
Vote por UNO

CLINT W. SAUNDERS
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Tecnólogo de Salud Mental

WILLIAM CAVETT "SKEE" SAACE
Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata
Abogado/Elijente de California

DAVID HILLBERG
Preferencia de Partido: Ninguno
Médico de Atención Primaria

ANGELA E. UNDERWOOD JACOBS
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Empresaria/Alcaldeza Adjunta

DAVID FENNEL
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Empresario

ELENI KOUNALAKIS
Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata
Vicegobernadora

MOHAMMAD ABE
Preferencia de Partido: Paz y Libertad
Empresario

JEFFREY HIGHEAR MORGAN
Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata
Empresario/Ingeniero

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Secretario de Estado
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JAMES "JW" PAINE
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Carnicero Sindicalizado con
Trazadores

RACHEL HAMM
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Activo

MATTHEW D. CINQUANTA
Preferencia de Partido: Ninguno
Investigador Privado

RAUL RODRIGUEZ JR.
Preferencia de Partido: Republicano
Trabajador de Alimentos Jubilado

GARY N. BLENNER
Preferencia de Partido: Verde
Muestrero

ROB BERENSKY
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Director de Finanzas

SHIRLEY A. WEBER
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Secretaría de Estado Designada de
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Leer ambos lados de la boleta

- A Spanish facsimile ballot is offered at every vote center.
- Any voter can request a facsimile ballot mailed to them or pick one up at our office or any Vote Center

NEVADA COUNTY



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IN OVER 200 LANGUAGES
AS WELL AS
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ASÍ COMO EL LENGUAJE DE
SEÑAS AMERICANO



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|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
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| Chinese | 中文 | English | English |
| Haitian Creole | Kreyòl Ayisyen | Spanish | Español |
| Hebrew | עברית | Tamil | தமிழ் |
| Hindi | हिन्दी | Tagalog | Tagalog |
| Japanese | 日本語 | Urdu | اُردو |
| Korean | 한국어 | Vietnamese | Việt Nam |
| Laotian | ລາວ | | |
| Mandarin | 普通话 | | |
| Marathi | मराठी | | |
| Nepali | नेपाली | | |
| Punjabi | ਪੰਜਾਬੀ | | |
| Russian | русский | | |
| Tagalog | Tagalog | | |
| Tamil | தமிழ் | | |
| Urdu | اُردو | | |
| Vietnamese | Việt Nam | | |

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Language Help at the Vote Centers

- Nevada county partners with LanguageLineSolutions.
- LanguageLine offers video and audio translation services in over 200 different languages as well as American Sign Language.
- This service is available at every vote center location during operation hours.



Providing Voters with Language Access

NEVADA COUNTY

LanguageLine Solutions

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ONE LANGUAGE AT A TIME

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Over 200 languages and American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters are available at each vote center in Nevada County! We are proud to be among the first counties in California to partner with LanguageLine Solutions. Offering state of the art online video interpreting services at each vote center, we can help you vote in any language.

Additionally, Spanish language ballots are available at all vote centers.

¡Hay intérpretes disponibles para más de 200 idiomas y para el Lenguaje de Señas Americano (American Sign Language, ASL) en cada centro de votación del condado de Nevada! Nos enorgullece ser de los primeros condados de California en asociarse con LanguageLine Solutions. Al ofrecer servicios de vanguardia de interpretación por video en línea en cada centro de votación, podemos ayudarle a votar en cualquier idioma.

Además, hay boletas en idioma Español disponibles en todos los centro de votación.

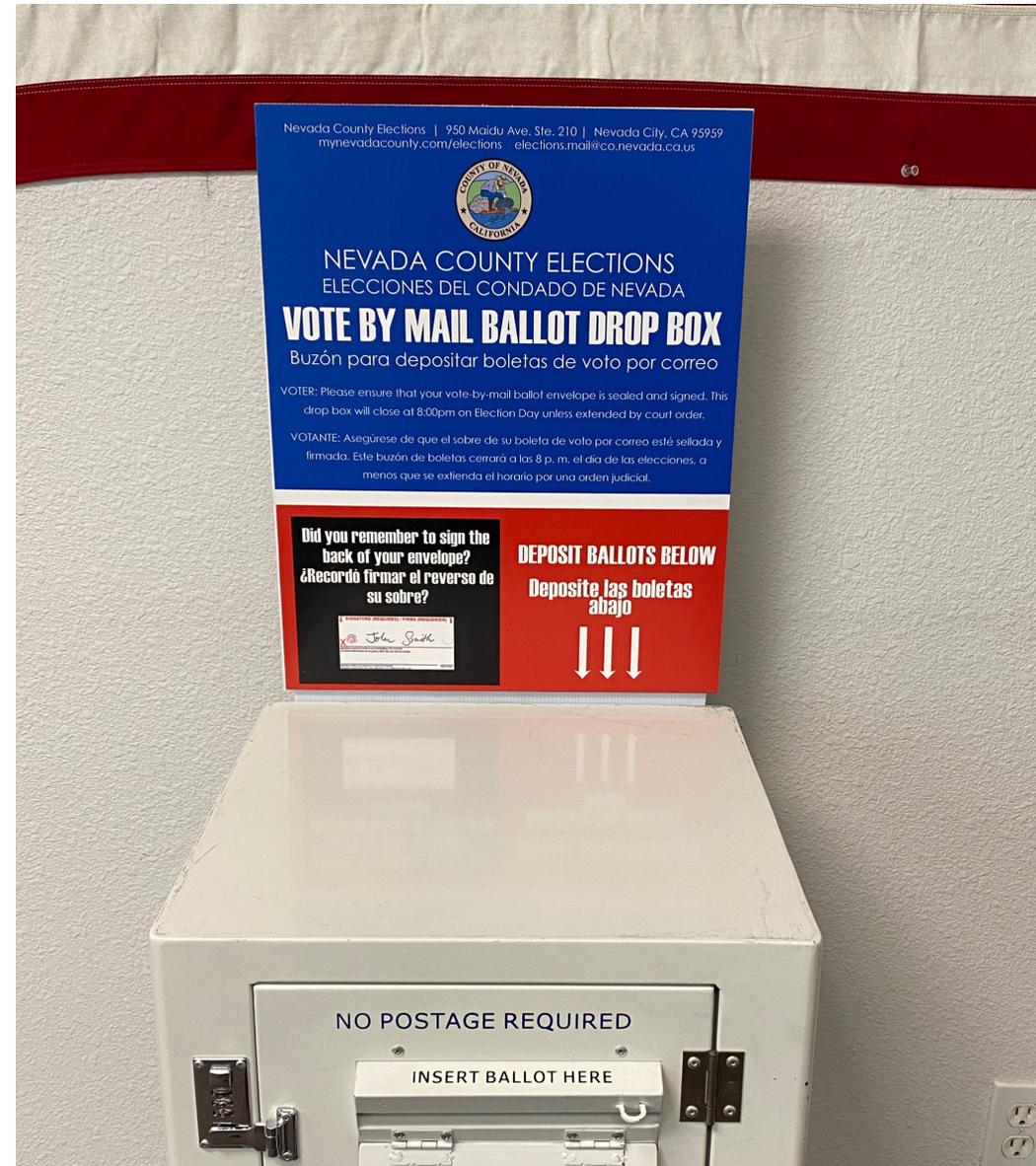
September 14, 2021 California Gubernatorial Recall Election

Language Help at the Vote Centers Cont...

- This information is translated in our county voter information guide

Drop Box language

- All Drobox banners are multilingual.



Voter Outreach Goals

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- How can the elections department work towards recruiting more bilingual vote center workers?

Thank You

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LAAC

Welcome to the April 2023 Language Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Our Mission

- The Language Accessibility Committee, in consultation with the public, has been formed to ensure that the voting process, under the requirements of the Voter's Choice Act, can be utilized effectively by voters for whom English is a second language.
- The goal of this discussion is to examine our election services and identify how we can better serve these members of our community.

Topics of Discussion

- Vote center and ballot accessibility
- Voter outreach

Spanish Facsimile Ballot

Preview Ballot
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3. ER DISTRITO CONGRESIONAL
1. ER DISTRITO PARA LA ASAMBLEA

INSTRUCCIONES PARA LOS VOTANTES

PARA VOTAR POR UN CANDIDATO A PRESIDENTE DE LA SUPREMA CORTE DE JUSTICIA DE CALIFORNIA, JUEZ ASOCIADO DE LA SUPREMA CORTE DE APELACIÓN, O JUEZ ASOCIADO DE LA CORTE DE APELACIÓN, MARQUE EL INDICADOR DE VOTO JUNTO A LA PALABRA "SI". PARA VOTAR EN CONTRA DE ESE CANDIDATO, MARQUE EL INDICADOR DE VOTO JUNTO A LA PALABRA "NO".

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EN LAS BOLETAS ELECTORALES DE VOTO POR CORREO, MARQUE CON PLUMA O LÁPIZ.

Cargos Nominados por los Votantes y No Partidistas
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Gobernador
Vote por uno

BRIAN DAHLE
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Republicano
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Leer ambos lados de la boleta

- A Spanish facsimile ballot is offered at every vote center.
 - Any voter can request a facsimile ballot mailed to them or pick one up at our office or any Vote Center.
- (Request forms included with all Voter Information Guides)

NEVADA COUNTY



HELPING YOU

VOTE

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VIDEO INTERPRETING
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Language Help at the Vote Centers

- Nevada county partners with LanguageLine Solutions.
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Providing Voters with Language Access

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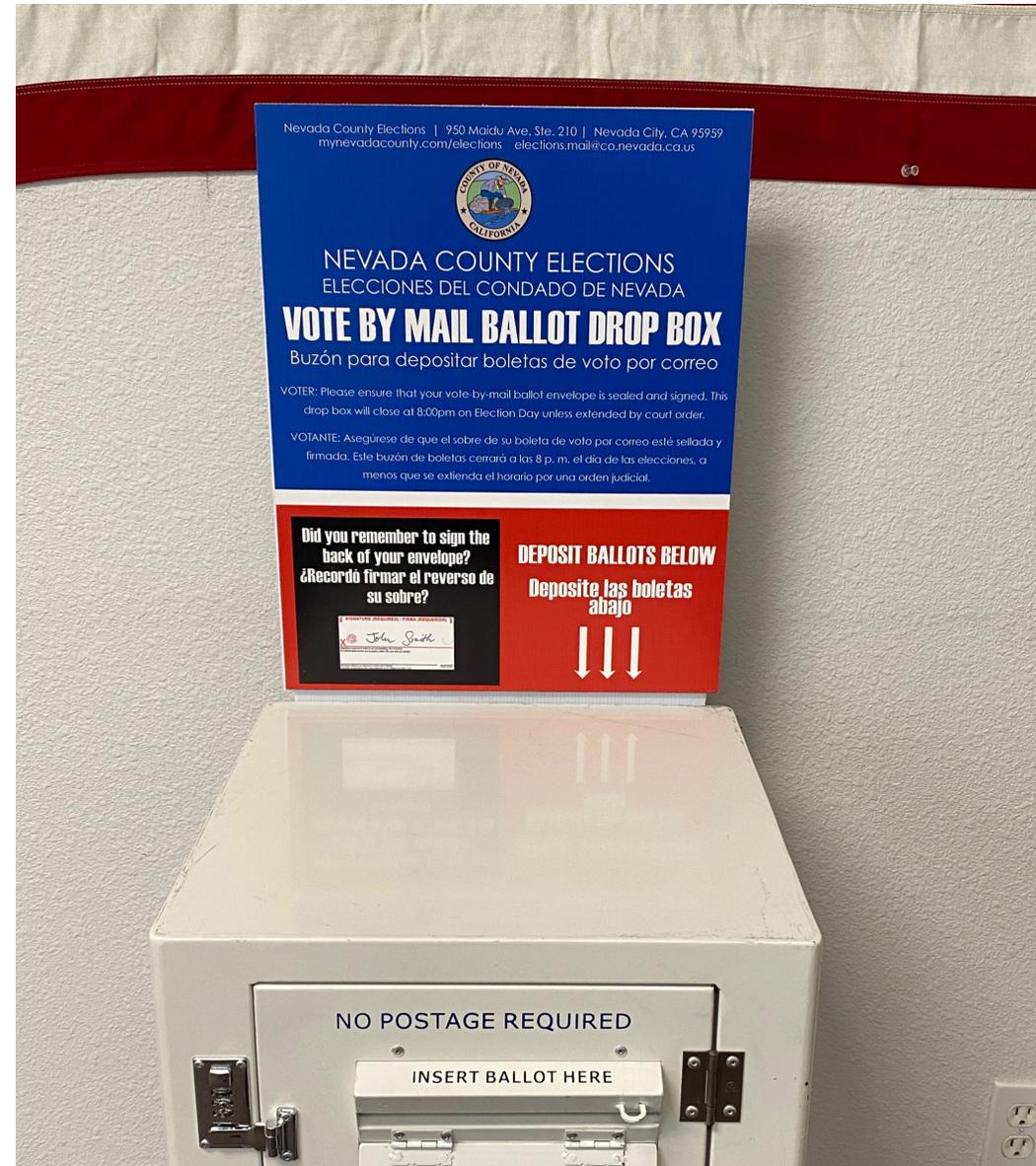
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Drop Box language

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- Notices about Electioneering and Corruption of the Voting Process are posted on each drop box in English and Spanish



Voting In Person

- Voters may bring up to two people with them to the polls to assist with voting.
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Ongoing Plans

- Translate more materials and mailers.
- Send voters more information on LanguageLine and translation options.
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It was discussed that voters who are age 16/17 can pre-register if they want to. Natalie mentioned that Peggy Lee has gone to Sierra Academy for Expeditionary Learning (SAEL) high school to pre-register high school students. Scott Lay said that he would be happy to facilitate engagement with local high schools. Peggy will reach out to Scott and work with him to set up more ways to pre-register local high school students.

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PLAN (EAP):

Natalie discussed the Election Administration Plan and Elections Code § 4005(a)(10)(I)(i): voter education and outreach plan and what it must include:

- How we will use the media that serve language minority communities for purposes of informing voters of the upcoming election and promoting the toll-free voter assistance hotline.
- How we will use the media to inform voters of the availability of a vote-by-mail ballot in an accessible format and how to request it.
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- How we will identify language minority voters.
- How we will educate and communicate to the disability community, including holding workshops to increase participation of eligible voters.
- Provide voter materials and assistance in a language other than English and hold at least one bilingual workshop for each covered language.
- How the county will spend the necessary resources on voter education and outreach to ensure that voters are fully informed about the election.
- Required public service announcements and at least two direct contacts with voters to inform them of the upcoming election details.

ELECTIONS MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION

Natalie discussed how important it is that we work on combating elections misinformation and disinformation. She said that the committee can definitely help us with this. Previously, Nick had suggested that elections visiting the Farmer's Market or other community events would be a good way to engage with the public. Natalie mentioned that elections participated in the Earth Day festival in Nevada City and it was well attended. We also have a booth booked at the upcoming Nevada County Fair in August.

REACHING VOTERS WHO REQUIRE SPANISH LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

Natalie explained that elections has a real challenge in connecting with individuals who require Spanish language assistance. Elections would like to identify state or local groups who can introduce our office to organizations who serve voters requiring Spanish language assistance.

Nick mentioned that there are multiple Spanish speakers on staff at the Truckee Library that have relationships with the community. Scott Lay said that he has a Spanish speaking liaison that works in our three Family Resource Centers, as well as a group called Equity Leadership that may be able to

help. Taylor said that Jazmin Breaux is our HHS Program Manager for Eastern County and may be another good contact in addition to Nick's library staff. She also suggested that 211 Connecting Point might have some good leads on connecting with different populations and communities as well.

PROPOSED DROP BOX LOCATIONS

Natalie went over the updated maps and proposed drop box locations. She thanked Sierra College for providing an extra place for a drop box. Currently there is no drop box location in the Alta Sierra area. It was discussed that a drop box was once located at a Pizza place but was discontinued for unknown reasons. Karen said that there is a mailbox store next to a barbershop that might be a good location. Michael mentioned the clubhouse, gym and marketplace as possible locations. Natalie asked that Michael look into the possibilities so that maybe we can have an Alta Sierra drop box.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS

Ariel said that she appreciated all of our efforts and information. She said that the League of Women Voters will be happy to support us and that she will pass on the information from today's meeting. Natalie let everyone know that the EAP will be published and there will be opportunity for public comment, and she will let everyone know when that will be. Natalie will follow up with Taylor on county surveys. Taylor said that the county is looking at doing the next survey in the Fall of 2023. Normally the National Citizen's Survey is done every 3 years, but the last one was in 2017 and then the pandemic happened. Natalie would like to know how they select the researchers or what the county process is. Natalie thanked everyone for joining the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2.44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Lee

Voter Education and Outreach Committee

March 20, 2023



**NEVADA
COUNTY**
CALIFORNIA

Elections
Registrar of Voters



Welcome!

Meeting Overview

- Introductions
- Summary of Voting in Nevada County
- Discussion



Introductions

- Name
- Current position
- Interest in the VEOC
- Memorable election experience

Mission

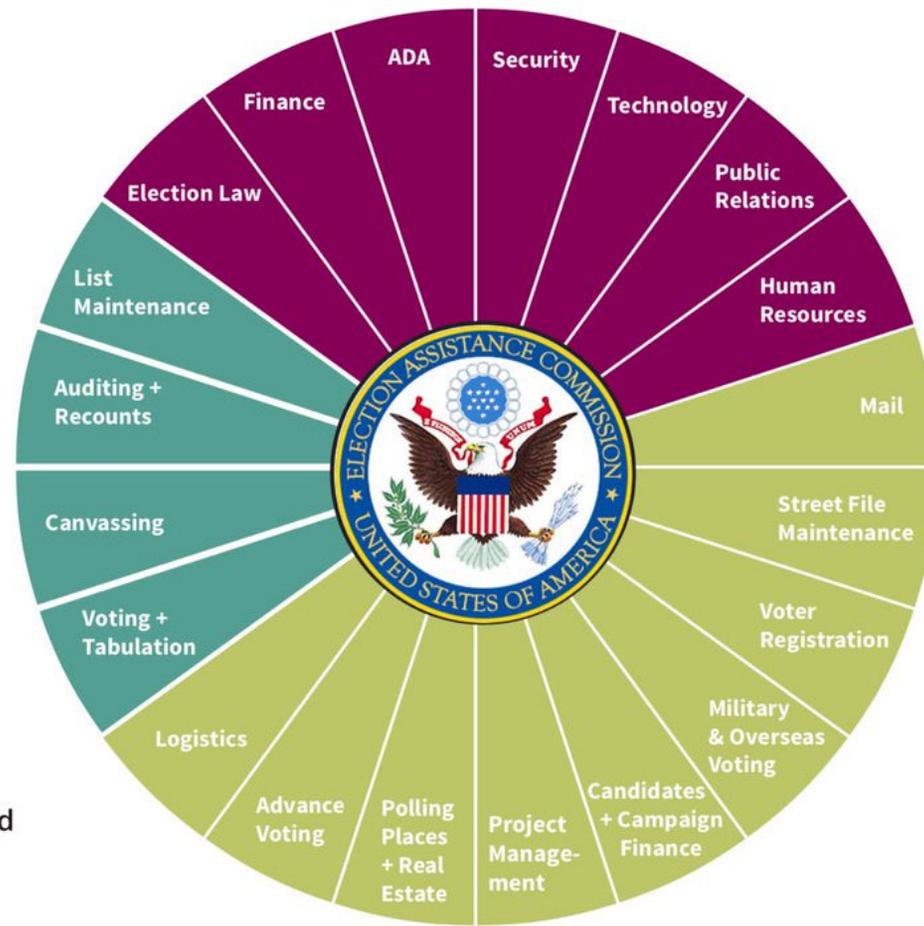
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Goals

- Refresh the Voter Education and Outreach Committee by inviting interested stakeholders to become advisory members
- Establish a baseline for understanding Nevada County's informational needs and make all efforts to meet people where they're at
- Consistently publish updated information about the elections process, on the Nevada County Elections website and through other media/social media outlets
- Engage with low-information voters, including but not limited to voters with language accessibility needs, military and overseas voters, and young voters
- Host informational meetings with the opportunity to receive public comments
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Election Administration

- Technical process for hosting elections
- Nonpartisan in nature
- Critical infrastructure (designation in 2017)
- Patchwork of federal, state, and local laws, procedures
- California Voter Bill of Rights
- County and city officials are elections officials
- Districts and parties may host their own elections
- Requires elections officials to be experts in several categories of knowledge to be considered competent



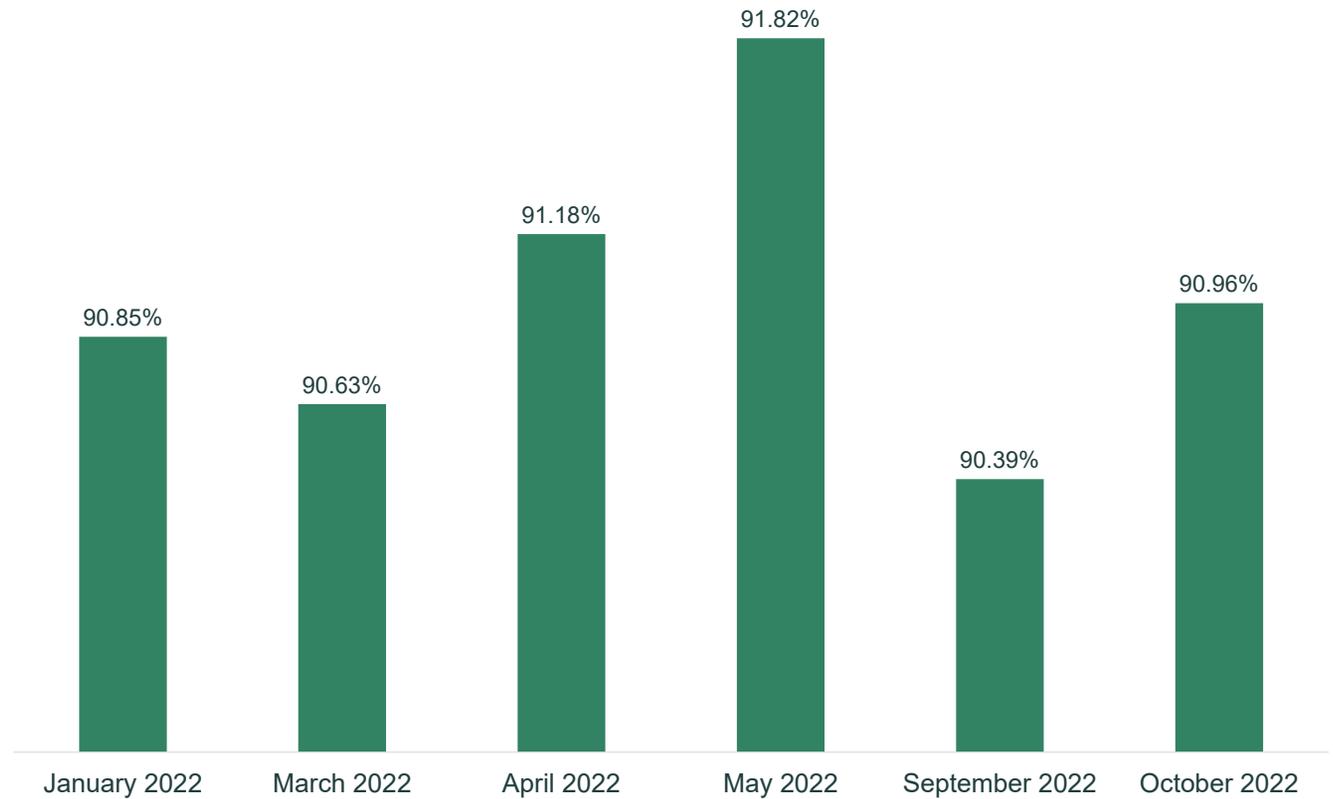
- Ongoing
- Election Preparation
- Election Night & Beyond

- Physical and Cyber security
- Communications
- Data management
- De-escalation tactics

Communities of Voters Served

- Frequent voters
- Partisan and NPP voters
- Historically disenfranchised voters
- Voters with specific needs (e.g., language, disability)
- Military and overseas (UOCAVA/MOVE)
- Voters re-entering civic life (former felons, conservatees)
- Young voters/students
- New citizens
- Voters who are unhoused
- Pre-registrants

Percent of Eligible Registered Voters in Nevada County, 2022

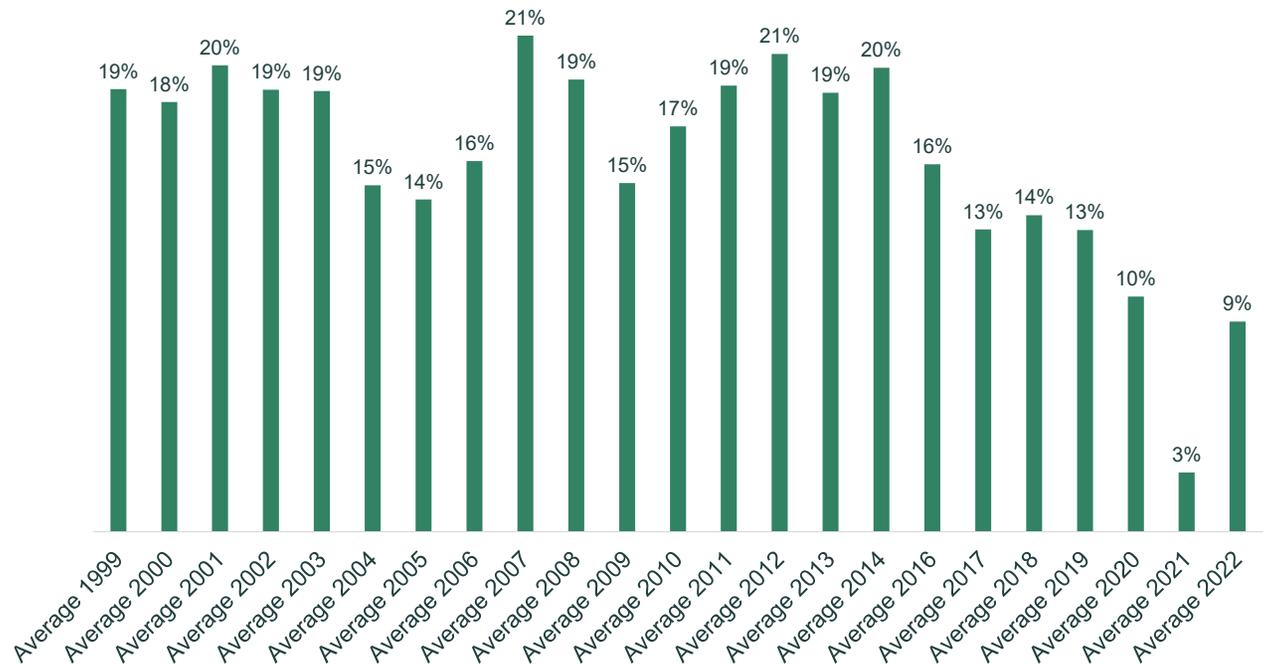


VAP vs VEP

Voting Age Population:
estimated by the Census,
considers anyone over the age
of 18

Voting Eligible Population:
estimated by the state and other
organizations, takes the VAP
and subtracts out populations
disqualified from registration

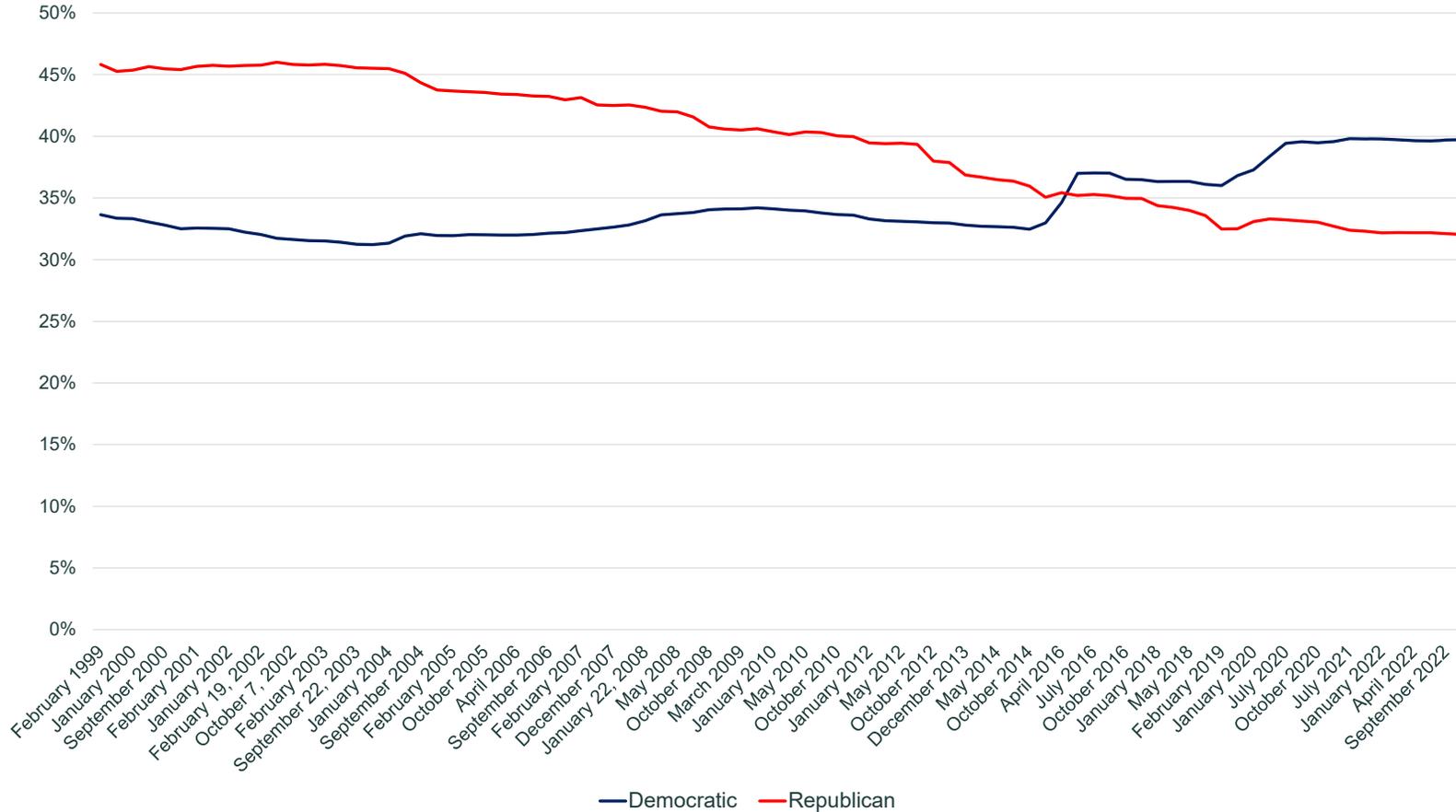
Average Eligible to Registered Gap by Year, Nevada County



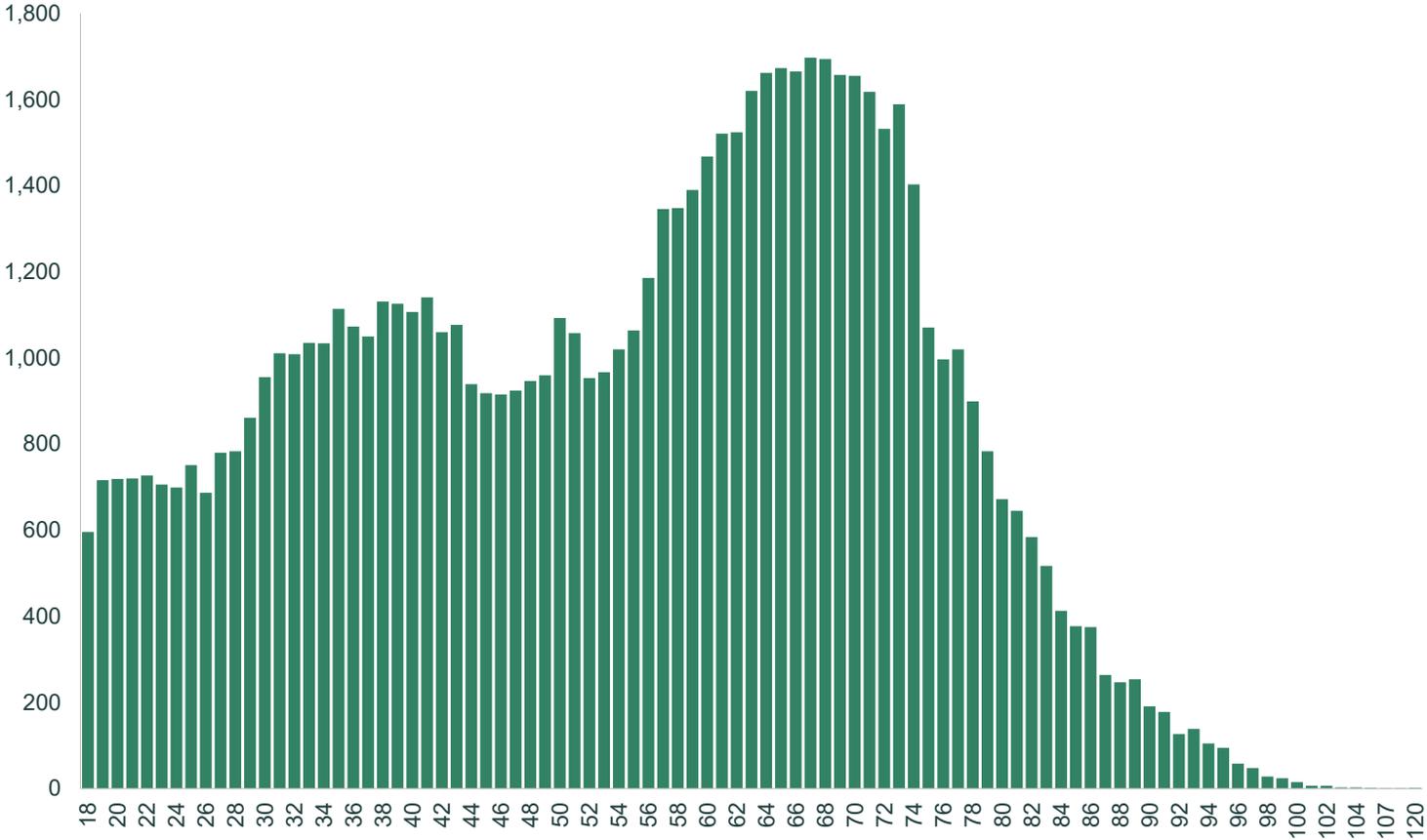
Quick statistics:

- 75,000+ registered voters
- 100,000+ residents
- Average of RORs by year
- No individual level data
- Upward surge during pandemic
- Highly engaged voting population

Nevada County Registered Democrats and Republicans Since 1999, by Percent Eligible



Nevada County Active Registrants, by Age, December 2020



Elections Registrar of Voters

Summary of Voting In Nevada County

| | Residents by age (2021, ACS) | | Registered in 2020 (DIMS) | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | | % County Pop | | % of Age Pop |
| Under 5 years | 3,766 | 3.64% | N/A | N/A |
| 5 to 9 years | 4,945 | 4.78% | N/A | N/A |
| 10 to 14 years | 5,657 | 5.47% | N/A | N/A |
| 15 to 17 years | 3,117 | 3.01% | No data | No data |
| 18 and 19 years | 1,629 | 1.57% | 1,312 | 80.54% |
| 20 years | 964 | 0.93% | 719 | 74.59% |
| 21 years | 596 | 0.58% | 720 | 120.81% |
| 22 to 24 years | 2,447 | 2.36% | 2,132 | 87.13% |
| 25 to 29 years | 4,715 | 4.56% | 3,862 | 81.91% |
| 30 to 34 years | 5,161 | 4.99% | 5,044 | 97.73% |
| 35 to 39 years | 4,890 | 4.73% | 5,494 | 112.35% |
| 40 to 44 years | 7,358 | 7.11% | 5,324 | 72.36% |
| 45 to 49 years | 6,226 | 6.02% | 4,663 | 74.90% |
| 50 to 54 years | 6,384 | 6.17% | 5,091 | 79.75% |
| 55 to 59 years | 7,067 | 6.83% | 6,334 | 89.63% |
| 60 and 61 years | 4,575 | 4.42% | 2,989 | 65.33% |
| 62 to 64 years | 5,093 | 4.92% | 4,806 | 94.36% |
| 65 and 66 years | 3,548 | 3.43% | 3,338 | 94.08% |
| 67 to 69 years | 6,065 | 5.86% | 5,048 | 83.23% |
| 70 to 74 years | 8,266 | 7.99% | 7,797 | 94.33% |
| 75 to 79 years | 5,072 | 4.90% | 4,770 | 94.05% |
| 80 to 84 years | 3,564 | 3.44% | 2,831 | 79.43% |
| 85 years and over | 2,382 | 2.30% | 2,551 | 107.09% |
| Total | 86,002 | | 74,825 | |

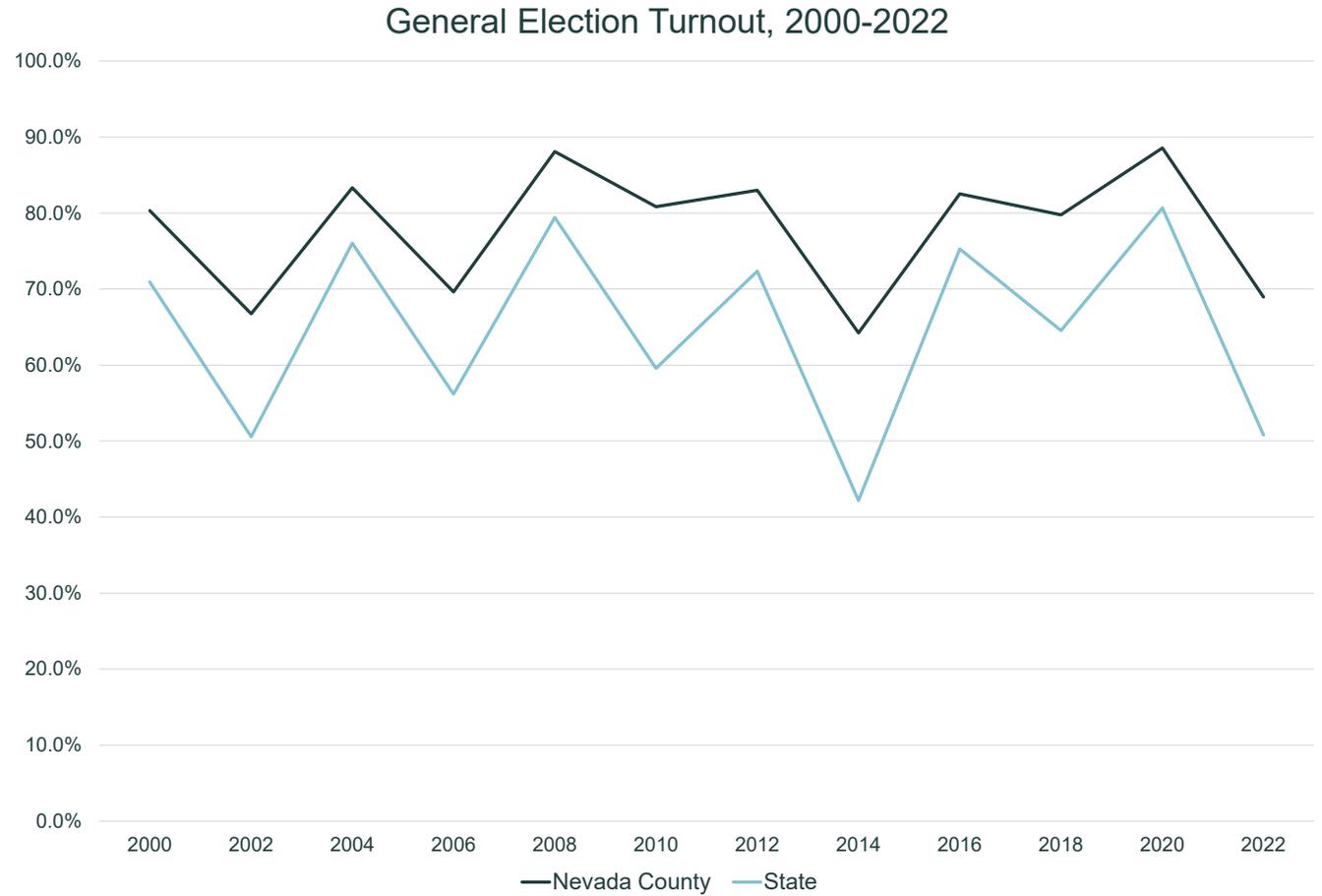


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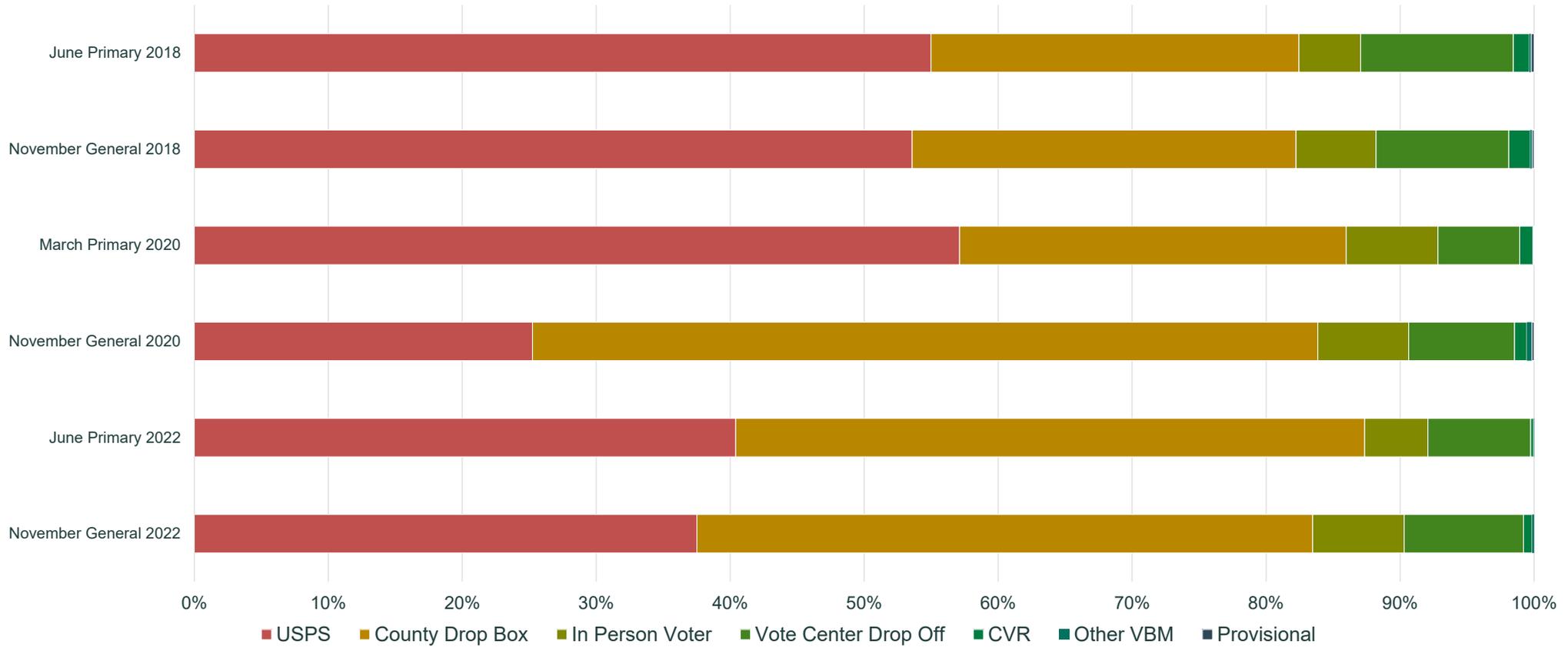
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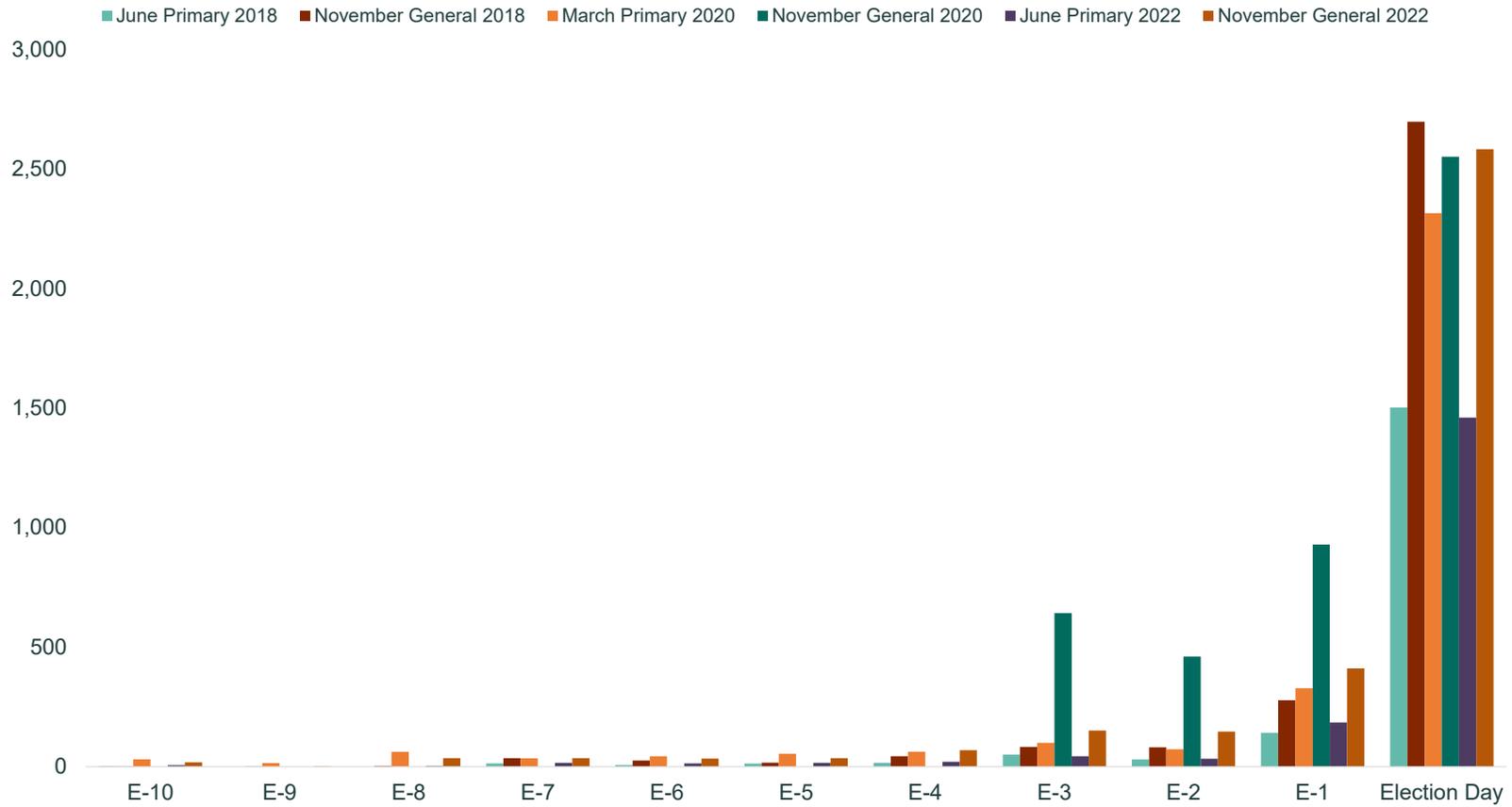
- By registered population
- High levels of voter participation
- Often in the top 5 counties
- No detailed breakdowns by age, race available in DIMS



Ballot Return Methods, by Election



Number of Voters Served at Vote Centers, by Day





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Questions?

Current Elections Activities

- Election Administration Plan (including a voter education plan)
- Convening all Advisory Committees (VEOC, LAAC, VAAC)
- 2022 Year End Report
- Updating web content
- Updating informational materials
- Installing new mail sorter
- Piloting new election management system
- Organizing countywide tabletop exercise

Potential Discussion Questions

- “Why doesn’t the Elections Office...?”
- What events are we missing that we should be at?
- What partnerships would be helpful/needed/awesome?
- How can we be better partners to you all?
- Are there specific pieces of misinformation that we need to address?
- Which communities of voters need more help?
- Are special/school districts getting the information/attention they need?
- How can we elicit more community help for elections?
- How else can we help/do better for our community?

Follow Up

- Notes will be circulated
- My contact information
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- Other items on the group wish list?



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It was discussed that voters who are age 16/17 can pre-register if they want to. Natalie mentioned that Peggy Lee has gone to Sierra Academy for Expeditionary Learning (SAEL) high school to pre-register high school students. Scott Lay said that he would be happy to facilitate engagement with local high schools. Peggy will reach out to Scott and work with him to set up more ways to pre-register local high school students.

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PLAN (EAP):

Natalie discussed the Election Administration Plan and Elections Code § 4005(a)(10)(I)(i): voter education and outreach plan and what it must include:

- How we will use the media that serve language minority communities for purposes of informing voters of the upcoming election and promoting the toll-free voter assistance hotline.
- How we will use the media to inform voters of the availability of a vote-by-mail ballot in an accessible format and how to request it.
- How the county will have a community presence to educate voters.
- The county will have an accessible internet website with accessible information available.
- How we will identify language minority voters.
- How we will educate and communicate to the disability community, including holding workshops to increase participation of eligible voters.
- Provide voter materials and assistance in a language other than English and hold at least one bilingual workshop for each covered language.
- How the county will spend the necessary resources on voter education and outreach to ensure that voters are fully informed about the election.
- Required public service announcements and at least two direct contacts with voters to inform them of the upcoming election details.

ELECTIONS MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION

Natalie discussed how important it is that we work on combating elections misinformation and disinformation. She said that the committee can definitely help us with this. Previously, Nick had suggested that elections visiting the Farmer's Market or other community events would be a good way to engage with the public. Natalie mentioned that elections participated in the Earth Day festival in Nevada City and it was well attended. We also have a booth booked at the upcoming Nevada County Fair in August.

REACHING VOTERS WHO REQUIRE SPANISH LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

Natalie explained that elections has a real challenge in connecting with individuals who require Spanish language assistance. Elections would like to identify state or local groups who can introduce our office to organizations who serve voters requiring Spanish language assistance.

Nick mentioned that there are multiple Spanish speakers on staff at the Truckee Library that have relationships with the community. Scott Lay said that he has a Spanish speaking liaison that works in our three Family Resource Centers, as well as a group called Equity Leadership that may be able to

help. Taylor said that Jazmin Breaux is our HHS Program Manager for Eastern County and may be another good contact in addition to Nick's library staff. She also suggested that 211 Connecting Point might have some good leads on connecting with different populations and communities as well.

PROPOSED DROP BOX LOCATIONS

Natalie went over the updated maps and proposed drop box locations. She thanked Sierra College for providing an extra place for a drop box. Currently there is no drop box location in the Alta Sierra area. It was discussed that a drop box was once located at a Pizza place but was discontinued for unknown reasons. Karen said that there is a mailbox store next to a barbershop that might be a good location. Michael mentioned the clubhouse, gym and marketplace as possible locations. Natalie asked that Michael look into the possibilities so that maybe we can have an Alta Sierra drop box.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS

Ariel said that she appreciated all of our efforts and information. She said that the League of Women Voters will be happy to support us and that she will pass on the information from today's meeting. Natalie let everyone know that the EAP will be published and there will be opportunity for public comment, and she will let everyone know when that will be. Natalie will follow up with Taylor on county surveys. Taylor said that the county is looking at doing the next survey in the Fall of 2023. Normally the National Citizen's Survey is done every 3 years, but the last one was in 2017 and then the pandemic happened. Natalie would like to know how they select the researchers or what the county process is. Natalie thanked everyone for joining the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2.44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Lee

Voter Education and Outreach Committee

May 30, 2023



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Welcome!

Meeting Overview

- Introductions
- Summary of Last Meeting
- Website Updates and the Elections Data Explorer
- Proposed Voter Education and Outreach Plan
- Discussion





Introductions

- Name
- Current position
- Interest in the VEOC
- First Presidential Election (or other national election)

Mission

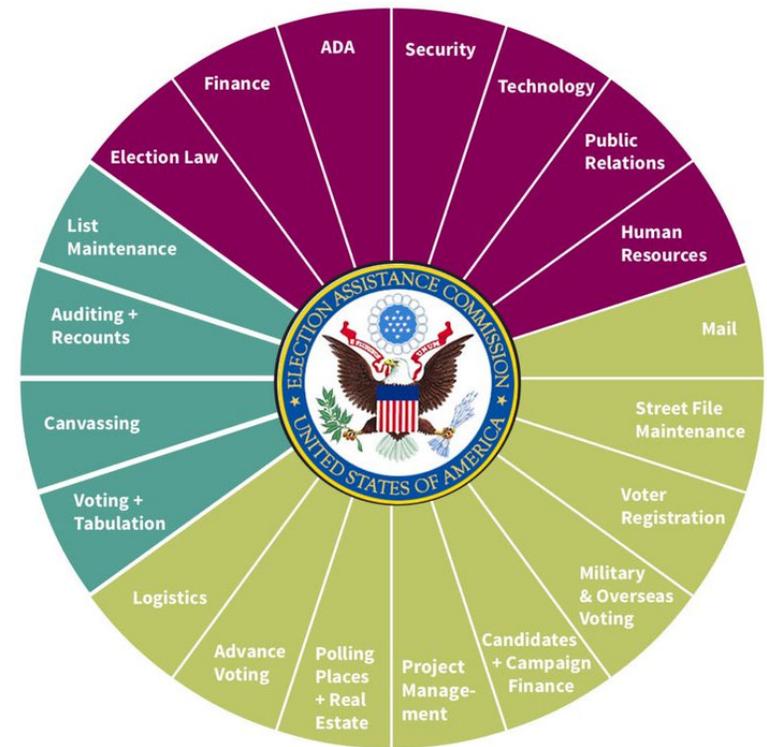
The Voter Education and Outreach Committee's mission is to foster faith and trust in the democratic process by giving Nevada County voters the tools they need to understand their voting rights, empowering our residents to learn more about the elections process, and providing Nevada County with the information needed to instill confidence in elections results.

Goals

- Refresh the Voter Education and Outreach Committee by inviting interested stakeholders to become advisory members
- Establish a baseline for understanding Nevada County's informational needs and make all efforts to meet people where they're at
- Consistently publish updated information about the elections process, on the Nevada County Elections website and through other media/social media outlets
- Engage with low-information voters, including but not limited to voters with language accessibility needs, military and overseas voters, and young voters
- Host informational meetings with the opportunity to receive public comments
- Participate in County events and offer information to voters about upcoming elections and their rights

Last time we met...

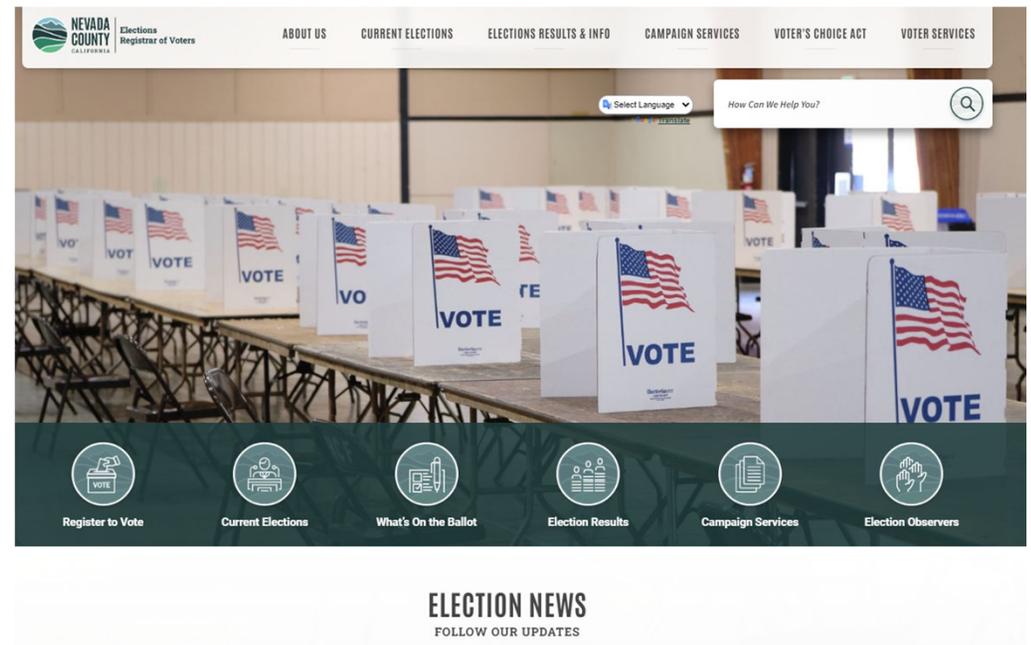
- VCA Overview
- Snapshot of Nevada County voters
- Historical registration and turnout data
- Current elections activities
- How to better engage with Nevada County voters



Website Updates

- We changed to a .gov!
- Clearer categories of information
- Streamlined elections archive
- Includes more detailed, educational information

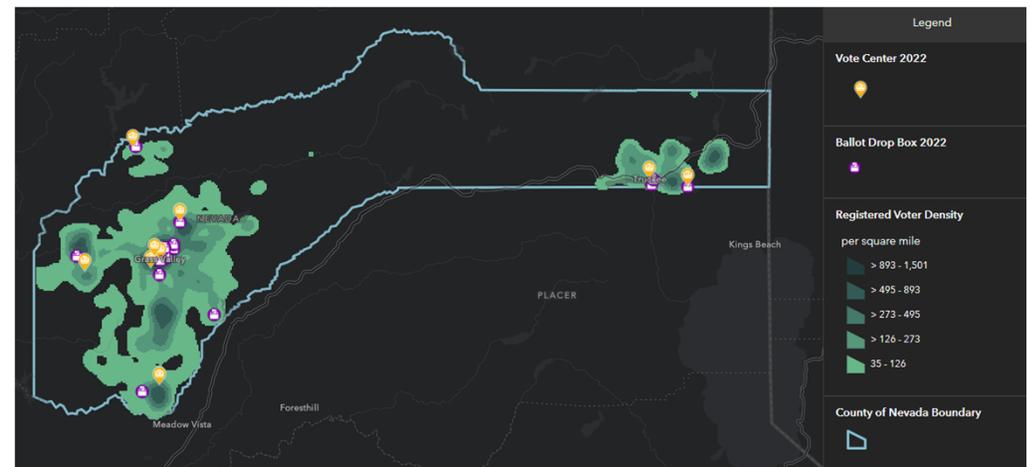
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Elections Data Explorer

- Elections Data Explorer is live!
- Collaboration between Elections and GIS
- Visualized Census data
- Includes driving/walking distance data

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Election Administration Plan

Elections Code § 4005(a)(1)(i): voter education and outreach plan must describe

...how the county elections official will use the media, including social media, newspapers, radio, and television that serve language minority communities for purposes of informing voters of the upcoming election and promoting the toll-free voter assistance hotline.

...how the county elections official will use the media, including social media, newspapers, radio, and television for purposes of informing voters of the availability of a vote by mail ballot in an accessible format and the process for requesting such a ballot.

...how the county elections official will have a community presence to educate voters regarding the provisions of this section.

...accessible information that will be publicly available on the accessible internet website of the county elections official.

...the method used by the county elections official to identify language minority voters.

Election Administration Plan

Elections Code § 4005(a)(1)(i): voter education and outreach plan must describe

...how the county elections official will educate and communicate the provisions of this section to the public, including:

Communities for which the county is required to provide voting materials and assistance in a language other than English. The county elections official shall hold at least one bilingual voter education workshop for each covered language.

The disability community, including organizations and individuals that advocate on behalf of, or provide services to, individuals with disabilities. The county elections official shall hold at least one voter education workshop to increase accessibility and participation of eligible voters with disabilities.

...how the county will spend the necessary resources on voter education and outreach to ensure that voters are fully informed about the election.

Election Administration Plan

Elections Code § 4005(a)(1)(i): voter education and outreach plan must describe

At least one public service announcement in the media, including newspapers, radio, and television, that serve English-speaking citizens (including voters who are deaf or hard of hearing and voters who are blind or visually impaired) for purposes of informing voters of the upcoming election and promoting the toll-free voter assistance hotline.

At least one public service announcement in the media, including newspapers, radio, and television, that serve non-English-speaking citizens for each covered language for purposes of informing voters of the upcoming election and promoting the toll-free voter assistance hotline.

At least two direct contacts with voters for purposes of informing voters of the upcoming election and promoting the toll-free voter assistance hotline. The two direct contacts are in addition to any other required contacts including, but not limited to, sample ballots and the delivery of vote by mail ballots.

Election Administration Plan

- Promote remote accessible vote by mail and the toll-free voter assistance hotline using social media, newspapers, radio, and television, including outlets that serve language minority communities.
- Attend community events to promote basic information and build faith and trust around the elections process.
- Provide timely elections and voting information on the Nevada County Elections website, ensuring that this information is accessible.
- Host voter education workshops via our Advisory Committees, including at least one bilingual voter education workshop, that covers information about how all voters may access elections and voting services.
- Publish public service announcements that inform voters of upcoming elections and the toll-free voter assistance hotline, targeted for English-speaking (including voters who are deaf or hard of hearing and voters who are blind or visually impaired) and non-English speaking citizens throughout the county.
- Mail at least two direct contacts per election to inform voters of upcoming elections and promote the toll-free voter assistance hotline.

Election Administration Plan

Challenge 1. Elections Misinformation and Disinformation

- Increase community presence through public service announcements, regular social media engagement, and attendance at local events
- Tap the expertise of all members of our Advisory Committees and work collaboratively on appropriate messaging.
- Regularly engage with local media sources ahead of every election, especially around key election dates.
- Improve voting information and materials on the Nevada County Elections website.

Election Administration Plan

Challenge 2. Reaching Voters Who Require Spanish Language Assistance

- Identify state and local groups that can introduce our office to individuals and organizations that serve voters who require Spanish language assistance.
- Offer more elections information in Spanish, including direct outreach materials, the Nevada County Elections website, and county voter information guide.

Challenge 3. Baseline Data About Nevada County Voters

- Engage with researchers who can help us conduct research on voter knowledge and resources.
- Get more specific data on Nevada County voter needs and areas for targeted communications.

Updated Maps

- Disability
- Race (non-White)
- Language Minority
- Spanish Speakers
- Proposed Vote Center Locations
- Proposed Drop Box Locations



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Questions? Comments?

Follow Up

- Notes will be circulated
- My contact information
- Periodic updates of what we're up to
- Engagement around specific projects
- Other items to discuss?



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Appendix D: Local Media at a Glance

The Nevada County Elections Office seeks to educate and reach out to as many potential voters as possible about the California Voter's Choice Act and to promote the toll-free voter assistance hotline. To accomplish this goal, the elections office, in consultation with the public, has created a list of many types of media that have a variety of audiences. However, Nevada County's local media choices are limited by its population.

The following Nevada County media outlets were chosen with consideration of their target audience, frequency of publication, reach, accessibility, and consultation with the public.

Newspapers: The Union, Sierra Sun, and Moonshine Ink

Online News Sources: YubaNet

Radio: KNCO and KVMR

Television: NCTV

Social Media: Facebook (Nevada County Elections), Twitter (@NevCoElections), and NextDoor

Below are descriptions of the local media that explain why these specific media were chosen.

The Union: The Union is the only daily newspaper in Nevada County. It is a paid paper that is published every Monday through Saturday. It has an average daily print readership of 23,000.

Sierra Sun: Sierra Sun is a prominent publication in the Truckee area (eastern Nevada County). It is a free newspaper that is published twice weekly and has over 250 distribution points. It reaches about 10,500 readers on Wednesdays and 30,000 on Fridays.

Nevada City Advocate: Nevada City Advocate is a free, local monthly print publication that has distribution points throughout western Nevada County.

YubaNet: YubaNet is a popular news website serving the Nevada County area that reaches a substantial percentage of the local population.

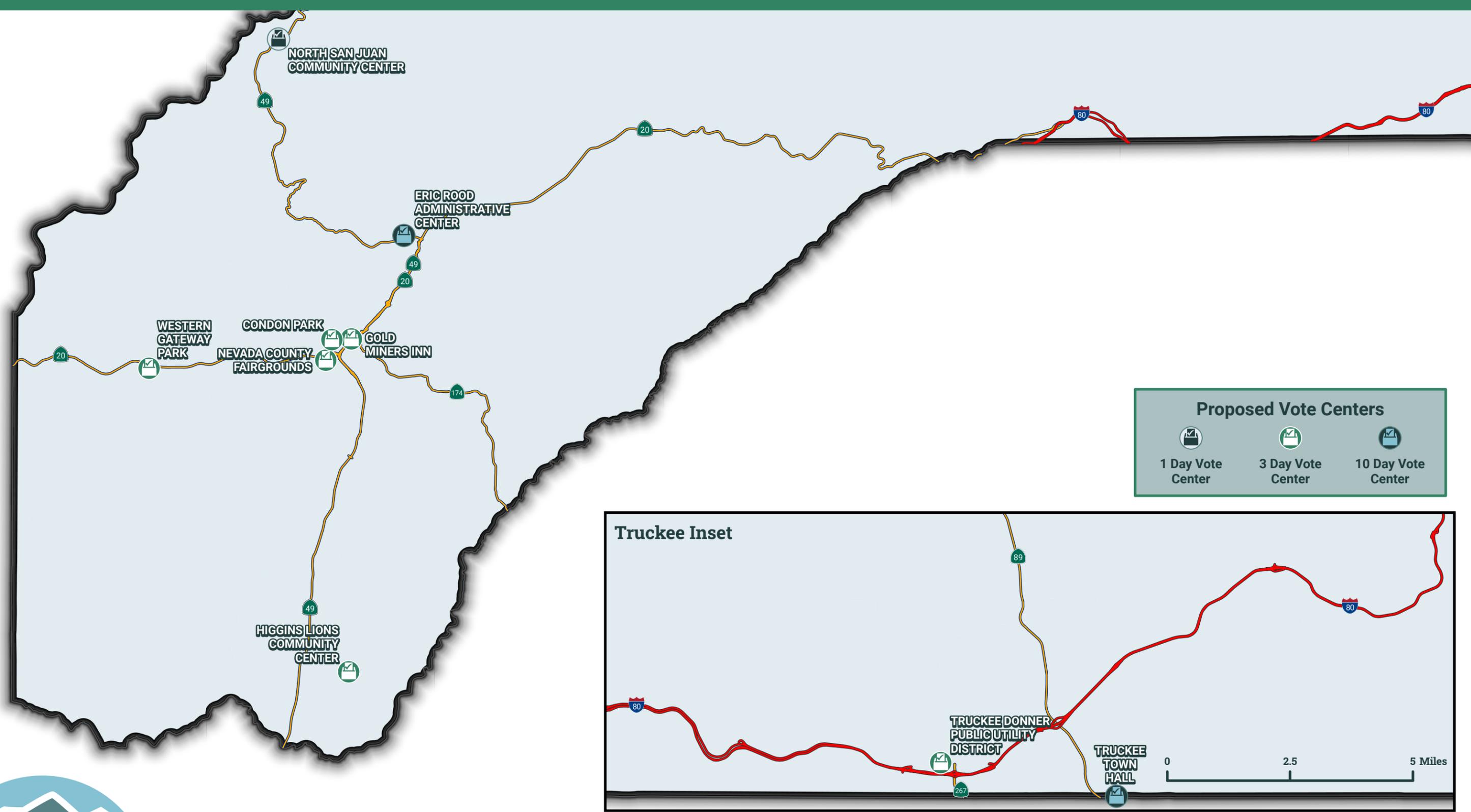
KNCO: KNCO is a local AM radio station that primarily reaches adults ages 23 and older in the Nevada County area.

KVMR: KVMR is a local FM radio station that reaches 40,000 unique individuals each week.

Appendix E: Siting Vote Center and Drop Box Locations

All VCA counties are required to offer in person voting services and convenient locations for voters to drop off a voted ballot. The VCA provides 15 parameters for establishing vote center and drop box locations. Elections officials must consider the following:

- Proximity to public transportation.
- Proximity to communities with historically low vote by mail usage.
- Proximity to population centers.
- Proximity to language minority communities.
- Proximity to voters with disabilities.
- Proximity to communities with low rates of household vehicle ownership.
- Proximity to low-income communities.
- Proximity to communities of eligible voters who are not registered to vote and may need access to same day voter registration.
- Proximity to geographically isolated populations, including Native American reservations.
- Access to accessible and free parking.
- The distance and time a voter must travel by car or public transportation to the location.
- The need for alternate methods for voters with disabilities for whom vote by mail ballots are not accessible to cast a ballot.
- Traffic patterns.
- The need for mobile vote centers.
- Vote center location on a public or private university or college campus.



Nevada County Proposed Vote Centers

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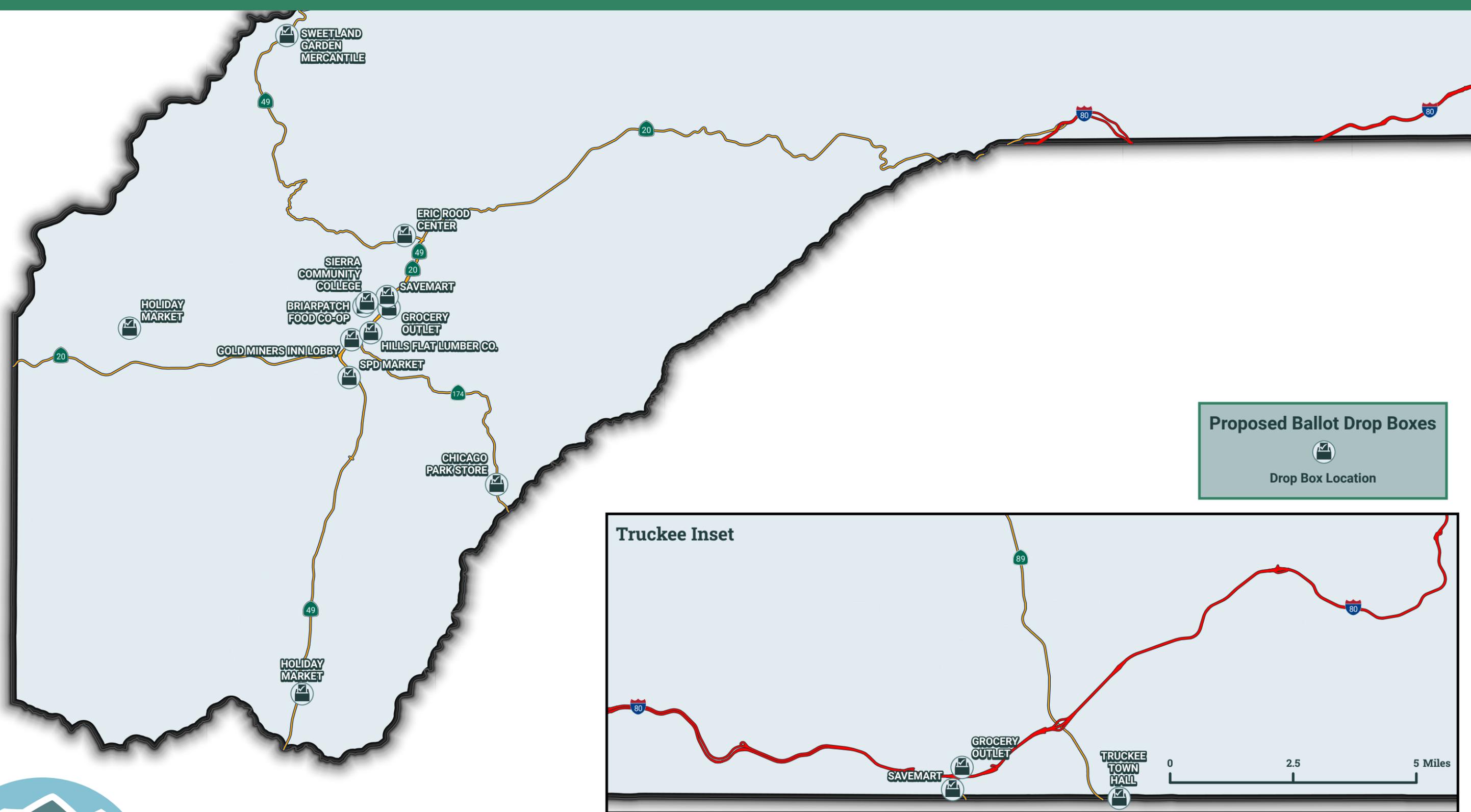
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Nevada County Proposed Ballot Drop Boxes

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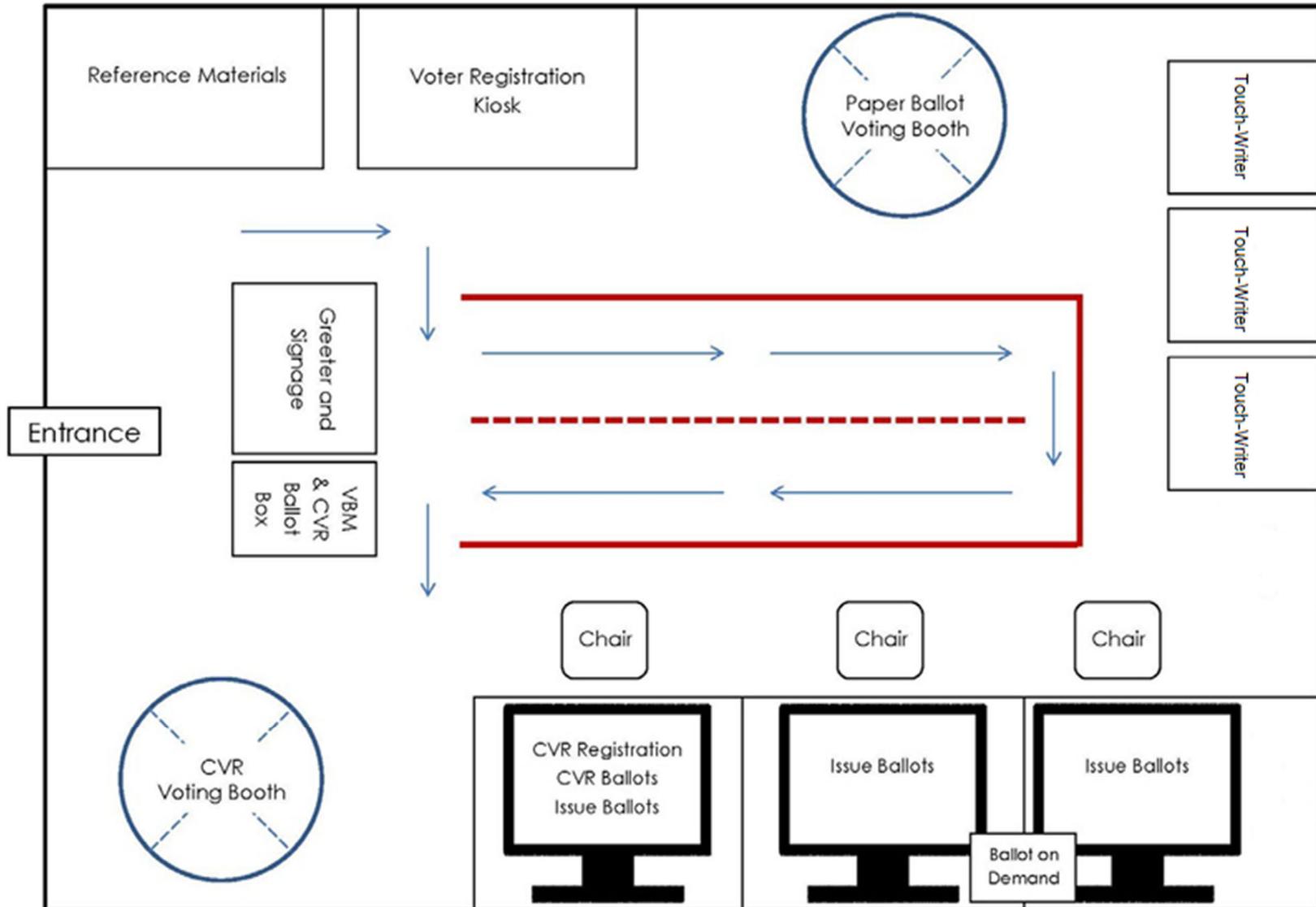


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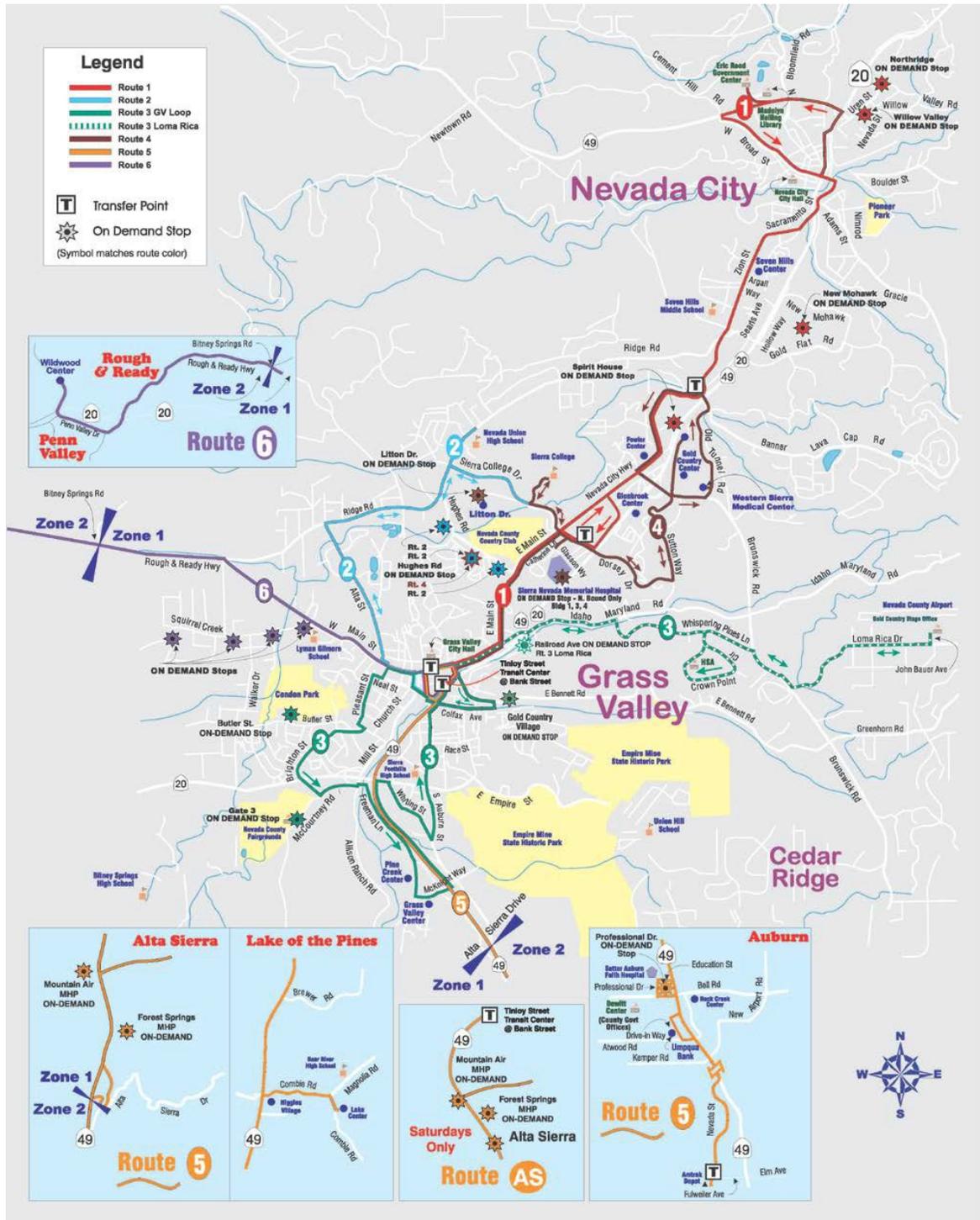
Appendix F: Vote Center Layout

VOTE CENTER LAYOUT

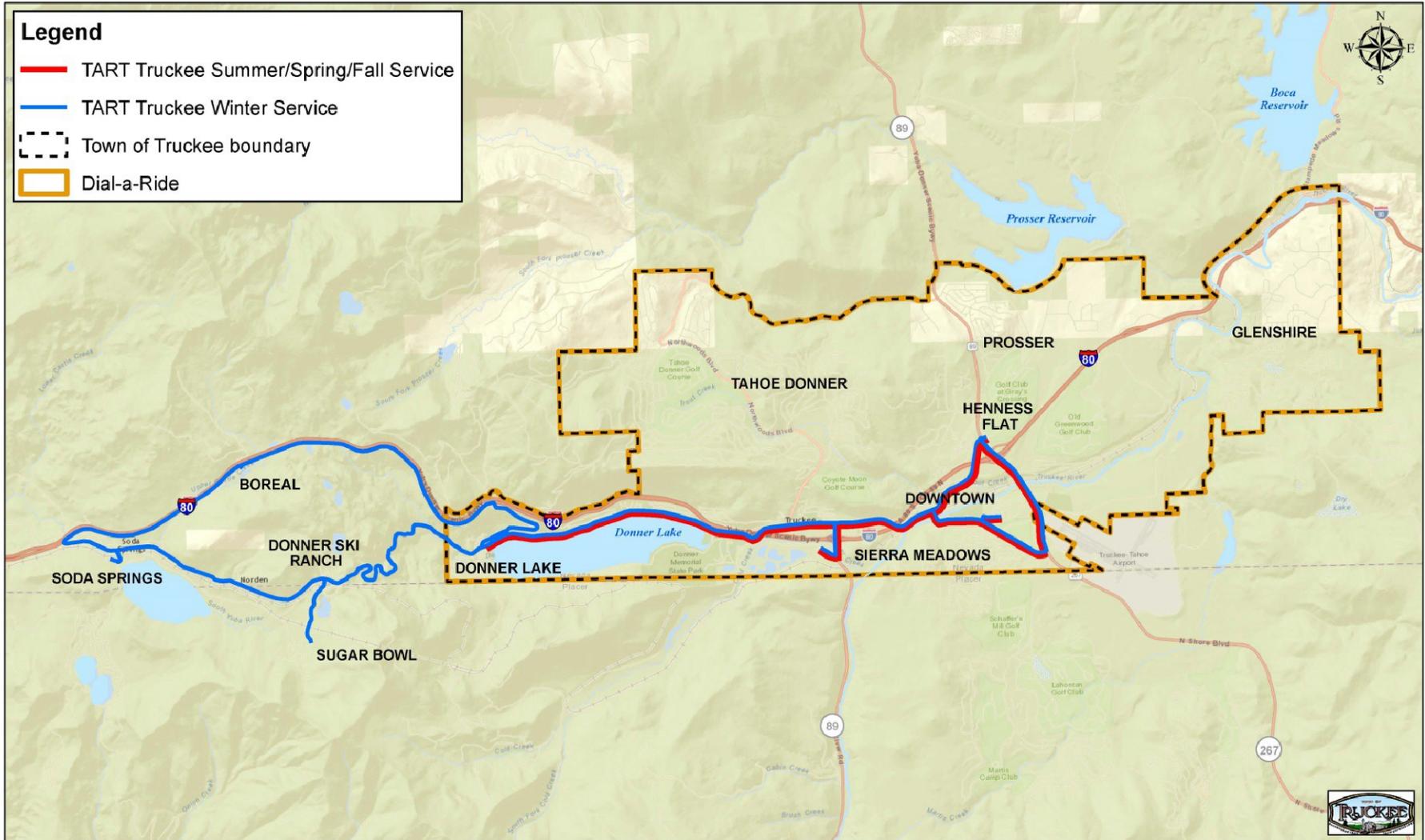


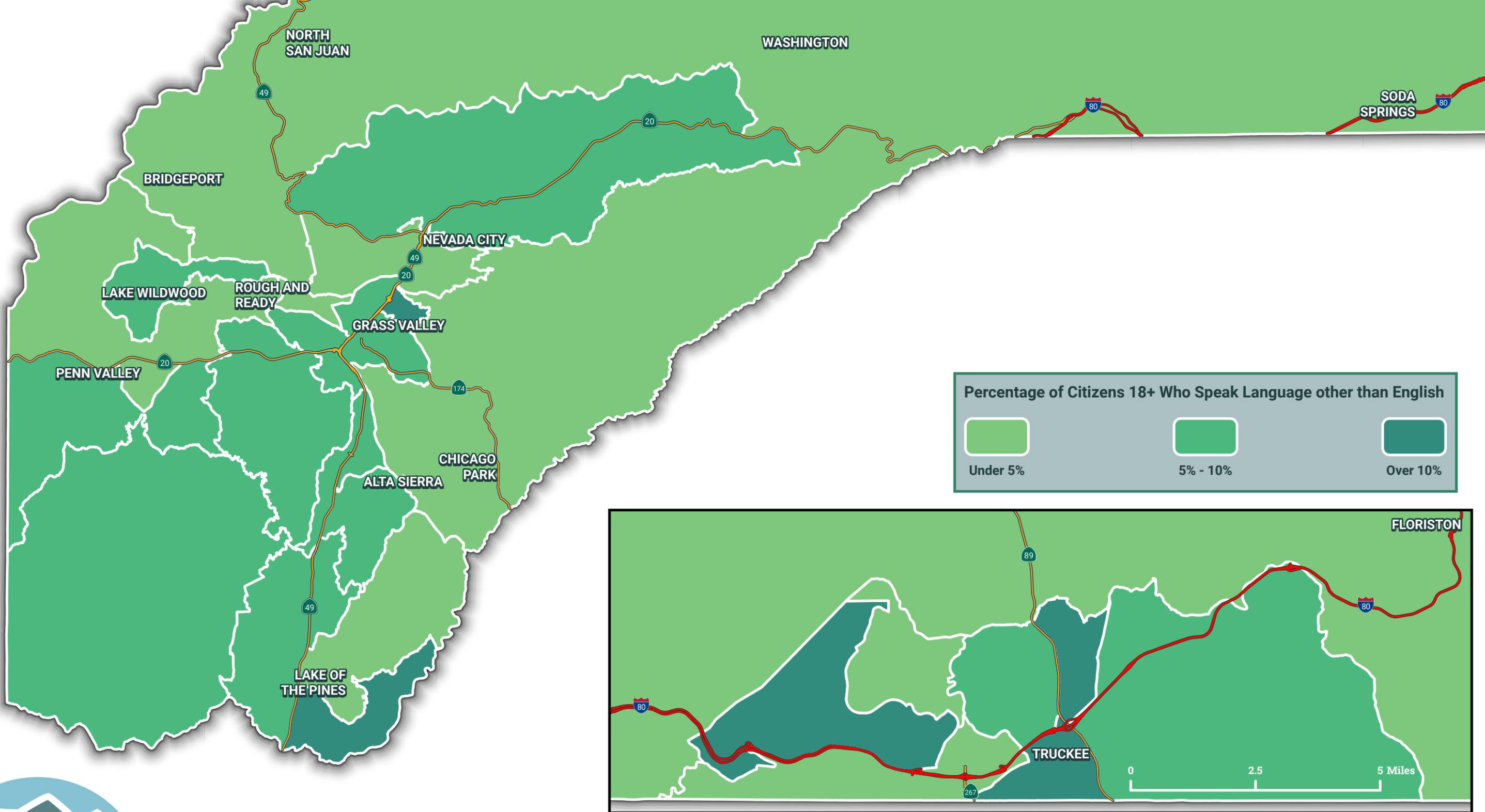
Appendix G: Public Transportation in Nevada County

Gold Country Stage Route Map (Western County)



TART Truckee Route (Eastern County)





Nevada County Language Minority by Census Tract

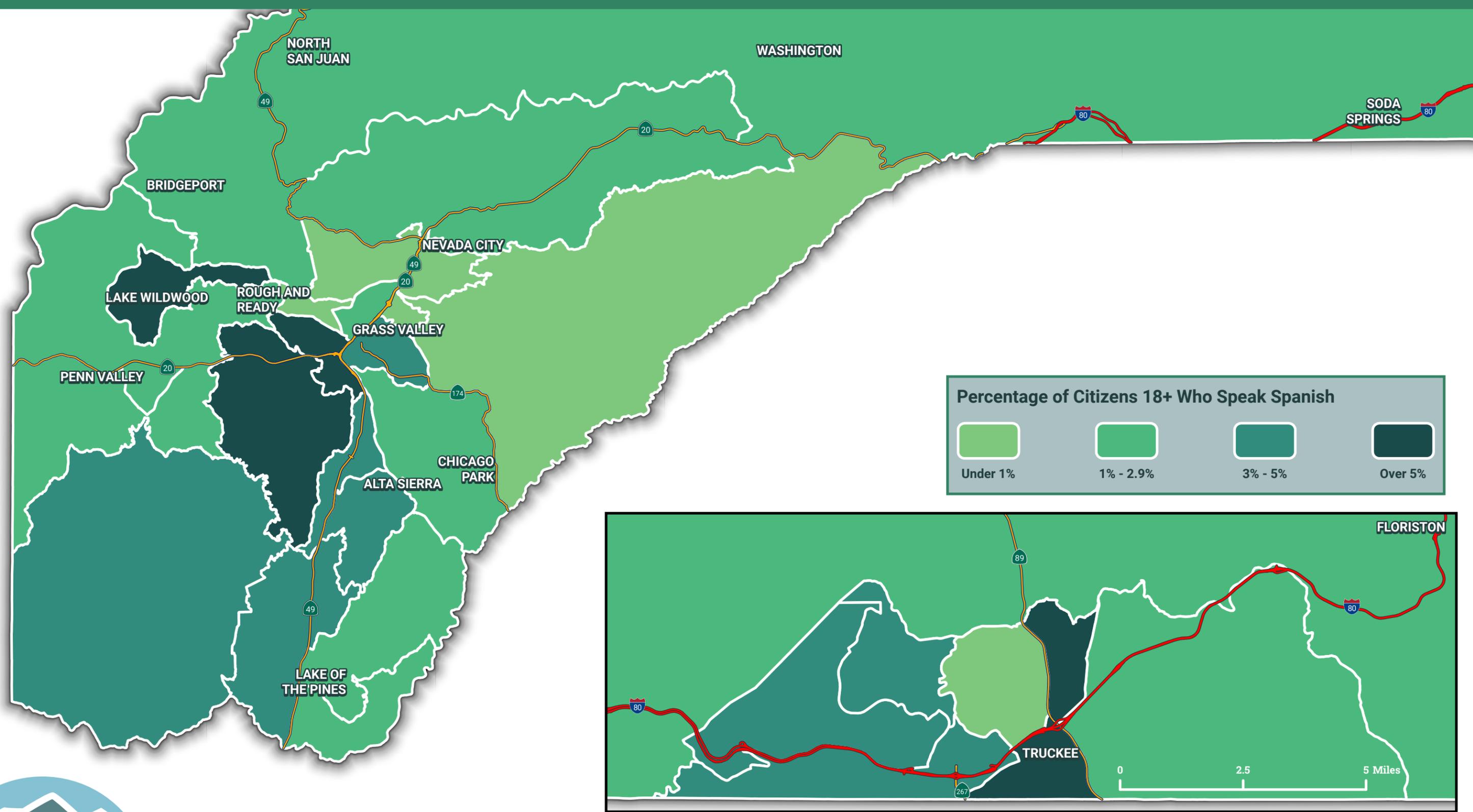
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Nevada County Spanish Speakers by Census Tract

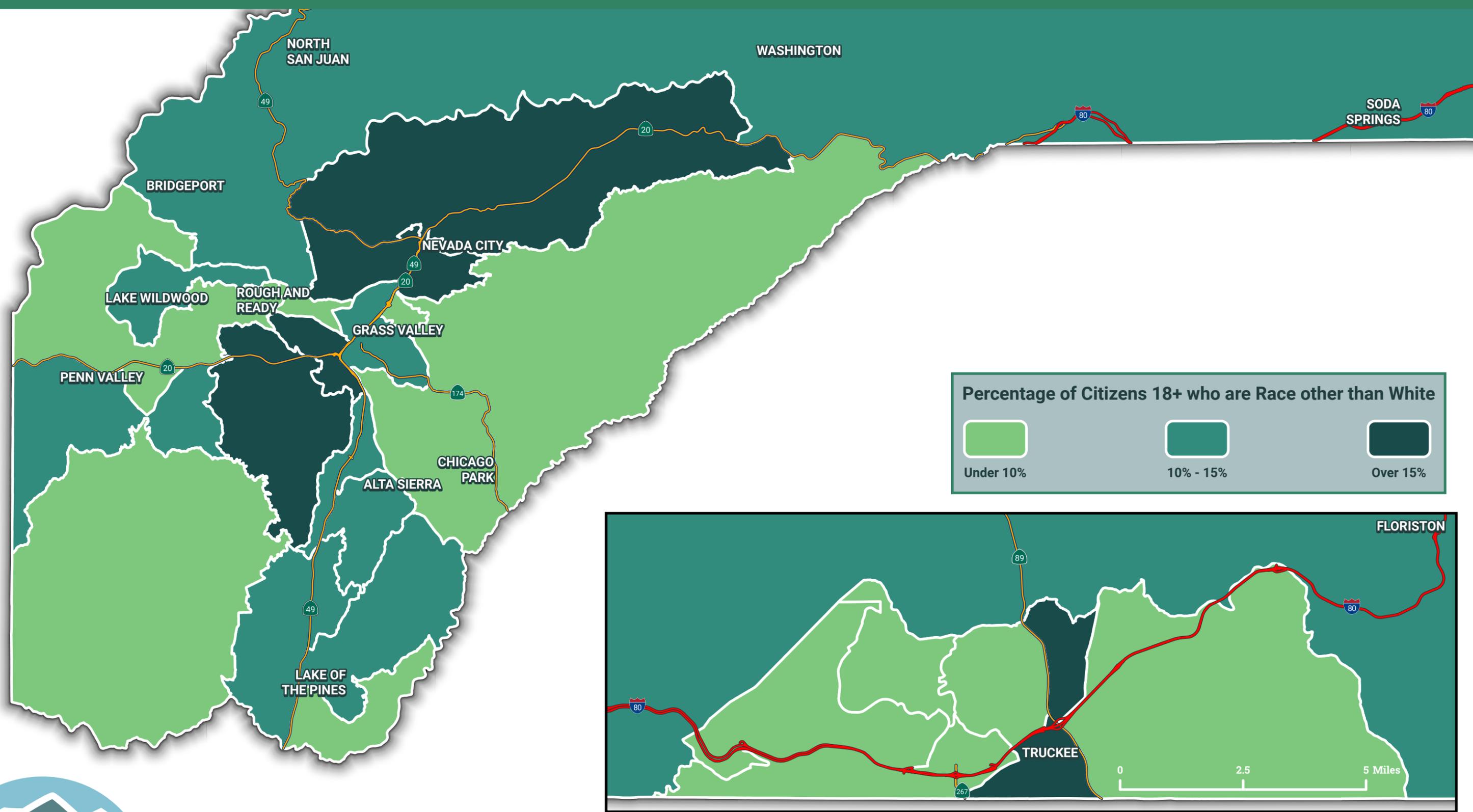
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Nevada County Race other than White by Census Tract

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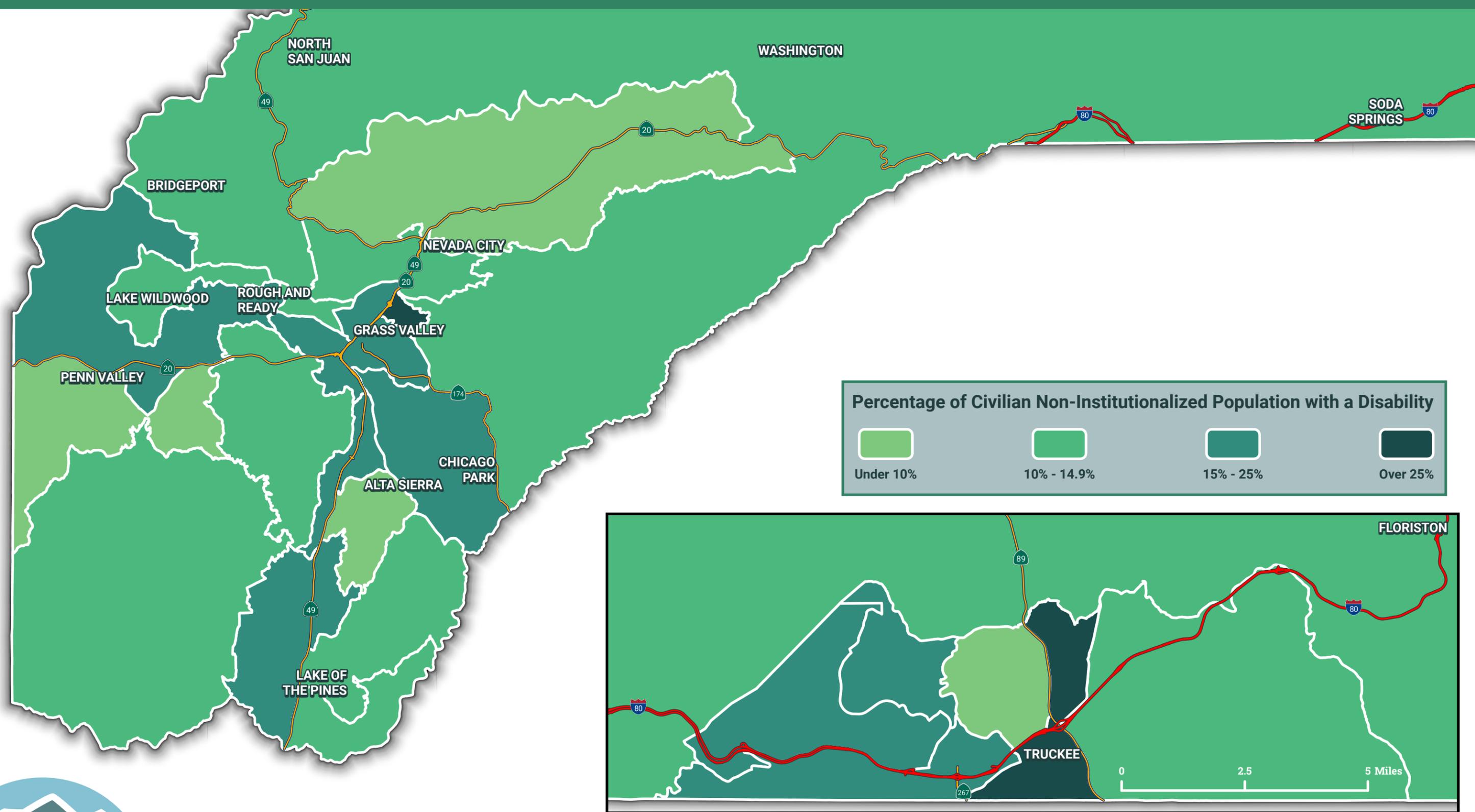
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Nevada County Population with Disability by Census Tract

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Appendix I: Election Costs

Cost Per Voter Trends in Nevada County, 2016-2022



Outreach Budget Comparison of 2020 State Primary Election and 2024 State Primary Election

| Outreach Cost | 2020 State Primary (actual) | 2024 State Primary (budget) | Difference |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Advertisements | \$6,353.11 | \$6,850.00 | \$496.89 |
| Social Media | - | \$120.00 | \$120.00 |
| Equipment & Supplies for Events | - | \$3,039.40 | \$3,039.40 |
| Event Rentals | \$384.30 | \$700.00 | \$315.70 |
| Mailings | \$69,392.71 | \$88,630.00 | \$19,237.29 |
| Translation Services | \$485.11 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,014.89 |
| Total Cost | \$76,615.23 | \$100,839.40 | \$24,224.17 |

Appendix J: Community Presence at Events

The Nevada County Elections Office plans on organizing and attending events to educate voters about elections and voting under the Voter's Choice Act, including but not limited to events that community organizations plan to attend to educate voters. The Elections Office will publicly notice events in advance as needed, including and will disseminate the times and locations of those events using all appropriate media channels.

Appendix K: VCA Glossary

Conditional Voter Registration: A properly executed Affidavit of Registration that is completed by a voter during the 14 days immediately prior to or on Election Day. The elector may cast a CVR ballot provisionally once the form is complete. A CVR is deemed effective after the elections official determines the voter's eligibility to register. CVRs are processed during the canvass period.

Drop Box: A secure box that allows for the safe and convenient return of voted mail ballots. Official ballot drop boxes may only be established by the county elections official and must follow the security standards and protocols set by the Secretary of State. See also Staffed Drop Box and Unstaffed Drop Box.

Drop Off Location: A location established by the Registrar of Voters where an official ballot drop box is available, either inside or outside of a site. In Voter's Choice Act counties, ballot drop off locations must conform to statutory guidelines for siting a vote center, with one available for every 15,000 registered voters registered by E-88.

Election Administration Plan (EAP): A detailed plan on the conduct of elections in the county. EAPs are required under the Voter's Choice Act. The EAP proposes vote center and ballot drop box locations, provides details on fiscal impacts, and sets out public outreach plans. The elections official invites community input and vets the EAP through a public hearing process. The EAP is posted for public comment after public hearings take place. The final EAP is reviewed, and possibly revised, within two years after implementation of the VCA, and every four years thereafter. The Voter Education and Outreach portion of the EAP is submitted to the Secretary of State for approval. Plans are published in all required languages and available on the county election official's website.

Early Voting: The period of time before Election Day when voters may cast a ballot. Voters do not need to provide a reason to vote early. In California, early voting begins 29 days prior to the election. Registered voters in Nevada County may vote early at the office of the Registrar of Voters, or at a vote center starting ten days prior to Election Day.

Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC): The LAAC (pronounced "lack") advises elections officials on matters relating to language access for voters with limited English proficiency. The LAAC is comprised of elections staff and members of the language access community, including native speakers, advocates, and community leaders. The county elections official shall consult with and consider the LAAC's recommendations, especially in the process of drafting and finalizing the EAP.

Registrar of Voters: The official responsible for administering voter registration and elections. Most California ROVs are elected officials, while others are appointed by their county boards. In Nevada County, the ROV is an elected position and splits responsibility between elections and the County Clerk-Recorder.

Secretary of State: The chief election official in the State of California. The Secretary of State is mandated by statute to promote voter registration (including preregistration), encourage eligible voters to vote, and promote civic learning and engagement to prepare students and new citizens to register and vote.

Staffed Drop Box: A secured and locked drop box that is placed in a location that is in the view of a live person who is employed at the location of the drop box, a city or county employee, or a temporary

worker or volunteer retained for the purpose of monitoring the drop box. A staffed drop box is typically not available for use 24 hours a day.

Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM): An electronic ballot that may be used by voters with disabilities and UOCAVA voters. Anyone accessing RAVBM may not return a voted ballot by email. UOCAVA voters may fax their voted ballots back to the elections official, whereas domestic users must mail them back to the elections official. RAVBM systems must be certified and are never connected to a voting system.

UOCAVA Voter: Qualified service members and overseas Americans who are administered ballots under the laws specified by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986 and the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act of 2009. UOCAVA voters typically use federal forms to register and request ballots, receive their ballots ahead of domestic voters (starting at E-60 and no later than E-45) and are permitted to return a ballot by fax. Typically treated as a single word, pronounced “you-oh-kah-vah.”

Unstaffed Drop Box: A secured and locked drop box that is not within view of a live person and is available for use 24 hours a day.

Voter’s Choice Act of 2016 (VCA): Also referred to as SB 450, the Voter’s Choice Act of modernizes the elections process and allows counties to provide voters with greater flexibility and convenience. The VCA is intended to increase voter turnout by allowing voters to choose how, when, and where to cast their ballot. This is achieved by:

1. Mailing every voter a ballot
2. Expanding in-person early voting
3. Allowing voters to cast a ballot at any vote center within the county

Voter Education and Outreach Committee (VEOC): The Voter Outreach and Education Committee advises the ROV on improving communication between the Elections Office and the public. The VEOC makes recommendations for communicating essential elections and voting information and combatting elections misinformation and disinformation. VEOC membership is comprised of community leaders in media, education, and nonprofit advocacy.

Voter Education and Outreach Plan: A required section of the county EAP. The Voter Education and Outreach Plan is reviewed and officially approved by the Secretary of State. This plan must describe how the county elections official will meet specific outreach and education provisions of the VCA, including the use of traditional media, social media, public education meetings, and direct voter contacts, to inform voters of their options and available means of assistance.

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC): The Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) (pronounced “vack”) advises the ROV on improving accessibility for voters with disabilities. The VAAC makes recommendations for establishing vote centers and for improving voter services for voters with visual impairments, voters who are deaf or hard of hearing, and voters with other physical or cognitive disabilities. VAAC membership is comprised of voters with disabilities, community leaders, and advocates.

Appendix L: Continuing Operations at Vote Centers

For every disruption, whether it be from a natural disaster, foreign or domestic threat, or other cause, Nevada County Elections is obligated to report incidents to the California Secretary of State. Reports of disruptions may be extended to local, state, and federal authorities as needed, including the Nevada County Sheriff, District Attorney, Federal Bureau of Investigation, or Department of Homeland Security.

| Potential Disruption | Response |
|--|--|
| Vote Center Workers Do Not Show Up | Vote center manager will contact roving elections official to ensure timely opening and operation of the vote center. Vote center manager and roving elections official will be instructed to call the Elections Office to find replacement staff members for the vote center. A list of trained backup staff will be maintained by the Elections Office. |
| Vote Center Workers Cause Disruption or Pose a Threat to Normal Operations | Vote center manager will contact roving elections official to ensure timely opening and operation of the vote center. Vote center manager and roving elections official will be instructed to call the Elections Office to find replacement staff members for the vote center. A list of trained backup staff will be maintained by the Elections Office. Registrar of Voters will determine whether further action is necessary. |
| Vote Center Workers Locked Out of Voting Location | Vote center manager will contact roving elections official to ensure timely opening and operation of the vote center. Vote center manager and roving elections official will be instructed to call the Elections Office and begin setting up a pop up vote center outside of the voting location. All ballots cast will be provisional until the staff can enter the location. Election Office will contact the location owner or manager. |
| Election Management System is Unavailable | Vote center manager will notify the Elections Office and roving elections official. Elections staff will contact County IT and vendor if necessary to resolve the issue as soon as possible. If disruption is only at one vote center, voters will be directed to another vote center or given the option to vote provisionally. If the disruption is countywide, vote center staff will issue provisional ballots. Staff determine correct ballot type or precinct for voter, based on the back up list provided to vote center staff. Voters sign roster and include their name and address. Keep paper record of all voters and information to enter into EMS once system is back up and running. |

| Potential Disruption | Response |
|---|--|
| Power Outage | Vote center manager will notify the Elections Office and roving elections official. All vote centers have back up power generation and pre-printed ballot stock. If power outage lasts longer than 15 minutes, direct voters to another vote center. Election conduct will continue even if the power outage is a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) event. Vote center staff will be trained to administer voting in the event of a prolonged power outage. Nevada County Elections will work with vote center owners on options to continue voting uninterrupted. Public will be notified via website, phone message, news, radio, social media, etc. |
| Weather Disruption | Vote center manager will notify the Elections Office and roving elections official. If a vote center is unreachable or unsafe due to weather, the vote center will close, and voters will be re-directed to another location. Public will be notified via website, phone message, news, radio, social media, etc. A replacement vote center will be set up as soon as possible. |
| Fire or Other Disaster | All staff and voters must first be evacuated safely. Vote center manager will notify elections office. If time allows, vote center staff will do the following in order: (1) securely remove all voted ballots from the facility (VBM, V-Drives from vote center scanners, paper ballots from black ballot box, CVR ballots), (2) secure/shut down all computers accessing Election Management System and (3) secure/shut down all voting equipment. Elections Office will notify public via website, phone recording, news, radio, social media, etc., and inform public of alternate vote centers. A replacement vote center will be set up as soon as possible. |
| Voting Equipment Stops Working | Vote center manager will notify the Elections Warehouse and roving elections official. Warehouse manager will determine if replacement equipment is needed. Preprinted paper ballots can be issued to voters if needed. Vote center manager will follow troubleshooting instructions provided in vote center manual. If the problem is the precinct scanner, voters may cast a ballot using the auxiliary bin. All unscanned ballots will be scanned at the Elections Office. |
| Suspicious Person or Object Inside or in the Vicinity | Vote center manager will contact roving elections official. All vote center workers will be trained in de-escalation procedures. All roving elections officials coordinate with local law enforcement on issue spotting and procedures for contacting the police. |

| Potential Disruption | Response |
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| Individual or Groups Block Access to the Vote Center | Vote center manager will contact roving elections official. Roving elections official will contact Elections Office and attempt to clear the way for voting to continue. Roving elections official will be trained to know if and when law enforcement is necessary to support a resolution. Elections Office will notify public via website, phone recording, news, radio, social media, etc., and inform public of alternate vote centers if needed. Registrar of Voters will determine whether other action is necessary. |
| Prohibited Electioneering Causes Voter Intimidation | Vote center manager will contact roving elections official. Roving elections official will contact Elections Office and attempt to resolve the violation. Roving elections official will be trained to know if and when law enforcement is necessary to support a resolution. Elections Office will notify public via website, phone recording, news, radio, social media, etc., and inform public of alternate vote centers if needed. Registrar of Voters will determine whether other action is necessary. |
| Vote Center is Unusable | If the vote center is unusable for any reason, vote center manager will notify the elections office. A list of backup vote centers will be maintained by the Elections Office. Warehouse staff will assist vote center staff in moving and setting up the new vote center. Public will be notified of a change of location via website, phone message, news, radio, social media, etc. |

Appendix M: Continuing Base Operations

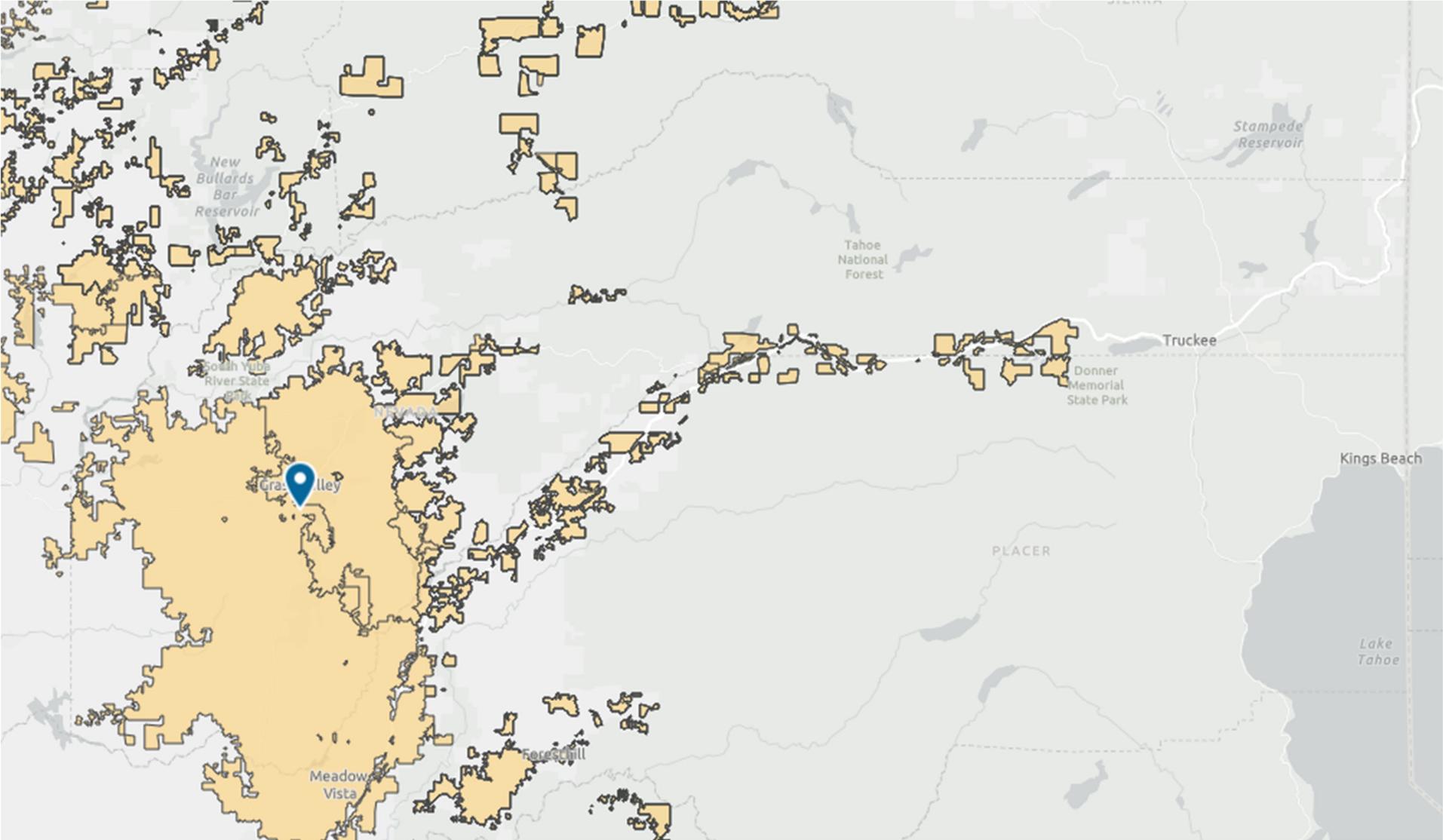
For every disruption, whether it be from a natural disaster, foreign or domestic threat, or other cause, Nevada County Elections is obligated to report incidents to the California Secretary of State. Reports of disruptions may be extended to local, state, and federal authorities as needed, including the Nevada County Sheriff, District Attorney, Federal Bureau of Investigation, or Department of Homeland Security.

| Potential Disruption | Response |
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| Unable to Access Elections Warehouse | Registrar of Voters notifies the Secretary of State and the facility owner/manager. ROV determines the fastest and safest way to regain access to the building. ROV determines the current supply of voting equipment and other essential items and assesses needs at all voting locations. ROV contacts neighboring counties to ask for assistance. Public will be notified via website, phone message, news, radio, social media, etc. as necessary to ensure the continued availability of voting. |
| Unable to Access Ballot Tabulation and Secure Storage Room | Registrar of Voters notifies the Secretary of State, County Facilities, and County Risk Manager. Election workers continue to bring voted ballots to headquarters unless doing so is unsafe or unreasonable under the circumstances. ROV determines the proper place to store voted ballots while ensuring strict chain of custody. Public will be notified via website, phone message, news, radio, social media, etc. as necessary to set forth the process of reporting elections results in light of the issue. |
| Insider Threat Disrupts Normal Operations | Registrar of Voters puts an immediate stop to the prohibited activity and notifies the Secretary of State and relevant law enforcement. ROV will determine what kind of damage, if any, has been done to the EMS or to voting systems. ROV will consult with SOS, County IT, and/or any other relevant entity on the necessary steps to mitigate or reverse any damage to the elections infrastructure. Public will be notified via website, phone message, news, radio, social media, etc. to the extent that doing so does not compromise elections security or law enforcement actions. |
| Foreign Threat Penetrates Elections Website | Registrar of Voters notifies the Secretary of State and County IT. ROV works in collaboration with County IT and County PIO on the extent of the problem and the steps Nevada County Elections has taken to ensure the integrity and security of election results. |

| Potential Disruption | Response |
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| VoteCal Experiences a Security Breach | Registrar of Voters notifies County IT. ROV and County IT work in collaboration with SOS staff on the process for updating registration and reporting elections results, to the extent that doing so is necessary. All voters will vote provisionally at vote centers if VoteCal is unable to safely receive or transmit voter files or updates to voter history. Elections staff will report elections results to SOS by facsimile transmission or other method deemed appropriate by the VoteCal team. |
| Unable to Tabulate Elections Results on Election Night | Registrar of Voters notifies the Secretary of State and the voting equipment vendor. ROV works in collaboration with County PIO on communicating the extent of the problem to the public and the steps Nevada County Elections has taken to ensure the timely reporting of election results. |
| Unable to Safely Retrieve/Deliver Voted Ballots | Registrar of Voters assesses the exact nature of the problem and notifies the Secretary of State, law enforcement, and other relevant entities. ROV and staff take all necessary steps to ensure the safe delivery of ballots and the proper chain of custody procedures are followed. |

Appendix N: PG&E Outage Map

Shaded parts of the map represent potential Public Safety Power Shutoff areas. Our office equips all voting locations with backup power generation where needed.



Appendix O: Infectious Disease and Pandemic Contingency Plan

The VCA requires participating election officials to send all registered voters in a jurisdiction a ballot by mail and to offer all voters the opportunity to vote in person at a vote center. Nevada County Elections will continue to send all registered voters a ballot in the mail as required by law.

USPS, RAVBM, BallotTrax, and Drop Boxes

As in past elections, voted vote-by-mail ballots can be returned via a secure drop box location or in the mail via the United States Postal Service (USPS). Nevada County Elections remains confident in our partnership with the USPS and will strongly encourage voters who cast a ballot by mail to follow the USPS guidelines.

In a global pandemic, there may be disruptions to international mail service, which affects residents serving in the military and others covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). Nevada County Elections will reach out to all UOCAVA voters to alert them of possible changes to international mail service and provide options like Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail (RAVBM).

Nevada County Elections will use media resources to let voters know that they may drop off their voted ballot at any drop box location in California. There is a drop box at every vote center location and locations throughout the county. Many Nevada County drop boxes will be located at grocery stores, which remained open during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Citizens concerned with the timeliness of USPS service will be encouraged to use an official vote-by-mail drop box.

Protecting Election Workers and Voters

Our goal is to both protect the health and safety of voters and election workers and protect voting rights. Nevada County Elections will use all resources available to provide basic health protections to everyone serving our office, based on guidance from County, State, and Federal officials. Our office will work with County and State authorities on implementing a comprehensive public education plan so that voters and employees know what to expect and can take the necessary steps to keep themselves safe. We will also prepare the equipment and training needed to conduct all elections activities safely.

All Nevada County Elections workers, which will include those working in our call intake area, ballot room, signature verification area, ballot extraction and counting areas, elections warehouse, and vote centers, will be required to follow all policies and procedures. All workers will receive a check list of materials that will be included in their supplies, including supplies that help curb the spread of infection.

Nevada County Elections will work collaboratively with public health officials on basic training to keep themselves and voters safe. This training will include safety procedures for workers that process in-person voters, collect vote-by-mail ballots from drop boxes, proper use of PPE, disinfecting voting equipment, and other necessary procedures.

In Person Services

Nevada County Elections will establish and widely publicize voters' in person options. If a pandemic threatens in person voting for any election, our office will highly encourage our voters to use US Mail or drop boxes to return their ballot. This does not mean, however, that voters will be precluded from voting in person if state law requires it.

If in person services are required by law, Nevada County Elections will work in collaboration with county public health officials and vote center owners on:

- Assessing the safety of vote centers,

- Determining the limits of vote centers in terms of their ability to maintain public health, and
- Developing vote center-specific plans, available for public inspection.
- Developing and posting signage helpful to voters and the public.
- Informing the public of what to expect if choosing to vote in person, based on public health guidance and rules established by the property owners.

When checking in at a vote center, Nevada County Elections may tell voters to expect the following:

- Maintain social distance and wear PPE if public health requires it. Our office will require all vote centers to have ample PPE available to voters who need it.
- To keep wait times manageable, we may limit the time spent marking a ballot to 10 minutes, with exceptions for certain voters requiring assistance (Ca. Elec. Code § 14224).
- To control the number of people in an enclosed space, we may use a numbering system and establish a waiting area for in person voters. The waiting area will have proper social distancing markers. Voters will be served when their number is called.
- We will require all vote center workers to adhere to safe public health procedures at all times.
- We may limit the number of people allowed inside of a building at one time depending on factors affecting public health.
- In person voters will receive a ballot marking pen that they can keep.

Voting Equipment

Nevada County Elections will encourage the use of disposable gloves for voters who use the voting equipment. Vote center workers will ensure that used gloves are properly discarded.

Workers will be instructed to disinfect voting equipment after each use, using the guidelines offered by public health officials and the County's voting equipment vendor.

For voters who wish to use the audio feature, all headphones attached to ballot marking devices will have disposable ear coverings. Vote center workers will ensure that used coverings are properly discarded.

Check in clerks will provide ballot marking pens that voters can take home with them. The tops of these pens can also be used on voting equipment should the voter wish to use the Accessible Touch Writers.

Conditional Voter Registration (Same Day Registration)

Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) allows voters who missed the regular deadline for voter registration to register and vote through Election Day. Under the law, the CVR period only applies to the 14 days leading up to and including Election Day. Ca. Elec. Code § 2170. As in other jurisdictions in California, CVRs and other types of provisionally cast ballots are the result of in person voter transactions.

Nevada County Elections will strongly encourage everyone to register ahead of time using online voter registration or calling to request a paper registration form. All voters will also be encouraged to check the status of their voter registration before the regular deadline.

For those voters who still require a CVR, Nevada County Elections may establish a process for voters to access CVR, which might include a system to set an in-person appointment or use of RAVBM, whichever is feasible. This will not preclude a voter from requesting a CVR at a vote center on a first come, first served basis.

Candidate Services

Nevada County Elections will offer candidate filing services online and by appointment. Failure to make an appointment will not prevent a candidate from walking into the office to conduct filing activities. However, our office will prioritize appointments and will ask walk in candidates to wait until a staff member is available to assist.

Proponents of Ballot Measures

Nevada County Elections will implement a process for submitting petitions by mail and by appointment, similar to the appointment system available to candidates.

Observers, Researchers, and Media

Observers, researchers, and media are required to follow public health guidelines, without exception. All observers, researchers, and reporters may be informed of the following:

- We may limit the number of observers, researchers, and media allowed in our office and/or warehouse at one time, depending on the size of the space and number of people present,
- We may limit the number of observers, researchers, and media permitted inside of a vote center at one time, depending on the size of the space and number of workers present,
- We will strongly encourage research firms conducting exit polling to share their processes for maintaining health and safety of their research subjects,
- We strongly encourage all interviews about the elections and voting process to be conducted via phone, video, or email, and
- We strongly encourage media to provide our office with advance notice of in person visits, in order to help control the flow of in person traffic in our office and/or warehouse.

Other Processes

Any other health issues and processes affecting elections but not explicitly mentioned here will be addressed as soon as possible by Nevada County Elections.