

Kern County Language and Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

January 28, 2026

The mission of the Voting and Language Accessibility Advisory Committee is to provide information, as well as act as a forum for recommendations, provide assistance, and advise the Kern County Election Division regarding the implementation of federal and state laws relating to access to the electoral process.

Meeting start time: 10am

VAAC Topics for Discussion

Upcoming Election News – we have another election coming up (Statewide Direct Primary Election) and it's scheduled for June 2nd.

Poll Sites – 105 polling sites. We receive confirmation letters from polling sites as to whether their site is available. Why do polling sites change? They may have something scheduled; the room isn't available. The elections warehouse team will survey a site prior to. The elections office will look for new locations that are ADA compliant.

Surveys – Take measurements, pictures, ramps, signs that way the path of travel is clear. An ADA binder is put together of how to set up a polling site, easily identifiable, and there's no barriers.

Review Site – Independence High School. Some polling sites have multiple parking lots. Directional ISA signs are placed to guide the designated parking area(s) and path of travel. The circled numbers match the corresponding page numbers. To ensure electioneering doesn't occur, we send out 100ft rope to measure from the poll site.

We are always looking for new members. If you'd like to participate, please go to kernvote.com for the application.

LAAC Topics for Discussion

June 2nd, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election

Continuing Languages Under Elections Code 14201:

- Spanish

- Tagalog
- Punjabi

New Languages:

- Bengali
- Chinese
- Khmer
- Korean
- Vietnamese

Voter Assistance Options

Poll Worker Outreach – our goal is to provide assistance to those voters that speak that language. The LAAC/VAAC application is under the community tab on the kernvote.com website. Outline the student poll worker program, pre-registration.

Delano/Wasco – social media, the city can help as they have their own social media, will ask other agencies for help

California Secretary of State website – translated election information

Meeting end time: 10:27am