



Alameda County Elections Commission

AMENDED Meeting Agenda

April 16, 2026 4:00 p.m. 1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1
Oakland CA 94612
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83521846306>

Pursuant to California Government Code section 54957.5, any public records related to a matter subject to discussion at this meeting that are distributed to a majority of the Elections Commission's members less than 72 hours before the meeting will be made available for public inspection through the meeting at the Registrar of Voters' Office, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, California 94612, Room G-1.

1 Call to Order / Roll Call

2 Swearing-In of New Commissioners – none

3 Agenda Changes

4 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Attachment for February minutes - p.3-6

Attachments for March minutes - p 7-28

5 Announcements and Communications on non-agenda items

No discussion on these items.

a. From staff

b. From commissioners

Lindsay - Reminder of importance of reaching a quorum

Dieter - Reminder of procedure for requesting topics to be agendaized and submitting ad hoc committee reports by the close of business on Wednesday, the week before meetings, and what is in the Elections Administration Plan - Attachment p.29

6 Public Comment on Agenda Items

If there are 5 or less commenters, they will have up to 3 minutes each. More than 5 commenters will be limited to 2 minutes each. More than 15 people will be limited to one minute each. We encourage and appreciate written comments to be emailed to the commission at eoc@acgov.org.

7 Monthly Update from Registrar of Voters Office

Attachment p.30-41

8 Regular Agenda Items

8-A **Ad Hoc Committee Reports** - Temporary and task-specific committees were formed to address particular issues. *The point person for each committee has an asterisk by their name.*

8-A(1) **November 2025 Post-election Assessment** (Butter,* Wagner, and Pham) – Action Item
At the March 2025 meeting, the commission tasked President Dieter to make edits as discussed and to send it to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. The task was completed. Approval is needed to disband the committee.

Attachment p.42

8-A(2) Voting Participation (Seabrook,* Moore, Whitehurst, Lindsay, Hernandez) – Discussion Only
This committee is looking into how the ROV can increase voter participation in Oakland Districts 6 & 7.

8-A(3) Youth Participation (Varlack,* Whitehurst, Butter) – Discussion Only
This committee is working to support efforts to strengthen youth civic engagement regarding elections, and to coordinate with the Registrar of Voters on outreach and program development.

8-A(4) Budgeting for Elections (Wagner,* Pham, Lindsay) – Discussion Only
This committee is working with the ROV office to produce a written fee schedule that clearly defines exactly how jurisdictions will be charged with an explanation of those charges, including RCV, Youth Voting, and the reallocation of five or more ballot measures, for the 2026 elections.

8-B Contracts over \$100,000 – Discussion Only
In October 2025, the commission asked the ROV to present to the commission in writing a full list of all contracts over \$100,000, including the name of the vendor, the cost, and the contractual obligations made.
Attachment p.43

8-C Rules & Procedures – Action Item
The commission’s rules and procedure were adopted in November 2024. Some provisions of the document need to be updated. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GU2L78YxbJDk2wrHAt1afm49YGXQI-jF/view>
Forming an ad hoc committee to complete the task will be considered.

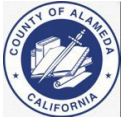
8-D Selection of Liaison to Help Onboard New Commissioners – Action Item
The Elections Commission selects one commissioner to serve for at least a year as a liaison to offer assistance to new commissioners. (See Rules & Procedures, #B-8) Commissioner Dieter has served since September 2024 and is stepping down because she is now serving as president. Any commissioner may volunteer to serve. If more than one commissioner volunteers for this position, the commission will elect one.

9 Special Report from the ROV – Discussion Only
Review some of the new laws that will impact the ROV in 2026.
Attachment p.44-45

10 Public Comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda Items (15 minutes)
The 15 minutes here is a fixed allocation of time and will be divided equally among all who wish to comment, with a maximum of 3 minutes per person. If your comments are complex or if you didn’t have enough time, we always appreciate it if you send your input to the Elections Commission at eoc@acgov.org.

11 Adjournment (by 6:30 p.m. if viable)
The next meeting will be Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 1225 Fallon Street, Room G1, Oakland.

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Alameda County Elections Commission

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2026

4:00 PM

San Lorenzo Library Greenhouse Community Room
395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo, CA 94580
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87981215132>

1 Call to Order / Roll Call

The Elections Commission convened at 4:00 p.m. with President Lindsay presiding as chair.

Present -- *Commission Members*: Judy Belcher, Karen Butter, Irene Dieter, Susan Henderson, James Lindsay, Alissa Moore, Alex Ramon, Alexandra (Sasha) Ritzie-Hernandez (remote), Karl Seabrook, Tiega Varlack, David Wagner, Allie Whitehurst, and ex officio Thai Nam Pham (participated via teleconference at 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code § 54953(b)(3)).

Registrar of Voters: Cynthia Cornejo, Noe Lucio, Shaheer Siddiqui, and Charles Smithline.

County Counsel: Jason Allen.

Absent -- No commissioners were absent.

2 Swearing In of New Commissioners

Sasha Ritzie-Hernandez was sworn-in in public.

2(a) Nominations and Elections of President and Vice President

President Lindsay reviewed the process and duties of officers. Irene Dieter was nominated for president by Commissioner Butter, seconded by Commissioner Ramon, and passed 10 to 0. Alex Ramon was nominated for vice president by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Lindsay, and passed 10 to 0. Ms. Dieter then began to preside as chair.

3 Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to move Agenda Item 8(a)(4), the post-election assessment, to follow 8(b)(2), the observation notifications, by Ms. Dieter, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, and passed 10 to 0.

4 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the November 20, 2025 minutes with no changes was made by Mr. Ramon, seconded by Ms. Henderson, and passed 11 to 0.

A motion to approve the January 11, 2026 minutes was made by Mr. Ramon, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, and passed 11 to 0.

5 Announcements and Communications on non-agenda items (video time 22:43)

a. From staff - Acting Registrar of Voters Cornejo announced that the next meeting of the Elections Commission will be held at the Registrar of Voters offices, 1225 Fallon Street in Oakland, in the Superior Court Building in the basement.

b. From commissioners - Commissioner Belcher said she is curious about whether the ROV is addressing any threats to the elections system.

6 Public Comment on Agenda Items

One public comment was made.

7 Monthly Update from Registrar of Voters Office (video time 30:15)

Ms. Cornejo reviewed the processes and timeline for candidate nominations and filings and optional signatures in-lieu to off-set filing fees. The nominations period runs through March 6. She reported to date there were 100 filings. The website shows who has filed. County residents running for state or federal offices can file in the county, but they are administered by the Secretary of State. Commissioners asked questions about the filing fees and how they are set. Mr. Noe Lucio, the ROV's division manager for candidate services, provided details between city and county offices, and confirmed that candidate statements of qualification to be printed in the voter guide will be available in five different languages.

8 Regular Agenda Items (video time 39:20)

8(a) Ongoing Items from Ad Hoc Committees

8(a)(1) Voting Participation

Commissioner Seabrook reported that the committee has reevaluated direction and mission and is working on measurable goals and partnering with other organizations. A motion to add Commissioner Ritzie-Hernandez to the committee was made by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Seabrook, and passed 11 to 0.

8(a)(2) Nominations

Mr. Ramon announced the committee completed filling the last vacant seat and could be disbanded. A motion was made to disband the Nominations Committee by Mr. Ramon, seconded by Mr. Seabrook, and passed 11 to 0.

8(a)(3) Youth Participation

Commissioner Varlack reported that the committee met and has done some preliminary research on how to promote youth voting and involvement. She said the committee through the president requested from the ROV information related to the demographics of youth voters and trends of turnout in election cycles. They would like to hear about election costs and if in-person youth voting will add to costs. Ms. Cornejo highlighted how the ROV Outreach and Education Team have been working on the program to filter data for pre-registered youth voter turnout. The ROV is working with schools, unified school districts, and organizations. The ROV is enhancing the student election worker program, where there is a recruiting team and students get a stipend for working and school credit. Commissioners asked related questions.

8(a)(4) November 2025 Post-election Assessment

This item was to be heard after item 8(b)(2) and postponed to the next meeting.

8(a)(5) Update on Recruitment for ROV position

Mr. Lindsay reported that he sent an email to the supervisors saying commissioners were encouraging people to spread the word about the opening and asking if there was anything else they would like the commission to do. He received a response thanking and providing us with the information that was in the agenda packet showing us the hiring is in process. They also said they would contact the commission if they needed the commission's assistance.

8(b) New Business (video time 1:06)

8(b)(1) Budgeting for Elections and Candidate Statements

Ms. Dieter reminded commissioners that this issue has been before the commission for awhile, including in previous post-election assessments, as city managers and clerks have a hard time budgeting for elections when they are not clear about the costs. Mr. Lindsay added that the problem centers around reallocations or other charges for many ballot measures, ranked-choice voting (RCV), or youth voting. Mr. Lindsay clarified that the commission's feedback may be incorporated in the ROV and city clerk discussions on this issue.

Ms. Cornejo reported the Finance Team has been working on it. The published rate for a standard election in the November 2024 election was \$5-\$7 and the actual charge levied was \$4.63. Factors considered for non-standard elections, such as RCV and youth voting, include paper and printing costs, and expenses to implement additional requirements and mandates, and one-time costs. The ROV Finance Team continues to look at other counties. A subcommittee is working on a standardized billing method for guidance in setting prices in all 58 counties.

A motion that the ROV office produces a written document that clearly and unambiguously defines exactly how cities will be charged for the 2026 primary and general elections. This is not the amount, but rather the formulas that will be used for cities using RCV, youth voting, or too many issues on a ballot, and that charges must be clearly defined in the document. And due to time constraints that cities are facing, form an ad hoc committee, preferably with the city clerk participating, to work with staff on resolving the issue was made by Mr. Lindsay.

A substitute motion requested that the ROV office produce a written fee schedule that clearly defines exactly how jurisdictions will be charged with an explanation of those charges, including RCV and youth voting, and for reallocations of charges for five or more ballot measures for the 2026 elections, and to form an ad hoc committee to oversee its implementation was made Ms. Dieter. Mr. Lindsay withdrew his motion. The substitute motion was seconded by Mr. Lindsay. A discussion ensued. The motion passed 12 to 0.

Commissioners Wagner, Lindsay and Pham volunteered to be part of the ad hoc committee. A motion was made to form the ad hoc committee consisting of Mr. Wagner, Mr. Lindsay and City Clerk Pham by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Ramon and passed 12 to 0.

8(b)(2) Start times and processes in ROV notifications to the public for observation (video time 1:37)

Mr. Lindsay clarified that the expectation was not to announce a start time the day before. A motion was made that one staff member be designated as the point person to give election observers and any other interested parties the fastest and the most thorough updates possible via the ROV's alert list by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Ramon.

Ms. Cornejo reminded the commission that the ROV's response on the issue was in the grand jury report and she described the enhancements for observations. She reiterated that the ROV cannot control all the factors that determine when any given process can be efficiently and lawfully conducted, that the ROV already notifies subscribers at the beginning of each day what processes will take place that day, and that the ROV provides an interactive kiosk for each process area for in-person observers. Ms. Dieter asked if there is way to alert subscribers when a certain process is about to take place. Ms. Cornejo explained that staffing and capacity are constraints, and setting expectations could confuse the public and raise other problems. Mr. Wagner said there may be an opportunity to make incremental customer

service improvements. Ms. Belcher said this issue has already been covered and that the ROV has been making incremental improvements, so the issue is redundant. Ms. Moore mentioned that a volunteer student intern could perform the task.

A substitute motion that the commission have a standing recommendation that the ROV make incremental improvements on alerting subscribers when a certain process is about to start, and that the ROV update the commission on this issue was made by Ms. Dieter, seconded by Ms. Varlack, and passed 11 to 1, with Ms. Belcher dissenting.

A motion to hear public comment next was made by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Seabrook, and passed 12 to 0.

9 Special Report from the ROV

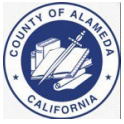
The special report on new laws that will impact the ROV was postponed to the next meeting.

10 Public Comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda Items

One public comment was made.

11 Adjournment

The meeting ended at 6:33 p.m.



Alameda County Elections Commission
Unapproved Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2026

4:00 PM

1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1
Oakland CA 94612
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87981215132>

1 Call to Order / Roll Call

The Elections Commission meeting convened at 4:10 p.m. with President Dieter presiding as chair.

Present

Commission Members: Karen Butter (participated via teleconference at 39153 Curlew Reach, Sea Ranch, CA pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code § 54953(b)(3)), Irene Dieter, Susan Henderson, James Lindsay, Sasha Ritzie-Hernandez, Karl Seabrook, Tiega Varlack, David Wagner, Allie Whitehurst, and ex officio Thai Nam Pham (participated via teleconference at 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code § 54953(b)(3)).

Registrar of Voters: Cynthia Cornejo, Noe Lucio, and Charles Smithline.

County Counsel: Jason Allen.

Absent

Commission Members: Judy Belcher, Alissa Moore, and Alex Ramon.

2 Swearing In of New Commissioners

There were no new commissioners to swear-in.

3 Approval of Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

4 Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2026

Approval postponed to the April 16 meeting.

5 Announcements and Communications on non-agenda items

a. From staff

There were no announcements from staff.

b. From commissioners

Commissioner Henderson noted that as of the February meeting, the commission's video meeting recordings are now captioned. President Dieter encouraged everyone to try the League of Woman Voters' online voting literacy game called Play Verify it.

6 Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comments were made on agenda items.

7 Monthly Update from Registrar of Voters Office (video time 4:50)

Ms. Cornejo provided a list of outreach events conducted from January through some of April of this year, as requested by the Voter Participation subcommittee, saying more events are being scheduled, and events are shown and people can sign up on the Outreach page of the website.

Commissioners asked questions about what types of events are identified, how the ROV's Outreach Team approaches established events, including high schools as well as youth voting. Ms. Cornejo explained that outreach happens by the ROV reaching out to communities and by being asked.

President Dieter said there is overlap between the Youth Participation and Voting Participation committees, and both might want to use this information.

8 Regular Agenda Items

8-A Ongoing Items from Ad Hoc Committees (video time 27:30)

8-A(1) November 2025 Post-election Assessment

Commissioner Butter reported that the committee's assessment was completed in early January. Clarifying questions were asked.

A motion to delete the subheadings entitled *ROV Response*, the bullet points about the Union City ballot drop box and the no parking available in Berkeley, and to replace the ROV's full response about observations with "the commission acknowledges that the ROV's current observation protocols exceed applicable legal requirements and that predicting precise time when a particular activity will take place is not operationally realistic or legally required as described in the ROV's response to the recent Grand Jury report. However, the Commission has a standing recommendation that the ROV make incremental improvements on alerting subscribers when a certain process is about to start, and the ROV plans to update the commission on whether any improvements will be made" was made by President Dieter, seconded by Commissioner Butter, and discussion ensued.

The commission discussed all the suggested edits. Commissioner Lindsay suggested handling the Union City ballot drop box issue at the meeting. Commissioner Wagner suggested improving the user experience on the website by possibly adding a few words. Commissioner Pham suggesting adding the words "adjacent to the flagpole" in future instructions and omitting the Union City bullet point.

President Dieter withdrew her motion, and a motion to authorize Ms. Dieter to revise this report based on the discussion and submit it to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors was made by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Varlack, and passed unanimously.

8-A(2) Voting Participation

Commissioners Seabrook reported the committee has been meeting twice a month and stated the committee's mission statement to seek better ways to provide service and develop new outreach techniques to encourage and support all eligible disenfranchised voters to exercise the right to vote, and that their goal is to create measurable goals and monitor the outcome, focusing on Districts 6 and 7. Their challenge is to get some data. Commission Ritzie-Hernandez added that she will work an expert on gathering data before the next commission meeting. Ms. Dieter suggested narrowing the scope of their work to the issues they want to measure.

8-A(3) Youth Participation

Commissioner Varlack reported the committee will meet with the ROV to help organize their effort and learn about what the youth need to become engaged voters and about the school system, juvenile justice, and other affected populations. The committee plans to research any correlation between under-performing schools and voting participation. Mr. Lindsay said youth being able to vote at voting centers on election day and including a youth-oriented mailer insert might help increase youth turnout. Ms. Cornejo reviewed the ROV's youth participation engagement in Oakland and Berkeley.

8-A(4) Budgeting for Elections

Commissioner Wagner reported the committee will meet with the Registrar. Ms. Cornejo said the ROV has been working on messaging with city clerks and a clear billing structure, and is hoping the state continues its subcommittee on election billing to provide guidance or standardization for counties.

8-B Brown Act Update (video time 1:40)

County counsel Jason Allen gave an overview of the Brown Act and the provisions most relevant to the commission, including some of the most recent changes that took effect this year. After a motion to take public comments and postpone the ROV's special report was made by Ms. Varlack, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, and passed unanimously, Brown Act discussion ensued. Mr. Allen said he would find the answer to Mr. Pham's inquiry on whether the commission must implement a disruption policy or is that taken care of by the Board of Supervisors.

9 Special Report from the ROV

Postponed to April meeting, as noted in 8-B.

10 Public Comment on Agenda or Non-agenda Items

No public comments were made on agenda and non-agenda items.

11 Adjournment

The meeting ended at 6:42 p.m.

From: Judy Belcher
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 11:48 AM
To: Dieter, Irene; Alameda County Elections Commission
Subject: Re: March 19 ad hoc committee report

This group has done quite a bit of Voter data work

Here it is:
[Berkelev IGS Poll | Institute of Governmental Studies](#)



Berkeley IGS Poll | Institute of Governmental Studies

Best,
Judy

On Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 08:36:09 AM PDT, Irene D [REDACTED] wrote:

Below is a report from the Voter Participation Committee, which will also be covered and available in hard copy at tonight's meeting.

- **MISSION STATEMENT --**

“To seek better ways to provide services and develop new outreach techniques to encourage and support all eligible disenfranchised voters to exercise their right to vote. Create measurable goals and monitor outcomes.”

We are meeting twice a month.

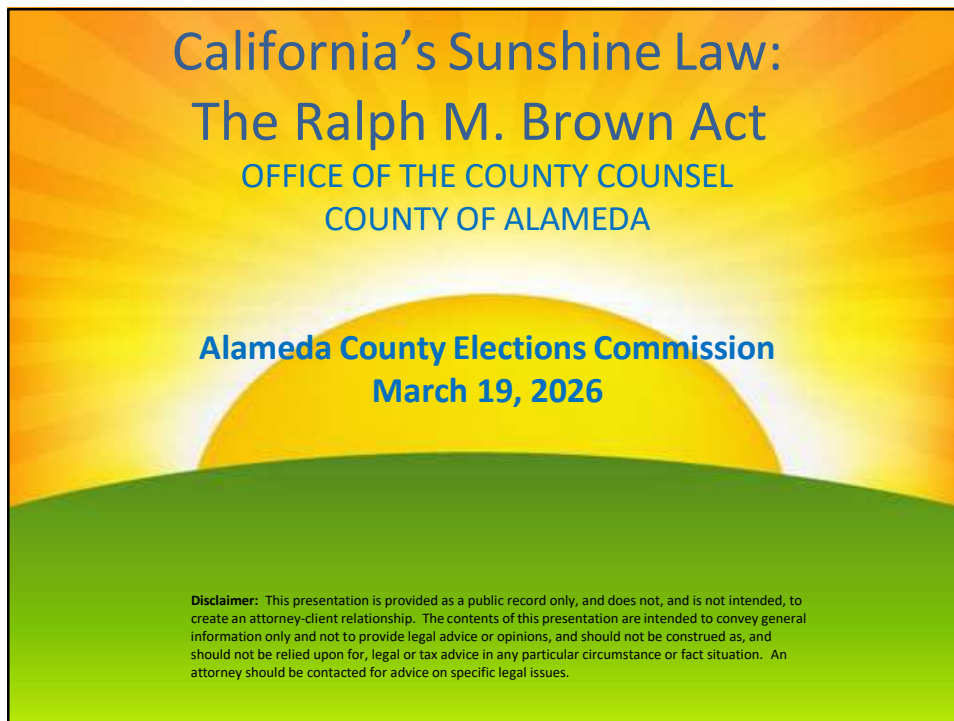
We are having a difficult time moving forward. We are at a standstill. We need specific data. We have reached out to ROV, UC Berkeley (no bandwidth) with no success.

Below is the specific data we need:

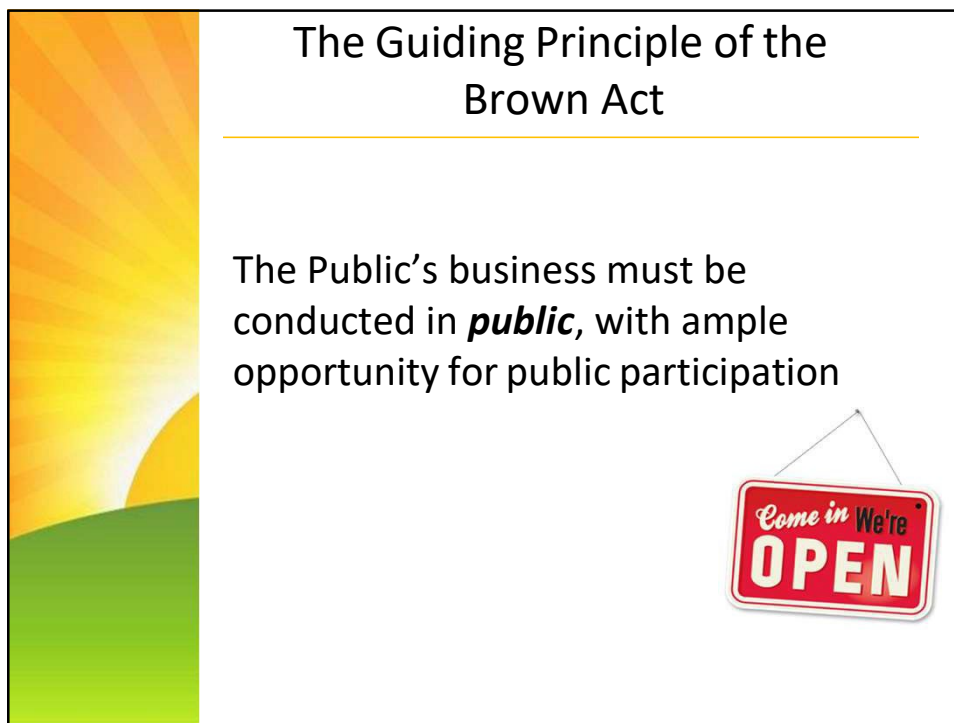
- Get voter data disaggregated by ethnicity for Districts 6 & 7 in Oakland
 - Info needed for each election within a certain time period
 - Population
 - CVAP (Citizen Voting Age Population / Eligible Voters)
 - Registered voters
 - How many people voted (actual voters)
 - Broken down by race/ethnicity, gender, and age
 - Over the last 5 elections minimum, 10 elections would be better

Best,
Karl

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Who is Subject to the Brown Act?

- “Legislative Bodies”: Any board, commission, committee or other body created by a charter, ordinance, resolution or other formal action of the Board of Supervisors
 - Gov’t Code § 54952(b)
 - See Admin Code Ch. 2.134
- Applies to standing subcommittees
- **Exception:** Temporary committees, serving a limited purpose, made up of less than a quorum of the body

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The Open Meeting Rule

Rule: Meetings are open and public

- “All **meetings** of the legislative body of a local agency shall be **open** and **public**, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency.....”
 - Gov’t Code § 54953(a)

Exceptions are narrowly construed



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What is a “Meeting?”

A meeting occurs whenever a **majority** of the members of the Commission or a standing subcommittee come together at the same time and place and **hears, discusses, deliberates, or acts** on an item **within the body’s subject-matter jurisdiction**



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Meetings May:

- Be formal or informal
- Involve discussion, action, or both
- Occur in person or through technology



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Traps for the Unwary

Unlawful "meetings" can include:

- Pre-meetings and Post-meetings held without notice to the public
- Serial meetings



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What's a Serial Meeting?

A serial meeting occurs when:

1. a majority of a legislative body's members,
2. outside of a properly noticed public meeting,
3. use a series of communications-directly or through intermediaries
4. to discuss, deliberate, or take action on issues within the body's subject-matter jurisdiction.

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Types of Serial Meetings

- "Chain" meetings: Member A talks to member B, who talks to Member C...



- "Hub-and-Spoke" meetings: A talks to B, then to C, then to D...



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How Serial Meetings Occur

Examples:

- In-person discussions
- Through technology:
 - Text
 - Email
 - Phones, etc.
- Through staff or other intermediaries



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Discussions With Staff

Staff may answer questions or provide information to individual members so long as they **do not** share one member's expressed views with other members



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Exceptions: What Is **Not** a "Meeting"?

- Attendance of majority at
 - regional/state/national conference
 - local meeting open to the public
 - social, recreational, ceremonial event not sponsored by or for the body
- Provided that **no** collective discussion of Commission business occurs at these events

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What about Social Media?

- The Brown Act applies to “internet-based social media platform[s]”
 - **Not Permitted—could constitute an unlawful “meeting”:**
 - Discussion among members about issues within the Commission’s subject matter jurisdiction
 - Responding directly to any communication about issues within the Commission’s subject matter jurisdiction created, posted, or shared by any other Commissioners—**including comments or digital icons that express reactions**
 - **Permitted:** One member separately providing or soliciting information to or from the public about a Commission business is not a meeting
 - » Gov’t Code § 54952.2

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Meeting Rules: Time and Place

- Meetings must be held within Alameda County
- Meetings must occur at a time and place set by ordinance, resolution, bylaws, or other rule of the body



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Remote Participation

- Brown Act includes several different provisions for Remote Participation
- Each provision
 - Aims to address its own set of circumstances
 - Includes its own set of requirements
- Please reach out early if you ever need to participate remotely

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Traditional “Teleconference” Rules

- Each teleconference location must be identified in the notice and agenda
- Agenda must be posted at each location
- Each location must have public access
- Public must have opportunity to attend and speak at each location
- A quorum must be within the County
- All votes must be taken by roll call



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“Just Cause” Teleconferencing

- A member may participate remotely for “just cause” when necessary due to:
 - Caregiving for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner
 - A contagious illness
 - Immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner
 - A physical or family medical emergency which prevents in-person attendance
 - Member needing to be 50+ miles away under official military orders
 - Member’s need “related to a physical or mental condition” not covered under the Brown Act’s disability accommodation provision
 - Travel on official business of the legislative body
- Available for only two meetings per year
 - » See Gov’t Code §§ 54953.8; 54953.8.3

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Just Cause (Cont’d)

- Agenda: Not required to identify remote location or post at remote location
- Minutes must identify the specific statutory basis used for remote participation
- Member must notify Commission ASAP
- A quorum must meet in-person at **one** noticed location open to the public
- Member must use audio **and** visual technology (keep camera on)
- Member must disclose identity and “general relationship” with anyone 18 or older in the room with the member
- Tech Issues: If the public’s remote access is disrupted, Commission **cannot** act on any agenda item until public’s remote access restored

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Disability Accommodation Teleconferencing (New)

- Applies only to a member who needs remote participation as a “reasonable accommodation”
- Must participate via audio and video unless disability prevents it
- Disclose anyone who is 18 years or older in the room with the member
- Quorum: Count as if attending in person
- No requirement to open their remote location to the public
- No posting of/at remote location
 - Gov Code sec. 54953(c)

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Written Material

- “Writings” related to an open session agenda item of a regular meeting
 - that are “distributed to all, or a majority of all” of members less than 72 hours before the meeting
 - must be made available for public inspection “at the time” they are sent to members
- Methods for public inspection:
 - Making physical copies available at office and meeting location identified on the agenda
 - “[I]mmediately” posting online at the agency’s website, listed in all agendas
 - » Gov’t Code § 54957.5

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Distribution of Writings

- Writings distributed during a meeting:
 - If prepared by staff or Commissioners, it must be made available **at** the meeting.
 - If prepared by another person, it must be made available **after** the meeting

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Notice & Agenda

- **Regular** meeting agendas must be posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting
- **Special** meeting agendas require only 24 hours advance notice
- Agendas must describe each item in enough detail for members of the public to determine whether they are interested in any item

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Importance of the Agenda

A body subject to the Brown Act **may not** discuss or act on items not on the agenda or that are beyond the reasonable scope of the agenda description



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These Don't Need to be On the Agenda

- Commendations
- Announcements
- Request to agendize future items
- **Limited** follow-up to general public comment, to provide information or direction to staff

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Announcements

- Should be concise
- Unilateral
- No discussion
- No request for feedback
- No deliberation
- No opinion
- No advocacy



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Rights of the Public

ACCESS TO MEETINGS

- To have meetings open and public, with limited exceptions
- To have access to all agendas of public meetings and documents distributed to the legislative body members
- To audio/video record the meetings and to inspect recordings of the meetings made by the agency.
- To attend without any precondition (for example, cannot mandate that attendees give their names or register to speak)



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Rights of the Public

PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS

The public has the right to address the Commission at any meeting on any item on the agenda, ***before the Commission concludes its discussion or takes action.***



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Public Comment – Tips

- Members should avoid engaging in a back-and-forth discussion with members of the public
- Members should not deliberate with members of the public or with other members during public comment

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Rights of the Speaker

- Right to equal time
- Right to criticize policy body, its members, and its staff




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Limits on Public Comment

- Time Limits-the Commission can impose reasonable limits:
 - On the amount of time per speaker
 - On the **total** time for public comment on an item
- Public commenters have no right to a response from the body, its members, presenters or staff
- Public commenters cannot disrupt the meeting

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Consequences of Brown Act Violations

- Brown Act violations are a breach of public trust and transparency
- Violators may include any member, the body, or the County
- Any action taken in violation of the Brown Act may be invalidated by the Court
- Knowing violation is a misdemeanor

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Criminal Penalties

- Knowing violations (misdemeanors):
 - Action taken where member knows or has reason to know it violates the Brown Act
 - Conducting business outside noticed meetings
 - Participating in illegal serial meetings
 - Taking action when not properly agendized
 - Member intends to deprive the public of information to which the public is entitled
- Punishment for misdemeanors can include:
 - imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or
 - fine not exceeding \$1,000, or
 - both

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Civil consequences and litigation exposure

- Invalidation of action taken in violation of Brown Act
- Injunction or declaratory relief to stop or prevent violations
- Disciplinary action
- Prevailing plaintiff may get attorneys' fees and costs
- Referral to grand jury



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QUESTIONS?



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Attachment for Agenda Item #5 – Commissioner Communication

1. Requesting topics to be agendized

Commissioners who want an item to be agendized should send a written request to the president with enough information for the public to know what the commission will be considering during the meeting, including whether action is requested. (See Rules & Procedures #A-6, Agendizing Matters) Members of the public must seek a commissioner to submit a request on their behalf.

2. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Reports must be submitted to the Clerk and President by Wednesday, the week before the meeting. The report should indicate if action (a vote) is needed.

3. Elections Administration Plan

The purpose of the Election Administration Plan is to convey how elections will be administered under the Voter's Choice Act. In the coming months the commission will be reviewing the county's Elections Administration Plan. Its contents, as stated below, may be helpful to the ad hoc committees.

Part 1: Election Administration Plan - Covers the election administration section and includes the Vote by Mail process, Vote Centers (voting locations) and ballot drop-off Vote Center requirements, and public input and notification considerations.

Part 2: Voter Education and Outreach Plan - Covers education and outreach and includes voter contact for general, language minority communities, voters with disabilities, Vote Center and ballot drop off location information, Vote Center ballot security and privacy plans, and a section for the budget.

Section 1: Voter Contact – General

Section 2: Voter Contact-Language Minority Communities

Section 3: Voter Contact-Voters with Disabilities

Section 4: Vote Center and Ballot Drop-off Location Information

Section 5: Vote Center Ballot Security and Privacy Plan

Section 6: Budget

List of 24-hour Ballot Drop Boxes

Potential Vote Centers

Community Partners

Language Accessibility Advisory Committee and Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee
Member Organizations

https://acvote.alamedacountyca.gov/acvote-assets/03_voting/PDFs/vca/Adopted%20Renewal%20Election%20Administration%20Plan_508.pdf

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Agenda Item #7 – Registrar of Voters Monthly Report

1. Election:

a. June 2, 2026, Direct Primary Election (State and Countywide election)

- Important Dates
 - First Day of Mailing Voter Information Guide – April 23, 2026
 - First Day of Mailing Vote-by-Mail Ballots – May 4, 2026
 - First Day of Early Voting – May 4, 2026
 - 24-Official Drop Boxes Open for Voting – May 4, 2026
 - Close of Registration – May 18, 2026

b. Ballot Measures (in ballot order):

- Measure A – Peralta Community College District Parcel Tax
- Measure B – Castro Valley USD Bond
- Measure G – Hayward USD Parcel Tax
- Measure H – Piedmont USD Parcel Tax
- Measure C – City of Oakland Business Tax
- Measure D – City of Oakland Charter Amendment
- Measure E – City of Oakland Parcel Tax
- Measure F – City of San Leandro Charter Amendment

c. Tasks:

- Sending UOCAVA ballots (military and overseas voters) on Saturday, May 18th
- Finalize and test the online Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail content
- Recruitment of Election Workers
- Vote Center Supplies

2. Outreach and Education Update:

a. We met with the Youth Voting Participation Sub-committee

- Discussed ways to engage students to participate
- ACYouthVoice Leadership Program
- High School Voter Education Weeks (April 13-24, 2026)
- Leveraging partnerships – new and existing

b. Outreach Schedule - attached

Date:	Event Name:	Event Type:	Location:	Voting Community
1/2/2026	Oakland Public Library - Eastmont Branch	Registration Drive	7200 Bancroft Ave Ste 211, Oakland, CA 94605	Black and Brown Men, Underserved-Unhoused Restored, RCV
1/5/2026	Emeryville Senior Center	Registration Drive	4321 Salem St, Emeryville, CA 94608	Disability
1/6/2026	Dublin Library	Registration Drive	200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568	Community
1/7/2026	Castro Valley Library	Registration Drive	3600 Norbridge Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546	Community
1/9/2026	Alameda Free Library	Registration Drive	1550 Oak St, Alameda, CA 94501	Community
1/12/2026	Dublin Library	Registration Drive	200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568	Community
1/13/2026	Albany Recreation & Community Services	Registration Drive	1249 Marin Ave, Albany, CA 94706	Community
1/14/2026	Berkeley Public Library - North Branch	Registration Drive	1170 The Alameda, Berkeley, CA 94707	Community,RCV
1/15/2026	Castro Valley Library	Registration Drive	3600 Norbridge Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546	Community
1/16/2026	Berkeley Public Library - North Branch	Registration Drive	1170 The Alameda, Berkeley, CA 94707	Community,RCV
1/20/2026	Alameda Free Library	Registration Drive	1550 Oak St, Alameda, CA 94501	Community
1/21/2026	Fremont Main Library	Registration Drive	2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont, CA 94538	Community
1/22/2026	Albany Recreation & Community Services	Registration Drive	1249 Marin Ave, Albany, CA 94706	Community,RCV
1/23/2026	Community Resources for Independent Living Ed Roberts Day	Festival/Fair	439 A Street, Hayward, CA 94541	Disability

1/26/2026	Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation	Registration Drive	1470 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94601	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored,RCV
1/27/2026	Oakland Public Library - Golden Gate Branch	Registration Drive	5606 San Pablo Ave, Oakland, CA 94608	Community,RCV
1/29/2026	Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation	Registration Drive	1470 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94601	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored,RCV
1/30/2026	Fremont Main Library	Registration Drive	2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont, CA 94538	Community
1/31/2026	34th Annual Oakland Chinatown Lunar New Year Bazaar	Festival/Fair	388 9th Street, Suite 259, Oakland, CA 94607	Multilingual-Multicultural
2/1/2026	34th Annual Oakland Chinatown Lunar New Year Bazaar	Festival/Fair	388 9th Street, Suite 259, Oakland, CA 94607	Multilingual-Multicultural
2/2/2026	Oakland Public Library - Golden Gate Branch	Registration Drive	5606 San Pablo Ave, Oakland, CA 94608	Community,RCV
2/3/2026	Black Mens Brains Conference	Festival/Fair	12500 Campus Drive, Oakland, CA 94619	Black and Brown Men
2/4/2026	Black Mens Brains Conference	Festival/Fair	12500 Campus Drive, Oakland, CA 94619	Black and Brown Men
2/5/2026	Oakland Public Library - Eastmont Branch	Registration Drive	7200 Bancroft Ave #211, Oakland, CA 94605	Black and Brown Men, Underserved-Unhoused Restored,RCV
2/6/2026	Alameda County Library - Niles	Registration Drive	150 I St, Fremont, CA 94536	Community
2/7/2026	Black College Expo	Festival/Fair	1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607	Black and Brown Men, Youth

2/9/2026	East Bay Community Law Center	Registration Drive	2921 Adeline St, Berkeley, CA 94703	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
2/10/2026	La Vereda Senior Apartments	Registration Drive	525 W Juana Ave, San Leandro, CA 94577	Disability,RCV
2/11/2026	East Bay Community Law Center	Registration Drive	2921 Adeline St, Berkeley, CA 94703	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored,RCV
2/13/2026	La Vereda Senior Apartments	Registration Drive	525 W Juana Ave, San Leandro, CA 94577	Disability,RCV
2/15/2026	Oakland Little Saigon Lunar New Year Tết Festival	Festival/Fair	655 International Blvd, Oakland, CA 94606	Multilingual-Multicultural
2/17/2026	Centerville Community Library	Registration Drive	3801 Nicolet Ave, Fremont, CA 94536	Community
2/18/2026	Ralph & Mary Ruggieri Senior Center	Registration Drive	33997 Alvarado Niles Rd, Union City, CA 94587	Disability
2/19/2026	Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry	Registration Drive	150 N L St, Livermore, CA 94550	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
2/20/2026	Alameda County Library - Niles	Registration Drive	150 I St, Fremont, CA 94536	Community
2/23/2026	Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry	Registration Drive	150 N L St, Livermore, CA 94550	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
2/24/2026	Ralph & Mary Ruggieri Senior Center	Registration Drive	33997 Alvarado Niles Rd, Union City, CA 94587	Disability
2/25/2026	Center for Independent Living - Ed Roberts Campus	Registration Drive	3075 Adeline St, Berkeley, CA 94703	Disability, Youth,RCV

2/26/2026	Eden Youth & Family Center	Registration Drive	680 W Tennyson Rd, Hayward, CA 94544	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
2/27/2026	Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation	Registration Drive	1470 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94601	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored,RCV
2/28/2026	Oakland Chinatown Lunar New Year Parade	Festival/Fair	810 Jackson St, Oakland, CA 94607	Multilingual-Multicultural
3/2/2026	Emeryville Senior Center	Registration Drive	4321 Salem St, Emeryville, CA 94608	Disability
3/3/2026	Centerville Community Library	Registration Drive	3801 Nicolet Ave, Fremont, CA 94536	Community
3/4/2026	Oakland Public Library - Martin Luther King Jr. Branch	Registration Drive	6833 International Blvd, Oakland, CA 94621	Black and Brown Men, Underserved-Unhoused Restored,RCV
3/5/2026	East Oakland Collective	Registration Drive	7800 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94605	Black and Brown Men, Underserved-Unhoused Restored,RCV
3/9/2026	Oakland Public Library - Martin Luther King Jr. Branch	Registration Drive	6833 International Blvd, Oakland, CA 94621	Black and Brown Men, Underserved-Unhoused Restored,RCV
3/10/2026	East Oakland Collective	Registration Drive	7800 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94605	Black and Brown Men, Underserved-Unhoused Restored,RCV
3/11/2026	Center for Independent Living - Ed Roberts Campus	Registration Drive	3075 Adeline St, Berkeley, CA 94703	Disability, Youth
3/12/2026	Eden Youth & Family Center	Registration Drive	680 W Tennyson Rd, Hayward, CA 94544	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored

3/13/2026	Al- Madena Education Center (Masjid)	Registration Drive	4673 Thornton Ave, Fremont, CA 94536	Black and Brown Men, Multilingual-Multicultural
3/16/2026	Dublin Library	Registration Drive	200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568 ·	Community
3/17/2026	Oakland Public Library - Dimond Branch	Registration Drive	3565 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94602	Community,RCV
3/18/2026	Dublin Library	Registration Drive	200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568 ·	Community
3/19/2026	Emeryville Senior Center	Registration Drive	4321 Salem St, Emeryville, CA 94608	Disability
3/20/2026	Alameda Free Library	Registration Drive	1550 Oak St, Alameda, CA 94501	Community
3/21/2026	Culture Fest 26	Festival/Fair	1333 Decoto Road Union City, CA 94587	Multilingual-Multicultural
3/23/2026	Silliman Aquatic and Family Center	Registration Drive	6800 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA 94560	Community
3/24/2026	South Hayward Parish	Registration Drive	27287 Patrick Ave, Hayward, CA 94544	Underserved-Unhoused Restored
3/25/2026	Silliman Aquatic and Family Center	Registration Drive	6800 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA 94560	Community
3/26/2026	South Hayward Parish	Registration Drive	27287 Patrick Ave, Hayward, CA 94544	Underserved-Unhoused Restored
3/27/2026	Serenity House – Community Wellness Block Party	Registration Drive	2363A San Pablo Ave, Oakland, CA 94612	Black and Brown Men, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
3/30/2026	Alameda Free Library	Registration Drive	1550 Oak St, Alameda, CA 94501	Community
3/31/2026	Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation	Registration Drive	1470 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94601	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored

4/1/2026	Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation	Registration Drive	1470 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94601	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
4/2/2026	San Lorenzo Library	Registration Drive	395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo, CA 94580	Community
4/3/2026	Hayward Senior Center	Registration Drive	22325 N 3rd St, Hayward, CA 94546	Disability
4/6/2026	La Vereda Senior Apartments	Registration Drive	525 W Juana Ave, San Leandro, CA 94577	Disability
4/7/2026	Ralph & Mary Ruggieri Senior Center	Registration Drive	33997 Alvarado Niles Rd, Union City, CA 94587	Disability
4/8/2026	Hayward Senior Center	Registration Drive	22325 N 3rd St, Hayward, CA 94546	Disability
4/9/2026	Oakland Public Library - Martin Luther King Jr. Branch	Registration Drive	6833 International Blvd, Oakland, CA 94621	Black and Brown Men, Underserved-Unhoused Restored,RCV
4/10/2026	Al- Madena Education Center (Masjid)	Registration Drive	4673 Thornton Ave, Fremont, CA 94536	Black and Brown Men, Multilingual-Multicultural
4/11/2026	BIG TENT OPERATION BIG BIG VOTE	Registration Drive	209 Joaquin Ave., San Leandro	Community
4/13/2026	La Vereda Senior Apartments	Registration Drive	525 W Juana Ave, San Leandro, CA 94577	Disability
4/13/2026	San Leandro High School	HSVEW	2200 Bancroft Ave, San Leandro, CA 94577	Youth
4/14/2026	Ralph & Mary Ruggieri Senior Center	Registration Drive	33997 Alvarado Niles Rd, Union City, CA 94587	Disability
4/14/2026	James Logan High School	HSVEW	1800 H St, Union City, CA 94587	Youth
4/15/2026	Berkeley Public Library - North Branch	Registration Drive	1170 The Alameda, Berkeley, CA 94707	Community

4/15/2026	Berkeley High School	HSVEW	1980 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA 94704	Youth
4/16/2026	Oakland Public Library - Melrose Branch	Registration Drive	4805 Foothill Blvd, Oakland, CA 94601	Community,RCV
4/16/2026	Fremont High School (OUSD)	HSVEW	4610 Foothill Blvd, Oakland, CA 94601	Youth
4/16/2026	NAACP/ McClymonds High School	HSVEW	2607 Myrtle Street, OaklandCA94607	Youth
4/17/2026	Castlemont High School	HSVEW	8601 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94605	Youth
4/17/2026	Oakland High School	HSVEW	1023 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94610	Youth
4/18/2026	Alameda Shindig	Festival/Fair	Alameda Point Gym, 1101 West Redline Avenue, Alameda, 94501	Community,
4/20/2026	Hayward Senior Center	Registration Drive	22325 N 3rd St, Hayward, CA 94546	Disability
4/20/2026	Hayward High School	HSVEW	1633 East Ave, Hayward, CA 94541	Youth
4/21/2026	Oakland Public Library - Dimond Branch	Registration Drive	3565 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94602	Community,RCV
4/21/2026	Piedmont High School	HSVEW	800 Magnolia Ave, Piedmont, CA 94611	Youth
4/22/2026	Dublin Library	Registration Drive	200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568 .	Community
4/22/2026	Dublin Valley High School	HSVEW	8151 Village Pkwy, Dublin, CA 94568	Youth
4/22/2026	Tennyson High School Track Meet	HSVEW	27035 Whitman St, Hayward, CA 94544	Youth
4/23/2026	Alameda Free Library	Registration Drive	1550 Oak St, Alameda, CA 94501	Community

4/23/2026	Alameda High School	HSVEW	2200 Central Ave, Alameda, CA 94501	Youth
4/24/2026	Livermore High School	HSVEW	600 Maple St, Livermore, CA 94550	Youth
4/25/2026	Dia Del Nino	Festival/Fair	2465 34th Ave, Oakland, CA, United States, California	Multilingual-Multicultural
4/27/2026	Berkeley Public Library - North Branch	Registration Drive	1170 The Alameda, Berkeley, CA 94707	Community,RCV
4/28/2026	Oakland Public Library - Dimond Branch	Registration Drive	3565 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94602	Community,RCV
4/29/2026	San Lorenzo Library	Registration Drive	395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo, CA 94580	Community
4/29/2026	Positive Futures Fair	Festival/Fair	27035 Whitman St, Hayward, CA 94544	Youth
4/30/2026	Oakland Public Library - Melrose Branch	Registration Drive	4805 Foothill Blvd, Oakland, CA 94601	Community,RCV
5/3/2026	Aztec Run	Festival/Fair	Edoff Memorial Bandstand, Oakland CA 94610	Multilingual-Multicultural
5/4/2026	Emeryville Senior Center	BDS	4321 Salem St, Emeryville, CA 94608	Disability
5/5/2026	South Hayward Parish	BDS	27287 Patrick Ave, Hayward, CA 94544	Underserved-Unhoused Restored
5/6/2026	Silliman Aquatic and Family Center	BDS	6800 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA 94560	Community
5/6/2026	Emeryville Senior Center	BDS	4321 Salem St, Emeryville, CA 94608	Disability
5/7/2026	East Oakland Collective	BDS	7800 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94605	Black and Brown Men, Underserved-Unhoused Restored,RCV

5/7/2026	Dublin Library	BDS	200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568	Community
5/7/2026	San Lorenzo Library	BDS	395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo, CA 94580	Community
5/8/2026	Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation	BDS	1470 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94601	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
5/8/2026	East Bay Community Law Center	BDS	2921 Adeline St, Berkeley, CA 94703	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
5/11/2026	Emeryville Senior Center	BDS	4321 Salem St, Emeryville, CA 94608	Disability
5/11/2026	Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry	BDS	150 N L St, Livermore, CA 94550	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
5/12/2026	Union City City Council Chambers	BDS	34009 Alvarado Niles Rd, Union City, CA 94587	Community
5/13/2026	BOSS Mental Health Awareness Block Party - Hayward	Festival/Fair/BDS	258 A Street, Hayward, CA	Community, Black and Brown Men, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
5/13/2026	Emeryville Senior Center	BDS	4321 Salem St, Emeryville, CA 94608	Disability
5/14/2026	Eden Youth & Family Center	BDS	680 W Tennyson Rd, Hayward, CA 94544	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
5/15/2026	Silliman Aquatic and Family Center	BDS	6800 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA 94560	Community
5/15/2026	Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation	BDS	1470 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94601	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored

5/18/2026	La Vereda Senior Apartments	BDS	525 W Juana Ave, San Leandro, CA 94577	Disability,RCV
5/19/2026	Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation	BDS	1470 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94601	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
5/20/2026	Alameda Free Library	BDS	1550 Oak St, Alameda, CA 94501	Community
5/20/2026	San Lorenzo Library	BDS	395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo, CA 94580	Community
5/21/2026	East Oakland Collective	BDS	7800 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94605	Black and Brown Men, Underserved-Unhoused Restored,RCV
5/21/2026	Union City City Council Chambers	BDS	34009 Alvarado Niles Rd, Union City, CA 94587	Community
5/22/2026	Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation	BDS	1470 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94601	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
5/22/2026	South Hayward Parish	BDS	27287 Patrick Ave, Hayward, CA 94544	Underserved-Unhoused Restored
5/22/2026	Serenity House – Community Wellness Block Party	BDS	2363A San Pablo Ave, Oakland, CA 94612	Underserved-Unhoused Restored
5/26/2026	Dublin Library	BDS	200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568	Community
5/26/2026	La Vereda Senior Apartments	BDS	525 W Juana Ave, San Leandro, CA 94577	Disability,RCV
5/27/2026	Union City City Council Chambers	BDS	34009 Alvarado Niles Rd, Union City, CA 94587	Community
5/27/2026	BOSS Mental Health Awareness Block Party - Oakland	Festival/Fair/BDS	1651 Adeline St, Oakland, CA 94607	Community, Black and Brown Men, Underserved-Unhoused Restored

5/27/2026	Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry	BDS	150 N L St, Livermore, CA 94550	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
5/28/2026	Eden Youth & Family Center	BDS	680 W Tennyson Rd, Hayward, CA 94544	Multilingual-Multicultural, Underserved-Unhoused Restored
5/29/2026	Alameda Free Library	BDS	1550 Oak St, Alameda, CA 94501	Community
5/29/2026	René C. Davidson Courthouse	BDS	1225 Fallon St, Oakland, CA 94612	Community
5/30/2026	René C. Davidson Courthouse	BDS	1225 Fallon St, Oakland, CA 94612	Community
5/31/2026	René C. Davidson Courthouse	BDS	1225 Fallon St, Oakland, CA 94612	Community
6/1/2026	Union City City Council Chambers	BDS	34009 Alvarado Niles Rd, Union City, CA 94587	Community
6/1/2026	René C. Davidson Courthouse	BDS	1225 Fallon St, Oakland, CA 94612	Community
6/2/2026	René C. Davidson Courthouse	BDS	1225 Fallon St, Oakland, CA 94612	Community
6/6/2026	San Leandro Cherry Festival	Festival/Fair	384 W. Estudillo Ave, San Leandro, California 94577	Community
6/27/2026	Oakland Juneteenth Celebration	Festival/Fair	900 Brockhurst St., Oakland, CA	Black and Brown Men

Attachment for Agenda Item #8A(1)

To: Alameda County Board of Supervisors
From: Alameda County Elections Commission
Date: March 30, 2026

November 4, 2025 Post-election Assessment

OVERVIEW

The November 4 special election in Alameda County proceeded smoothly, with notable improvements. This report summarizes observations, improvements, and ongoing concerns.

NOTABLE IMPROVEMENTS

- Formal encouragement to vote early -- via mailers, billboards, etc. -- and the county set up a billboard thanking those who voted.
- Explanation of activities at in-person observation points in the registrar of voters (ROV) office during ballot counting.
- Website User Interface: Unprocessed ballot status is readily available on the ROV website without going to the Secretary of State website.
- Cast Vote Record data is now routinely available along with election results.
- A review of local media outlets found no reports of major problems.

POTENTIAL PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

- **Poll Pads** – Implementation of electronic poll pads (aka poll books) was delayed due to the November special election. The ROV says it is currently working to develop procedures for allowing voters to vote their vote-by-mail ballot, without the identification envelope, in person, as permitted under Elections Code section 3016.5. The ROV hopes to finalize and implement those procedures by the November 2026 election.
- **Observation of Election Processing** – The ROV notification to subscribers for observing ballot processing states: “An election process will be conducted today. For ongoing updates check the website where all election processes will be posted.” This makes it difficult for observers to know what time of day to observe and what procedure will take place without regularly checking the website throughout the day, if they want to witness a specific part. The commission acknowledges that the ROV’s current observation protocols exceed applicable legal requirements and that predicting the precise time when a particular activity will take place is not operationally realistic or legally required, as described in the ROV’s response to the recent grand jury report. However, the commission has a standing recommendation that the ROV make incremental improvements on alerting subscribers when a certain process is about to start. The ROV plans to update the commission on whether any improvements will be made.

CONCLUSION

The November 4 special election demonstrated continued improvements and enhanced transparency.

Attachment for Agenda Item #8B – **Contracts over \$100,000**

ROV Contracts with Vendors Over \$100,000

Vendor	Contract Begins	Contract Ends	Total Value
RUNBECK: Election Management System - Seamless state and local integration. Features voter registration maintenance, and election administration.	7/1/2023	6/30/2028	\$ 1,510,680.20
Liberty Vote: Voting System - Suite of software and hardware. Features election management system, adjudication client, mobile ballot printing, and ranked choice voting.	2/6/2019	12/31/2029	\$ 23,726,560.08
Netfile: Campaign Finance - E-filing platform supporting all electronic and paper filed forms. Public access portal to campaign finance filings.	11/1/2025	10/31/2027	\$ 100,000.00

ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING – April 16, 2026

Agenda Item #9 – Special Report from the ROV

Chaptered Election Bills

AB 1392 – Elections – Voter Registration: elected officials and candidates

- Making the residence address, telephone number, and email address appearing on an elected official or candidate’s affidavit of registration confidential.
- Includes federal, state, and local elected officials and candidates.
- Creating new categories of confidential voter status.
- Excluding voters with a “confidential voter status” from any list, roster, or index by the county elections official.
- The elected official and candidates’ information will remain confidential until, for an elected official, the official no longer holds the office, for a candidate, the winning candidate takes office.
- Opportunity to opt-in or opt-out.

SB 398-Elections-Crimes-payment based on voting or voter registration

- Makes it a crime punishable by a fine up to \$10,000.00, imprisonment for up to 3 years, or both, for a person to knowingly or willingly pay or offer to pay money or offer to pay money or other valuable consideration to another person with intent to induce the person to vote or to register to vote, or where the payment is contingent upon whether the person voted or the person’s voter registration status.

AB 287-Elections: polling place and vote centers

- Requires public buildings (including schools) used for polling places or Vote Centers to provide storage space and accessible parking for voters.

AB 1072-Elections: ballot mistakes

- Requires the Secretary of State, in conjunction, with the county election officials, to develop uniform standards and guidelines for voters to correct mistakes on their ballots.

AB 5-Elections: official canvass

- Requires that all ballots be counted by E+13 and that the results of that count be released.
- Exclusions: Ballots requiring Duplication; VBMs forwarded by another county; Provisional Ballots; Ballots in the cure process; CVR/Same-Day registration ballots; Vote by Mail ballots received after E*4.
- A county shall file a notice of extension if not meeting the E+13 deadline.

AB 827-Voting signature verification

- Reduces those deadlines for a regularly scheduled statewide election to no later than 14 calendar days after the election for the elections official to provide notice, and no later than 5 pm 22 calendar days after the election for the voter to verify their signature.
- For an election that is not a regularly scheduled statewide election, the deadline is reduced to 8 calendar days before certification of the election for the elections official to provide notice, and no later than 5 pm 2 calendar days before certification of the election for the voter to verify their signature.
- Permits the elections official to use the vote by mail drop box to receive the form used by the voter to verify their signature.
- Requires the elections official who receives a completed unsigned identification statement that is not timely submitted to compare the signature and, if the signatures compare, add the signature to the voter's registration record for use in future elections.

Linked to AB1392 (Confidential Voters) and SB3 (Cure Process updates).