



Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

Agenda

November 9, 2021

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4651587042>

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1:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

II. Review of ballot drop-off boxes San Francisco must install before February 2022 election.

- A. Recently passed **[AB 37](#)** requires all counties to provide ballot drop-off boxes for elections in 2022.
- B. San Francisco must provide a minimum of 17 ballot drop-off boxes, and the Department has planned to install **34 ballot drop-off boxes** before the February 15, 2022, Consolidated Special Municipal Election.
- C. All 34 ballot drop-off boxes will be open 24 hours a day starting January 18 through 8 p.m. on Election Day in neighborhoods across the City.
- D. The Secretary of State (SOS) has issued **[regulations](#)** that sets the security and accessibility specifications for the ballot drop-off boxes.

E. The drop-off box the Department intends to purchase uses a flap that voter's push to open, and the flap is 46 inches from the ground.

F. Photo of the ballot drop-off box the Department intends to install:



Figure 1 - Photo of Drop-Off box the Department intends to install

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

III. Information on February 15, 2022, Consolidated Special Municipal Election

A. All voters registered by January 31, 2022, will receive ballots in the mail.

B. After January 31, people must register in person at the City Hall Voting Center, and on Election Day at a polling place.

C. State elections law allows for the consolidation of voting precincts for local, special or consolidated elections. The Department will organize 314 polling places for the upcoming election, while ensuring that newly formed consolidated precincts are equitably located across the City.

D. Between January 17 and Election Day, any voter will be able to use the accessible vote-by-mail system (AVBM) with screen readable ballots compatible with personal devices at [Link to AVBM at https://sfelections.org/tools/ravbm/](https://sfelections.org/tools/ravbm/)

E. Voter Information Pamphlets

1. Voters will receive their voter information pamphlets during the week of January 10.
2. Large print information pamphlets will be available the week of January 17.
3. Audio versions of information pamphlets will be available from the Department and the Library's Talking Book and Braille Center.
4. Accessible digital versions of information pamphlet will be available on the Department's website: [Link to voter information pamphlets at https://sfelections.sfgov.org/whats-on-the-ballot](https://sfelections.sfgov.org/whats-on-the-ballot)

F. Accessible In-person Voting

1. City Hall Voting Center opens January 18, each weekday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and is also open the two weekends before Election Day, February 5 and 6, and February 12 and 13. from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
2. Curbside voting available at the City Hall Voting Center and at polling places upon request
3. Emergency ballots: The Department can deliver ballots to people who are unable to receive and vote their ballots by Election Day, including those in care facilities or who are homebound.

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IV. **Summary and Next Meeting**

- A. Questions or comments regarding meeting topics
- B. Suggestions for future agenda items