

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee
2019 Plan to Increase Accessibility to Voting and Voting Materials
for Persons with Disabilities
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In the interest of increasing access to voting and voting materials, the Thurston County Auditor's Office and Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee shall take the following steps:

Education & Outreach

- Begin recording podcast and organizing guests to interview. Start with new AVU.
- Partner with community organizations such as libraries, police departments and fire departments to make accessible voting information available at their facilities.
- Present voting and accessible voting information annually at service clubs.
- The Auditor and staff will look into speaking at community events and presenting information at assisted living communities, like Panorama, which has over 100 community groups.
- Identify groups of individuals who would benefit from knowledge regarding the ExpressVote™ voting device, and schedule visits to speak to those groups.
- Continue to provide information regarding ExpressVote™ voting devices and Everyone Counts in publications of general distribution including, but not limited to, the Local Voters' Pamphlet, news releases, flyers, handouts, local TV and radio commercials, and ballot materials.
- Continue to research the best ways to reach communities of individuals who may find the technology useful.
- Assistance with voter registration.

Access to Voting

- Provide media (videos/podcasts) that can inform voters how they can vote privately and easily.
- Look into new ways that signatures can be verified.
- Research ways to make the entire process more accessible- from marking to mailing- while also ensuring the process is secure.
- Provide the ExpressVote™ to voters in their homes (by appointment) for those voters who are unable to come to the courthouse or another Roadshow location.

Membership

- Continue recruiting new VAAC members, particularly from community organizations.
- Host meetings on the 4th Monday of the month, quarterly.
- Advertising at public spaces in the community, like the senior center. This brought us one new member for 2018 and could continue to work well in the future.

Annual Report

Track the effectiveness of the 2018 Plan in an annual report, which could be a spreadsheet report combined with the current ExpressVote™ usage figures.