

**Community Voter Outreach Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 23, 2009**  
**1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Ayme M. Garcia – RR/CC	Kenneth Bennett – RR/CC
Blanca Casarrubias – RR/CC	Letty Camarena – RR/CC
Dona Bishop – RR/CC	Li Chen – RR/CC
Dorothy Scates – RR/CC	Lorraine Patterson – RR/CC
Efrain Escobedo – RR/CC	Marcia Ventura – RR/CC
Eileen Shea – RR/CC	Margarita (Maggie) Lien – RR/CC
Elizabeth Bejarano – RR/CC	Marlene Smith – RR/CC
Harriett Coleman-Russ – RR/CC	Nelson Fernandez – RR/CC
Imelda Munguia – RR/CC	Patt Sanders – RR/CC
Jeffrey Klein – RR/CC	Sylvia Lira – RR/CC
Joanne Harris – RR/CC	Tim McNamara – RR/CC
Julia Keh – RR/CC	Tom Ivey – RR/CC

Amanda Fowler – New America Foundation  
Annette Gordon – Republican Party, Los Angeles County  
Carol Gordon – Republican Party Central Committee  
Eugene Lee – Asian Pacific American Legal Center - Voting Rights Unit  
Floyd McDonald – Los Angeles County, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance  
Gladys Negrete – NALEO Educational Fund  
Gwen Patrick – RPLAC  
Hillary Sklar – Disability Rights California  
Judith Gallardo – COCO of South LA  
Judy Alter – Progressive Democrats - Los Angeles  
Kathay Feng – Common Cause California  
Kathleen Midstokke – City Clerk of Downey  
Kim Kaufman – Progressive Democrats of Los Angeles  
Margie Engel – League of Women Voters - Los Angeles  
Margo Reeg – League of Women Voters - VSC, Whittier  
Martha TorresVega – MALDEF  
Mat Robbins – Cal Rep. Party  
Minnie Hadley – NAACP  
Ralph Acuna – Department of Disability, City of Los Angeles  
Raymond Chavarria – UCC  
Richard Hunter – Republican Party of Los Angeles County  
Robin Gibson – Progressive Democrats of Los Angeles  
Ronald Beldner – Cal State University, L.A. Alumni Board  
Rosalind Gold – NALEO  
Sally Rivera – League of Women Voters- Whittier  
Sandy Chu – Southern California Rehabilitation Services  
Scott Baron – Disability Rights California  
Thea Brodtkin – League of Women Voters  
Valeri Mucche – Palos Verdes

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## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Efrain Escobedo welcomed members and members made self introductions.

## RR/CC UPDATES

Efrain Escobedo provided the following information:

- November 3, 2009 UDEL Election
  - 102 Districts
  - 1494 Precincts
  - 210 Ballot Groups
  - Voter Registration Deadline is October 19, 2009
  - VBM Deadline is October 27, 2009
- 2009 Scheduled Elections Updates
  - RRCC Conducted 12 Elections in this “*non*”-election year
    - (1) March 24
    - (1) April 21
    - (2) May 5, 19
    - (4) June 2, 16, 23, 30
    - (1) July 14
    - (1) August 4
    - (1) September 1
    - (1) November 3

Tim McNamara provided the following information:

- Legislative Updates
  - There are 55 Assembly Bills and 16 Senate Bills
    - 13 Bills are in the Governor’s desk for signature.
      - AB6, AB84, AB330, AB686, AB1068, AB1096, AB1134, AB1271, SB34, SB172, SB288, *SB387 (Vetoed)*, SB740
    - 7 Bills are Elections Related
      - AB269, AB306, AB1337, AB1490, SB6, *SB387 (Vetoed)*, SCA4

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Subcommittee’s did not meet due to the Strategic Planning process.

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## NEW BUSINESS

- CVOC Strategic Planning
  - Efrain introduced the PowerPoint presentation “Ten Year Celebration” Marlene Smith, Kathay Feng, Julia Keh, Eugene Lee and Rosalind Gold presented the Strategic Planning process.
- Technology, Diversity, Democracy: The Future of voting systems in LA County
  - Efrain reported on the Symposium that was held on September 16, 2009 at Cal Tech that was attended by the Election Commission, Experts, Voters, SOS, etc. He stated the event was simply the first step at engaging citizens and the public in a discussion about what current and future needs a voting system must meet. He noted that the event or this first phase of the project is not a procurement process. It was to collect information and model ideas for us to write a report of what there is and what we have when it comes to voting systems. This was a focus group process.

## OPEN DISCUSSION

- Efrain opened the floor for discussion.
  - Last UDEL election got a low turn out, is there anything we can do to encourage voters to vote?

## NEXT MEETING

- It was decided that the next meeting will be held on December 2, 2009.

