



CALIF

Communities Actively Living Independent & Free
"Diverse Communities, Diverse Abilities, One Human Family"



CYNDE SOTO

SYSTEMS CHANGE ADVOCATE

Future of California Elections Conference
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STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION

- Meeting location
 - Public transportation accessible
 - Disability-familiar venue
- Not engaged from the beginning
 - Consulted after a closed planning or drafting process
- Outreach
 - The usual suspects only
 - Needs diversity of disability
- People with disabilities planning stakeholder engagement from the beginning



VOTER EDUCATION MATERIALS

- Need for other more modern alternate formats over cassette tapes.
- Delivery timing: too late, especially for non-English languages
- Website accessibility
 - Limited access to computers or internet
 - Can't read it if the website isn't accessible
 - Video captioning
 - Information in ASL (video)



VOTER EDUCATION MATERIALS

- Plain language is needed
- Screen Reader accessible versions
 - Not all PDF's are accessible
 - Image descriptions
 - Rich Text File Outline of Powerpoint or PDF's with graphics
- Video
 - Audio descriptions
 - Captions



ACCESSIBLE VOTING MACHINE INFORMATION

- More how to videos on county website
- Promote opportunities to practice on the machine
 - In person at County
 - Festivals and Events
- Poll worker machine training
 - How to use the machine

