



U.S. Election Assistance Commission
**Language Access Virtual Roundtable- Building Accessible Elections
through Collaboration and Resource Sharing**

Thursday, February 17, 2022

1:00 – 3:00 pm EST

PUBLIC AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Chairman Donald Palmer

Panel 1: Voting Rights Act protections for Language Minority Citizens in Elections

Moderated by Chairman Palmer

This panel will discuss the importance of accurate, legal, and culturally competent translations for limited-English proficiency voters and best practices when implementing new language programs, including serving voters with disabilities.

Panelists

- Lorena Portillo, Assistant Registrar of Voters, Clark County, Nevada
- Donna Johnston, Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, Sutter County, California
- Ben Jackson, Senior Subject Matter Expert on Accessibility, U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Panel 2: Developing a Language Assistance Program and Media Outreach Plans

Moderated by Vice Chairman Hicks

This panel will discuss how jurisdictions have implemented effective language assistance plans, to better serve voters in their communities.

Panelists

- Jane Lau, Director of the Chinese Outreach Program, Chicago Board of Elections, Chicago, Illinois
- Larry Johnson, Commissioner, DeKalb County, Georgia

Panel 3: Innovative Practices in Language Access Programs

Moderated by Commissioner McCormick

This panel will highlight examples of innovative and practical ways jurisdictions have addressed language challenges.

Panelists

- Brianna L. Lennon, Clerk, Boone County, Missouri

- Gabriella Cazares-Kelly, Recorder, Pima County, Arizona

Panel 4: Bilingual Poll Worker Recruitment and Language Assistance Program Budget

Moderated by Commissioner Hovland

This panel will be a focused discussion on design elements, budget impacts, and helpful tips to stretch funds for the greatest impact.

Panelists

- Patty Hansen, Recorder, Coconino County, Arizona
- Mary Jane Arrington, Supervisor of Elections, Osceola County, Florida

Closing Remarks

- Chairman Donald Palmer