

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee

Plan to Increase Accessibility to Voting and Voting Materials for Persons with Disabilities

In the interest of increasing access to voting and voting materials, the Thurston County Auditor's Office, with the help of the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee, shall take the following steps:

Education & Outreach:

- Locate groups of individuals who would benefit from knowledge regarding the AutoMARK™ voting device, and schedule visits to speak to those groups.
- Have the AutoMARK™ on display at local events to educate the community. Enlist members of the VAAC to help at these events whenever possible.
- Visit local colleges and schools to advertise the AutoMARK™.
- Utilize state and local government agencies, such as DSHS, and local organizations such as the Washington State School for the Blind, to send out letters about the availability of the AutoMARKS™ in accessible formats.
- Provide the Local Voters' Pamphlet, and other materials as practical, in an audio, ASL, and text formats on the web.
- Provide information regarding AutoMARK™ voting devices in publications of general distribution including, but not limited to: the Local Voters' Pamphlet, press 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.

Access to Voting

- Make the AutoMARK™ available at a variety of locations around the county during full-county elections (primary and general elections), with special attention to locations frequented by groups of individuals who may use the machines (i.e. the Olympia Transit Center, etc.) and Thurston County senior communities. Special attention will be given to ensuring these sites are open and accessible throughout the day, in the evenings, and on weekends, to accommodate a variety of schedules. Locations will be tracked for their effectiveness, and the number of users reported back to the committee.
- Provide the AutoMARK™ to voters in their homes (by appointment) in smaller elections.
- Provide information regarding this service with all ballot materials.

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