

**REGISTRATION**  
**The Election Center**  
**Seattle, Washington**  
**March 7, 2014**

(Please use a separate form for each person registering)

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Registration and check must be received by the  
Conference Office no later than February 14, 2014.  
Registration is \$99.

Registration Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
There are no refunds or credits issued.

The meeting and sleeping rooms will be at the  
Seattle Airport Hilton. Rate is \$129.  
Deadline for registering: February 14. To register,  
call 206-244-4800, ask for "Group Code ECM".  
There is a complimentary hotel airport shuttle.

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following address:

The Election Center  
Conference Office  
P.O. Box 965  
Elk Grove, California 95759

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For additional information, please call  
Pat Hawkins at (916) 686-7928.

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**ELECTION CENTER**

**Polling Place**  
**Access**  
**Seminars**



**2013 - 2014**



**RESEARCH ALLIANCE  
FOR ACCESSIBLE VOTING  
SEMINARS**

Tentative Program

9-10 The Election Center

- Overview of Accessible Voting and the RAAV Collaboration
- Project Goals
- Partners Research Data-Feature Rutgers
- Aging Population Issues

10-11 Paraquad

- Poll Worker Accessibility Training Project
- Lessons Learned in Polling Place Operations

11-Noon Tennessee Disability Coalition

- Accessible Voting
- Helping People with Disabilities to Vote

Noon-1:30 No Host Lunch

1:30-2:30 Association of Assistive Technology

- Training Voters to Use Accessible Equipment
- Surprising Lessons

2:30-3:30 Clemson University

- Designing and Modifying Voting Technology and Processes for the Future

3:30-5 RAAV Partners and The Election Center

- Practical Applications: What Can We Do to Improve Accessibility for Elections? (Discussion Forum)
- Swap Shop (Exchange of Ideas from Seminar Attendees)
- Language Difficulties, Cognitive Issues and Voter Materials

## RAAV Workshops

Accessible voting for Americans may become one of the largest issues in decades for US election administrators. Election processes will need to change dramatically and cost factors and legal issues will become major concerns. The six Accessibility Workshops will assist jurisdictions of all sizes to prepare for the coming changes. The workshops are completely different than the training on accessibility conducted in 2012 and build on those sessions.

Accessible voting for people with disabilities will grow as a 35 to 40-year issue for all of American elections. The government defines "baby boomers" as an 18-year group beginning with those born in 1946 through 1964 according to the US Census Bureau. Those who vote the most in elections are the older voters and the baby boomers will likely constitute the largest class of voters for many years to come. Since voters are also living 15 to 20 years longer, accessibility issues will be a dominant theme for many years to come. Added to this ever growing group are those 20% of Americans that the US Census says have traditionally been identified as people with a disability. And finally, the largest number of wounded veterans in many generations is also a part of the citizens with disabilities who will have accessibility needs.

Questions facing state and local governments:

- What are election jurisdictions doing to prepare for a very changed electorate?
- What types of voting equipment will serve the most accessible needs?
- What processes work and don't work when providing services for those with disabilities?
- What are the right questions to ask in preparing for serving accessible needs?

- What forms of voting work best for accessibility?
- How do we train staff and poll workers to serve these needs?

The workshops on Accessible Voting are made possible through a grant by the US Election Assistance Commission. A coalition of accessibility groups and The Election Center formed the Research Alliance for Accessible Voting (RAAV) to study these issues and now that the grant is concluding, we have results that we can share with election administrators to prepare for both the present and the future.

In order to reach as many election jurisdictions as possible, we are conducting these sessions on a "no frills" basis. Morning and afternoon beverages will be provided, but you will be on your own for meals. If you register for these sessions, the per person registration fee is \$99. You DO NOT have to be a member of The Election Center to take advantage of this low fee.

You and your staff cannot afford to miss these low cost, one day training events. We have provided six locations throughout the nation at major airport hub cities for convenience. Make sure you enroll early.

If you need additional information, please contact Pat Hawkins in our Conference Office at 1-916-686-7928.