



County of Fresno

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Re: Request for Language Access Services in Arabic in Fresno County

Dear Council on American-Islamic Relations of Sacramento Valley/Central California and American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of California:

I am writing in response to your letter dated June 23, 2020, in which you request Arabic language access services be provided in Fresno County for the November 3, 2020 general election. Your letter specifically requests that I make reasonable efforts to recruit bilingual election workers for vote centers throughout Fresno County pursuant to California Elections Code Section 12303.

Under Election Code 14201 the language determinations are required to be made by the Secretary of State's office. Under Election Code 12303 your request does not provide information indicating a significant and substantial need for formal Arabic language voting assistance in Fresno County.

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I very much appreciate, however, your desire to improve informed voter participation and invite your organizations to participate in strengthening the language capacity of the Fresno County election workforce by referring bilingual individuals to apply for election worker positions and providing recommendations for placement of Arabic-speaking election workers in the most appropriate vote centers. The Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters' Department will begin recruitment of election workers for the November 3, 2020 general election in mid-July 2020. All eligible candidates are encouraged to apply via the Fresno County Human Resources Department's online portal located at the following website: <https://agency.governmentjobs.com/fresnocca/default.cfm>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brandi Orth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brandi Orth
Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters

Attached to E-Mail: CAIR-CC and ACLU of California letter dated June 23, 2020