The mission of the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers is increasing access and equal opportunity for people with disabilities by building the capacity of Independent Living Centers.
DISABILITY ORGANIZING NETWORK

We organize for accessible communities...wherever people with disabilities live, work, learn, shop, play and VOTE!
VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

- 35-37 Million Eligible Voters *Nationwide*
  - 5.9 Million Eligible *California* Voters

- 42% Community Turnout (15.6 Million in 2012)
  - Nearly 6% lower than people without disabilities

- 12.4% of Overall Voter Turnout
  - Compared to African Americans (14.13%) & Latino Americans (8.9%)

- 1/3 voters with disabilities reported barriers to voting in 2012
  - Compared to 8.4% voters without disabilities
DO network Voters with Disabilities

2014 Get-Out-The-Vote Exercise
- 600 DO network Members
- Study GOTV Community Response and Voting Experiences
- On-Going: Sampling of current responses

Where do they register
- 5-10% Online, Public Event, Disability Organization, Political Party
- 15% County Elections Offices

Not Registered
- No accommodation provided

Voter Education Resources
- 60% League of Women Voters Easy Voter Guide
- 50% County Elections Office or Website
- 40% Secretary of State’s Website
- 25% Disability Organization
DONETWORK VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

- **15% Did Not Vote in 2014**
  - Lack of Accommodation for Registration

- **85% Voted in 2014**
  - 44% Polling Place
  - 38% Mailed Absentee Ballot
  - 17% Brought Absentee Ballot to Polling Place

- **Barriers to Casting a Private Ballot**
  - 7% Inaccessible Polling Place: Parking Lot, Entrance, Inside, Restrooms, Poll worker knowledge
  - 21.5% Voting Machine Problems
  - 21.5% Poll Worker Attitude

- **90% Likely Vote in 2016!**
THE ROAD AHEAD

Vote-By-Mail Concerns
- Accommodations for filling out the Ballot
- Distance to Vote Centers
- Access to Accessible Voting Machines
- The Silent Disenfranchised: Getting Your Ballot
- Casting a Private Ballot!

Polling Place Access
- Getting into the building is still an issue
- Getting help is still an issue

Same Day /Conditional Voter Registration
- Will accommodations be provided?

Recognition and Preparation
- Voter Registration Card Declaration

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