



U. S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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May 5, 2010

Dear Mr. Carey:

I would like to take the opportunity to formally offer the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) an opportunity to begin early dialog with the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) around the 2012 survey. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) acknowledged the improvement in the quality and completeness of the EAC's 2008 survey data. It is my hope that we will continue to see such improvements for 2010 and beyond.

As a way of reducing the data submission burden on States, I would like for our agencies to continue discussions around the overlap between our two surveys on questions related to UOCAVA voting.

At the time of our agencies' last in-person meeting in January, FVAP's 2010 survey questions had not been developed. Once developed, EAC requests that staff receive a copy of the specific UOCAVA survey questions FVAP will ask of States for the 2010 election.

Additionally, EAC Chair Davidson asked during a conference call in March that FVAP provide EAC with potential questions for inclusion in its 2012 survey by July 2010. EAC's statutory boards have requested that the survey be available two years before the next Federal election. Starting our conversations early will allow EAC and FVAP to work together on which questions to include in the UOCAVA section of the 2012 survey. All information can be forwarded to Karen Lynn-Dyson and Shelly Anderson in the EAC Research, Policy and Programs Division.

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions about any of the information noted above. I look forward to future collaboration around State UOCAVA data collection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TW", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Thomas R. Wilkey

cc: Alex Hunt, Branch Chief of Information Policy
Office of Management and Budget