

August 15, 2018

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TO: All District Agricultural Association CEOs

SUBJECT: Dymally-Allatore Bilingual Services Act Language Survey

Under Government Code Section 7299.4 the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Service Act requires state agencies that serve a substantial number of non-English-speaking people (5% or more of the people served) to employ enough bilingual persons to provide certain information and render certain services in a language other than English. To ensure that the members of the community are best being served, a survey is conducted every two years. The data is collected from individuals within each entity whom interacts with the public most. Agencies are required to participate and since DAA's are part of CDFA they are required to participate in the biennial language survey that is scheduled to be completed in 2018. CalHR uses this survey information along with implementation plans of each agency, and incorporates findings and recommendations in a report to the Legislature every two years.

The survey will entail keeping track with "tick marks" for every call or in-person contact you receive (by the language) on a daily tally sheet. This survey isn't meant to track nationalities or the ethnic heritage of the public with whom you come in contact. For example, if your fair has more than one person that comes into contact with the public only the person identified as the Public Contact Employee (PCE) is required to keep a tally. At the completion of the Survey the PCE will need to turn in the survey by email to Mike Francesconi no later than Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Fairs and Expositions is asking that an individual be identified at each DAA who will participate in the biennial language survey. The person identified will be the Public Contact Employee (PCE) for your DAA. The language survey shall be conducted for the period of 10 days, spanning two consecutive weeks August 27th through September 7th, 2018. Once the DAA has identified the PCE who answers the phone or assists the

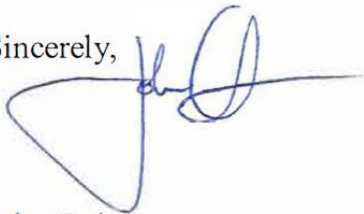


public most often, please email the name and contact information to Mike Francesconi by Thursday, August 23rd, 2018.

A detailed set of instruction will be emailed directly to the identified PCE prior to the survey start date. If you have questions or need additional information regarding this

matter, please contact Mike Francesconi at (916) 900-5365 or by e-mail at Mike.Francesconi@cdfa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Quiroz', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

John Quiroz
Branch Chief