

April 16, 2024

Fred Sherman  
Johnson County Election Commissioner  
2101 E Kansas City Rd  
Olathe, KS 66061

Dear Mr. Sherman:

We are reaching out to continue the conversation about language access for voting in Johnson County. Thank you again for meeting with our coalition last September and hearing how language access would make a difference for Johnson County voters.

We would like to take this opportunity to urge you to consider the following steps:

- Make all locally-produced materials and online content about Johnson County elections – including local elections – available in Spanish. We believe that the information your office currently makes available, through the Secretary of State’s office, pertains only to state and federal elections, not to local/county ones or local processes.
- Make printed materials available at all in-person voting sites, as well as online, informing voters of their right to receive language assistance at the polls from an individual of their choice. We ask that you consider making these notices available in, at minimum, English and Spanish.
- Make Spanish-language ballots, sample ballots, and informational materials available upon request, both at in-person polling places and through the advance voting process.

Based on subsequent conversations that members of our coalition have had with the Director of Elections in the Secretary of State’s office, we believe that these requests can be taken in a manner that is consistent with law, policy, and the resources available to your office.

We appreciate you for continuing to engage in dialogue with us about this important issue. We hope that you will consult with the Secretary of State’s office about the specific requests we make above. We look forward to hearing back from you, and hope that we will be able to work together to promote language access, voter participation, and civic engagement in Johnson County.

Sincerely,

ACLU of Kansas  
Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation – Kansas City  
El Centro  
Equality Kansas  
League of Women Voters Johnson County  
Loud Light

National Council of Jewish Women Kansas City  
The Voter Network  
Voter Rights Network of Wyandotte County

CC: Brian Caskey, Director of Elections, Kansas Secretary of State's Office