



## FOSTER THE VOTE PROJECT

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As the November 4, 2014, General Election approaches, Secretary of State Debra Bowen is inviting all agencies working with California's foster youth to join her in spreading the word about how easy it is to take part in elections. Following are some simple, nonpartisan ways you can reach out to California's foster youth, their foster families and the organizations you work with about registering to vote, voting, and serving at the polls on Election Day.

- **Newsletter, Intranet, Email**

Sample message featuring two key deadlines

The **November 4 Election** is just around the corner. In coordination with the California Secretary of State, <agency or organization> is encouraging you, your family and friends to vote!

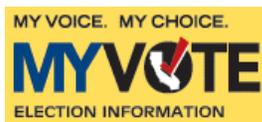
The last day to register to vote in this election is **October 20**. Registration is easy at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://RegisterToVote.ca.gov). Polls are open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Did you know that any registered California voter can vote by mail? Just fill in and print an application at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections\\_m.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections_m.htm), then mail it so it arrives at your county's elections office by **October 28**.

For more information call the Secretary of State's voter hotline at (800) 345-VOTE or visit [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-in-california](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-in-california).

- **Website, Facebook, or Text Message**

Add the "MyVote Election Information" and "Register to Vote" buttons shown below to a website or Facebook page. The buttons and instructions for linking them to the Secretary of State's Voting in California web page or online voter registration page are at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/bug/bug.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/bug/bug.htm).



Sample Facebook post or text message to send no later than October 23

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- **Website, Facebook, or Text Message (continued)**

Sample text message to send on, or shortly before, Election Day

Wondering where to vote on **November 4**? To find your polling place, contact the Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE or [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).

- **MyVote California Student Mock Election**

**Hold a Student Mock Election in your organization.** The MyVote California Student Mock Election helps high school and middle school students discover the importance of elections and the power of their vote in our democracy. It gives them firsthand experience with voting while an exciting statewide election season is in full swing. The next MyVote California Student Mock Election takes place on **Tuesday, October 28**, just one week before the November 4, 2014 General Election. For more information, visit [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/studentmockelection.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/studentmockelection.htm).

- **Be an Election Day Hero: Encourage Foster Youth to Work at the Polls**

Young people can learn how elections are run while they earn money by serving their communities as poll workers on Election Day.

Sample message about being a poll worker

Earn money and make a difference on Election Day by working at a polling place. For more information about being a poll worker, call the Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE or go to [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pollworker.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pollworker.htm).

- **Social Media**

**Find us on Facebook and Twitter.** The Secretary of State's office uses social media to update Californians on key election deadlines, and to share nonpartisan ideas and resources for spreading the word about elections and voting.

Links to Secretary of State social network sites

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/MyVoiceMyVote](http://www.facebook.com/MyVoiceMyVote)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/casosvote](http://www.twitter.com/casosvote)

**For more voter education and outreach materials, visit**

[www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-in-california/](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-in-california/)  
[www.sos.ca.gov/elections/foster-the-vote](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/foster-the-vote)

**For more information, or to order voter registration cards, please contact:**

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