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To: Student Mock Election School Coordinator

From: The California Student Mock Election Team

Subject: 2020 California Student Mock Election Materials/Resources and Instructions

Thank you for encouraging your students to take part in the California Student Mock Election set for Tuesday, October 6! For many students, the experience of making their voices heard during this exciting election season will be their first step toward becoming lifelong voters. With your involvement, this will be a rewarding and memorable experience that inspires students to pre-register to vote. Under California law, 16- and 17-year-olds can pre-register to vote and will be automatically registered to vote on their 18th birthday.

Our mission here is to provide you with the resources and instructions you need to hold a successful mock election at your school. All of the materials for your mock election can be found under “Tools for Success” on the 2020 California Student Mock Election web page at http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/student-mock-election/tools-success. If you need the Student Mock Election Team to mail you a Mock Election Supply Kit of printed materials, please email us at MyVote@sos.ca.gov.

Please take a few minutes to review the “Materials and Resources” listed below. If you have questions or need further assistance, you are welcome to contact us at MyVote@sos.ca.gov or (916) 651-3070.

Materials and Resources

➢ California Student Mock Election Ballots - Students will use ballots to record their choice for President of the United States, and “yes” or “no” on statewide ballot propositions. Your school does not have to vote on all contests/propositions in order to participate.

➢ Voter Information Guides – These guides provide official information on candidates and the statewide ballot propositions that appear on the mock election ballot. These guides are a great resource for teachers to select items of interest for discussion among students.
➢ *School Vote Reporting Form* – This form helps you tabulate the results and report them to the Secretary of State’s Office by **5:00 p.m. on October 6**.

➢ *Instructions for Tabulating and Reporting Election Results*.

➢ *Useful Links for Planning and Holding a Student Mock Election* – Resources include a Teacher’s Guide and other nonpartisan voter information.

➢ *Mock Election Posters* – with space to write in the date and location of your mock election.

➢ *Student Poll Worker Flyer* - to inspire high school students to serve their community as a polling place worker on Election Day.

➢ *“I Voted” Stickers*