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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #20203

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Paige Kent
NVRA Coordinator

RE: Voter Education and Outreach: High School Voter Education Weeks
September 14-25, 2020

The California Education Code designates the last two weeks in April and September to be High School Voter Education Weeks. This provides an opportunity for high schools and their students to partner with county elections officials to promote civic education and participation. With National Voter Registration Day falling on September 22, and pre-registration available to 16- and 17-year-olds, now is the time to encourage students to become engaged and active in their communities.

Secretary Padilla, in partnership with California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, issued a [letter](#) encouraging schools to invite students to participate in our democracy. You can also view Secretary Padilla's [resolution](#) online, encouraging all California high schools to participate in the upcoming High School Voter Education Weeks, September 14-25, 2020. Feel free to use this resolution as a tool to gain support and recognition from your Board of Supervisors or County Board of Education.

With the increase of distance learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we encourage you to share the on-line resources available on our website. See our High School and Youth Initiatives webpage, which includes information on how to pre-register 16- and 17-year-olds at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/high-school-programs/>.

If you have questions about this or any other outreach related matter, please feel free to contact our office at myvote@sos.ca.gov or (916) 695-1564. Thank you.