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## **Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Registers College Students to Vote, Meets with Voters with Disabilities in Central Valley**

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today appealed to college students to register to vote and participate in the democratic process during his visit to California State University Stanislaus.

"So many young adults today age 18 to 24 don't register to vote. We owe it to our sons and daughters to do a better job of informing them that their vote counts," said Secretary McPherson. "That is why my office has reached out to hundreds of thousands of youth, and why I am visiting high schools and colleges to promote the importance of participating in our democratic process. Whether you're 18 or 88 years old, you should exercise this precious right to vote."

The Secretary visited a voter registration booth at the university, hosted by the CSU Stanislaus Student Association. A member of Assemblymember Dave Cogdill's office also attended the event. He then toured the university with President Habid Shirvani.

Later in the day, Secretary McPherson met with members of the disability community at Disability Resources Agency for Independent Living (DRAIL) in Modesto to discuss civic engagement and voter accessibility. The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and state law require that each polling place have at least one voting machine accessible for voters with disabilities.

"I want to commend Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters Lee Lundrigan and her team for working hard on behalf of the voters of their community to provide accessible voting machines," said Secretary McPherson. "Every voter, including voters with disabilities, should have the ability to cast their ballot privately and independently as they head to the polls on Election Day."

"Stanislaus County is proud to be one of the few California counties in compliance with all federally mandated HAVA requirements," said Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters Lee Lundrigan. "I appreciate Secretary McPherson's personal visit and congratulations on achieving compliance with this rigorous federal mandate."

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