



To: Student Mock Election School Coordinator

From: The California Student Mock Election Team

Subject: 2024 California Student Mock Election Welcome Packet

Thank you for encouraging your students to take part in the 2024 California Student Mock Election set for **Tuesday, October 8!** 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 then will be automatically registered to vote on their 18th birthday.

Our goal is to provide you with the resources and instructions you need to hold a successful mock election at your school. This welcome packet contains:

- ☆ “Save the Date” posters that can be used to promote the mock election
- ☆ High School Poll Worker recruitment flyers to inspire high school students to serve their community as a poll worker on Election Day
- ☆ Pre-Registration flyers encouraging 16- and 17-year-olds to pre-register to vote
- ☆ “I Voted” stickers that can be distributed to students after they have cast their ballots in the mock election

In mid-September, supply kits containing mock election ballots, Student Voter Information Guides (SVIGs), and instructions on how to tabulate and report your election results will be distributed in the format you requested when you registered for the mock election:

- ☆ **Schools that registered for electronic ballots** will receive their supply kits via email. We will email you a link to a Google Forms ballot and we will attach a fillable pdf version of the ballot. We will also attach an electronic version of the SVIG and provide instructions on how to use the Google Form to compile your election results and submit them to our office.
- ☆ **Schools that registered for paper ballots** will receive their supply kits via FedEx. We will ship your ballots, SVIGs, a School Vote Reporting Form and instructions on how to tabulate and report election results to the Secretary of State’s office. Please note that paper ballots will need to be manually tallied at the school. If that sounds onerous, it’s not too late to switch to the electronic Google Forms ballot

that will tally student vote results for you. Just drop us an email at myvote@sos.ca.gov and let us know!

Also in mid-September, all of the materials to conduct a mock election will be published on the “Tools for Success” page of our website. The QR code below will take you to our website:



If you have questions or need further assistance, you are welcome to contact us at MyVote@sos.ca.gov or (916) 651-3070.