



County of Santa Cruz

COUNTY CLERK / ELECTIONS

701 OCEAN STREET, ROOM 210, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060-4076
831-454-2060 (Elections) 831-454-2470 (County Clerk) TOLL-FREE: 866-282-5900
FAX: 831 454-2445 TDD: 711

Web Sites: www.votescount.com and www.sccoclerk.com

GAIL L. PELLERIN, COUNTY CLERK
TRICIA WEBBER, ASSISTANT COUNTY CLERK

To: Santa Cruz County High School Principals and Teachers
From: Gail L. Pellerin, Santa Cruz County Clerk
Re: High School Voter Education Weeks
Date: September 1, 2017

I hope your school year is off to a great start! I am writing to ask for your assistance in promoting High School Voter Education Weeks.

The State has designated the weeks of September 18 to 29 as High School Voter Education Weeks. Our Secretary of State Alex Padilla, along with State Superintendent of Schools Tom Torlakson, are encouraging high schools throughout the state to promote and participate in this unique opportunity to motivate students to be involved and make their voices heard.

Under a new law, 16 and 17 year olds can now pre-register to vote and then automatically become active voters once they turn 18.

During these weeks, high schools are encouraged to offer voter registration to eligible students with either paper registration applications available at your school or by providing a link to online voter registration at www.registertovote.ca.gov using the button image below on the high school's website.

High school administrators are also encouraged to name one or more students as voter outreach coordinators to encourage student voter registration during High School Voter Education Weeks. We would train these coordinators and work with them on coordinating election-related activities at your school.

Many of you are aware that our office is available to visit your classroom or school assembly to provide civic education. During that visit we offer a guided discussion that addresses:

- How to register to vote
- Working at the polls on Election Day
- Understanding the elections process
- How to get involved with our community

Please consider inviting us to your school during these voter education weeks. If September 18 to 29 is not convenient, we can schedule a visit at a different time that works better for you.

I have included a flyer to help you promote "High School Voter Education Weeks" in September. If you have designated student coordinators, please encourage them to contact me for more information.

I look forward to working with you to schedule time for voter education in your school. You can contact me at 831-454-2419 or gail.pellerin@santacruzcounty.us. Thank you.

**pre-register at sixteen.
vote at eighteen.**

16 and 17 year olds can now pre-register to vote online.