

**MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO
THE LOS ANGELES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

SUBJECT: A New Generation of Leaders for Los Angeles, California, and the Nation (Res-038-17/18)

DATE NOTICED: 04-10-18

PRESENTED FOR ACTION: 05-08-18

PRESENTED BY: Ms. García, Ms. Gonez,
Mr. Holtzman

MOVED/SECONDED BY: Ms. Gonez/
Mr. Melvoin

MOTION:

RESOLUTION: x

Whereas, In 2016, the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District passed the LAUSD Voter Registration & MyVote Student Mock Election Days (Res 034-15/16) resolution;

Whereas, Awareness about the power of youth voters (18-24 years old), especially geared at youth voters of color in California, helps transform them into habitual voters;

Whereas, Participation of younger voters increases civic engagement and has significant impact on the future of our democracy in the Los Angeles region, our state and the nation;

Whereas, The District's mission is to get to 100% graduation and produce thriving college and career ready, civically engaged young adults that understand that voting is one of the most important rights and responsibilities of all citizens;

Whereas, In Los Angeles only 57 percent of eligible youth voters are registered to vote. Of those registered youth voters only 12 percent voted in the last mid-term elections in 2014;

Whereas, With 4 million potential voters, youth voters will have a significant impact on the future of California;

Whereas, Research shows that if young voters cast a ballot in two consecutive elections they are far more likely to become habitual lifetime voters;

Whereas, If they fail to register to vote or vote in their first election, they are more likely to disengage for another decade and will only possibly return as voters in their 30's;

Whereas, Since the mass shooting in Parkland, young people across Florida and the nation ~~and~~ have demanded healthy civic engagement opportunities;

Whereas, Passed in 2015, AB 1817 designates the last two weeks of April and September as voter education weeks; and

Whereas, AB 1817 allows school officials to designate students as "voter outreach coordinators" on their high school campus; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District recommits to April as “LAUSD’s Voter Turnout Month” and will work with partners to promote civic engagement opportunities;

Resolved further, That the Superintendent directs the appropriate departments to work with community members and the Los Angeles County to ensure voter registration guides and materials, in multiple languages, are available at every parent center, senior high school, and adult school;

Resolved further, That the Superintendent directs District leadership to distribute voter registration cards to all high school seniors and include in graduation ceremonial activities encouragement for students to complete and submit the forms to the Registrar of Voters;

Resolved further, That the Superintendent directs District leadership and staff to visit aforementioned locations in April to raise awareness and register voters; and, be it finally

Resolved, That the Board encourages schools to offer opportunities for students to engage in service learning projects geared towards voter registration and poll worker programs.

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NOES</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ms. Gonez	X			
Dr. McKenna	X			
Mr. Melvoin	X			
Dr. Rodriguez	X			
Mr. Schmerelson	X			
Dr. Vladovic	X			
Ms. Garcia	X			
TOTAL	7			

ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED