



# COUNTY OF YOLO

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April 6, 2022

The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry  
1021 O Street, Suite 6350  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **RE: AB 2576- SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry,

Yolo County supports your AB 2576, which would create the Civic Learning, Outreach, and Engagement Fund for the Secretary of State to administer programs that will increase student understanding and engagement in our elections and aid counties with high percentages of unregistered eligible voters.

Voter registration is an important first step in becoming an engaged voting participant of our democracy; however, in each statewide election in California since 1972, fewer than 60 percent of eligible voters have exercised their fundamental right to vote. As of our last statewide election, 12 counties had fewer than 80 percent of eligible voters registered to vote. Furthermore, people of color and young people are disproportionately underrepresented in the voting population.

The creation of a Civic Learning, Outreach, and Engagement Fund would assist Registrars of Voters in specific counties in working with education officials to identify high school campuses to participate in voter engagement programs, including activities that will support the awarding of a State Seal of Civic Engagement. The fund will also ensure outreach with a focus on registering historically underrepresented communities of color as well as formerly incarcerated individuals.

AB 2576 is an important step towards educating our youth about our election process and significantly increasing the number of eligible voters that are registered to vote and informed about ways to participate in our democracy. Please contact Alexander Tengolics in the County Administrator's Office at (530) 666-8068 or [alexander.tengolics@yolocounty.org](mailto:alexander.tengolics@yolocounty.org) with any questions about the County's position.

Sincerely,

Angel Barajas  
Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Bill Dodd