

Resolution of Support

WHEREAS the full participation of young voters in the political process is essential to a truly representative, vibrant democracy;

WHEREAS young people represent the largest and most diverse group of potential voters in the country, each with our own values and our own ideas,

WHEREAS young people have the power to elect the next generation of leaders who care about the things we do, who will fight for our vision, who want the future we want; but only if we vote;

WHEREAS the youth vote has been on the rise in the United States for the past several election cycles and students on college campuses are leading the way;

WHEREAS According to Tufts University's Institute for Democracy and Higher Education's National Student of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE) report showed that student voter turnout across the country doubled from 19% to 40% comparing 2014 to 2018 election results

WHEREAS at UCLA student voter turnout increased by 31% from 13% in 2014 to 44% in 2018.

WHEREAS The best, and easiest, way to build a culture of democratic engagement on campus is to integrate voter registration and voter education into existing programs, departments, and resources on campus.

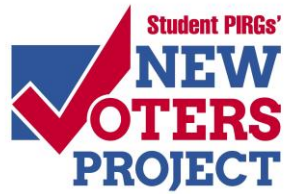
WHEREAS Campuses that have successfully implemented these models have seen student registration rates greater than 90%, much higher than at campuses where only field-based and peer-to-peer contact is the only driver of voter registration.

WHEREAS At Northwestern University, the Center for Civic Engagement staffed voter registration stations at all residence halls on move-in day. In 2016, Northwestern's freshman student registration rate was 96%. In 2018, Stony Brook University's Vote Everywhere program provided in-person registration at transfer student and new student orientation and saw similar rates.

WHEREAS, Vote coalitions comprised of student groups, faculty, administrators and non-partisan groups drive peer to peer interactions with students voters and thus produce the best results in voter turnout by sending reminder texts and making reminder phone calls;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Undergraduate Students Association Council of University of California, Los Angeles encourages the campus administrators, faculty, and student leaders to follow the ask every student model and integrate civic education into the fabric of the university.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Undergraduate Students Association Council of University of California, Los Angeles supports non-partisan get out the vote and registration groups to help make voter registration integrated, systematic, and comprehensive in existing campus structures, such as: freshman orientation, class registration, move-in day and the use of online registration tools like studentvote.org on campus websites;



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Undergraduate Students Association Council of University of California, Los Angeles endorses the CalPIRGs' New Voters Project to work on our campus to help register and turnout young people because the Student PIRGs have been pioneers in non partisan student voter registration and mobilization, launching the National Student Campaign for Voter Registration in 1983, helping to register and turn out millions of new voters.