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Fresno County Board of Supervisors Unanimously Declare September 22,2020 National Voter Registration Day And September 14-25, 2020 as California High School Voter Education Week

Fresno, CA—"Democracy is not a spectator sport," are words of fundamental importance in every election. Today, these words were included in a proclamation that was brought forward by Fresno County Board of Supervisors Chair Buddy Mendes declaring September 22, 2020 as National Voter Registration Day.

Each year, on September 22nd, voter registration is encouraged for all eligible Californians. With the COVID-19 pandemic limiting in-person voter registration and participation events, this year it is especially important to raise awareness of and support online voter education and registration efforts.

As part of its ongoing efforts to do so, the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters has been promoting a secure and simple step for, 'All-Things-Voting', at their website: www.fresnovote.com. This site provides a multitude of services and information, including a portal where residents can check their voter registration status, find their districts, register to vote online, and find conditional voter registration information. Additionally, the California Secretary of State's website also provides a multitude of voter information at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections>.

As part of the same proclamation, Supervisors also acknowledged the week of September 14-25, 2020 as California High School Voter Education Week. California election law permits 16 and 17-year olds to pre-register to vote. Upon completion of the pre-registration process and on their 18th birthday, they will then become registered voters. The Fresno County Clerk's office anticipates 996 pre-registrants becoming 18 years old by November 3, 2020.

As in past elections, Fresno County voters will once again be receiving their ballot in the mail. Voters can return it in the envelope provided to an accessible ballot drop box by 8:00 pm on November 3rd. Additional ballot drop boxes are being installed for the convenience of voters. A listing of ballot drop box locations can be found at: <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/home/showdocument?id=48762>

Voters may also return their ballots by mail in the postage paid envelope; no stamp is needed! Mailed ballots must be postmarked by November 3rd. There will be in-person Vote Centers open October 31st – November 3rd for voters who need assistance, want to vote on an accessible tablet, need to obtain a replacement ballot, need language assistance, need to register and vote in person, or any other reason.

The Elections Office will be open starting October 5th through election day for in-person voting assistance.