

Voting Age in Long Beach

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Eligibility to Vote

According to the FPPC you must be:

A United States Citizen

Resident of California

At least 18 years of age or older by election day

Not imprisoned or on parole

Not deemed mentally incapable of voting

Lowering the Voter Age to 17

Boost voter turnout

Engage one of the lowest voting demographics at a younger age to encourage best voting practices

Teach in schools

Allow students to attend their polling places if one is located at their campus

Allow students represented by School Board Members to have a direct voice as constituents

This will also cause an interest to represent those who are directly impacted by the election as opposed to purely donors and special interests.

Other Areas with Reduced Voting Age

Voting age of 16 (Municipal only)

Hyattsville, Maryland

Takoma Park, Maryland

Voting age of 17 (Primaries and Caucuses)

Alaska*, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa*, Kansas*, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota*, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota*, Ohio, Vermont, Virginia, Washington*, West Virginia

Current Legislation in California

ACA 10

Introduced by Assembly Member Low

Would lower voting age to 17

If approved, would be placed on the November ballot for 2018

Allow for those age 17 to vote in any election

Why?

Record low turnout in 2014

ACA 10 would not take effect until after the 2018 election, which leaves a huge gap in time for a bill we aren't even sure will pass.

Fostering best practice of voting for those engaged in the political process AS WELL AS those who may not generally be interested in voting

This is achieved by educating those in school and allowing them to participate at the same time, walking through the process as a life skill rather than encouraging those to vote down the line.