

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 7.3

Meeting Date: September 5, 2019

<u>Subject</u>: Approve Resolution No. 3103: In Recognition of High School Voter Education Weeks, September 16-27, 2019

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)

Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)

Conference/Action

Action

Public Hearing

Division: Board of Education Office

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3103: Recognition of High School Voter Education Weeks, September 16-27, 2019.

Background/Rationale: In 2014, Assembly Bill 1817 was signed by Governor Jerry Brown designating the last two full weeks in April and September as High School Voter Education Weeks. This legislation provides an opportunity for high schools to partner with county elections officials to promote civic education and participation, and foster an environment that encourages voting.

The Resolution recognizes the importance participating in our democracy and encouraging others to do the same. It also calls upon our high schools and staff to encourage eligible students to pre-register to vote and to automatically become active voters once they turn 18.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): College, Career and Life Ready Graduates; Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3103

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes **Submitted by**: Nathaniel Browning, Board Office **Approved by**: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NO. 3103

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL VOTER EDUCATION WEEKS, SEPTEMBER 16-27, 2019

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City Unified School District is committed to strengthening democracy by encouraging voter registration and increasing participation in all elections by all eligible Californians;

WHEREAS, young people play a critical role in our democracy by helping to choose the people who will lead us and by voicing their opinions on the issues that are important to them;

WHEREAS, elections around the state and nation are approaching, and it is important to ensure that our students are learning to become active and engaged participants in our democracy;

WHEREAS, students are encouraged to participate in our democracy through civics and voter education programs, volunteering as poll workers, and by encouraging their peers, family members, and community to register to vote and participate in elections;

WHEREAS, 16-and 17-year-olds can now pre-register to vote and then automatically become active voters once they turn 18;

WHEREAS, high schools are encouraged to offer voter registration to eligible students with either paper registration applications and links on the high school website to the state's online voter registration application;

WHEREAS, high school administrators are encouraged to name one or more students as voter outreach coordinators to encourage student voter registration during High School Voter Education Weeks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education requests that the District actively educates and encourages our youth citizens to register to vote and turn out at the polls to ensure their voices are heard in September 2019 and beyond.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 5th day of September, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: ____ NOES: ____ ABSTAIN: ____ ABSENT: ____ ATTESTED TO:

Jessie Ryan, Board President

Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent