COUNTY OF MARIN HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIONS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

August 17, 2018

Dear Marin County High School Principals & Heads of Schools,

One of the most important institutions in our democracy is our elections system which entrusts individuals with the power to select the representatives of our government, in addition to the ability to voice their opinions on local and state propositions.

On behalf of the County of Marin Elections Department and the Marin County Office of Education, we are proud to announce the High School Elections Ambassador Program. This program will choose two students from each high school across Marin County. Students who participate will serve as a crucial link between the Elections Department and their peers.

The High School Elections Ambassador Program has three main objectives:

- (1) To pre-register sixteen and seventeen-year-old high school students in Marin County who meet the applicable criteria, and register high school students in Marin County who are eligible to vote.
- (2) To expand the Marin County Department of Elections High School Poll Worker Program to reach more students and increase participation.
- (3) Highlight the importance of youth engagement and participation in local, state, and federal elections.

The Elections Department and the Marin County Office of Education will ensure that students have all the resources and tools to carry out voter drives at high schools, pre-registering and registering high school students, while also encouraging peers to volunteer to work at the polls. Student ambassadors will gain community engagement experience and, if approved by the school, earn volunteer hours as they promote civic engagement and awareness in the electoral process.

Attached to this letter is the student application to be completed and submitted on or before September 7, 2018. A mandatory training session will take place on September 12 at 4:00 pm. By visiting marinvotes.org, students can find the application and more information. We would appreciate it if you could forward this information to your History and Social Science teachers to share with their students.

Sincerely,

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