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### **Over 80 High School Students to Serve as County Poll Workers in November Election**

*Students can still apply to get firsthand experience at the polls*

**(Redwood City, CA)** Students from five County high schools are currently participating in the San Mateo County Registration & Election Division's Poll Worker program for the November 7, 2017 Consolidated Municipal, School and Special District Election.

The program, called democracyLIVE!, was established to give students a greater awareness of the election process and the rights and responsibilities of voters while serving their community as Poll Workers.

"Student Poll Workers make an invaluable contribution to our democratic process by directly serving the voting public at the polls on Election day," said Mark Church, Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder for San Mateo County. "The experience will also help these students become better-informed voters in the future," he added.

#### **Participating High Schools**

The students currently participating in democracyLIVE! represent five high schools, including:

Oceana High School  
Carlmont High School  
Woodside High School  
Aragon High School  
Burlingame High School

### **Training and Stipend**

Participants will receive training in advance of the election. Student Poll Workers receive a stipend of \$115.00 for the day, plus \$25.00 for the time in the training if they serve on Election Day.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Participants must be:

- Enrolled in high school or 2017 high school graduates
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States
- Residents or students in San Mateo County
- Sixteen years of age or older
- Hold a minimum 2.5 G.P.A.
- Have the written permission of their parents (or guardians) and school

### **Application Deadline**

The deadline for students to apply is October 31.

### **Spanish and Chinese Speakers**

Fluent Spanish and Chinese language speakers are highly encouraged to join democracyLive!

### **For More Information**

To learn more about democracyLIVE! or apply, contact Program Coordinator Karla Gallegos at 650-312-5292, email [democracylive@smcare.org](mailto:democracylive@smcare.org), or visit [www.shapethefuture.org/electionofficers/democracylive](http://www.shapethefuture.org/electionofficers/democracylive).

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