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California's Voter Turnout 2014

57%  

Ages 65-74

8%  

Ages 18-24
California's Racial Ethnic Composition by Age Group

- **Seniors, Ages 65-74**
  - White: 58%
  - Black: 20%
  - Asian Pacific Islander: 15%
  - Latina/o/x: 5%
  - Other: 2%

- **Young Adults, Ages 18-24**
  - White: 47%
  - Black: 30%
  - Asian Pacific Islander: 13%
  - Latina/o/x: 6%
  - Other: 4%
YVote? THERE ARE 4 MILLION POTENTIAL YOUNG VOTERS IN CALIFORNIA.

WE ARE THE LARGEST GENERATION IN CA

1 IN 3 CALIFORNIANS ARE MILLENNIALS

WE ARE THE MOST DIVERSE GENERATION IN CA

7 IN 10 MILLENNIALS ARE BLACK, LATINO OR ASIAN AMERICAN
(compared to 4 in 10 baby boomers)

Source: PPIC September 2016; UC Davis Center for Regional Change
What are some reasons people do not vote?

With the person next to you please discuss the following question (there will be sharing out afterwards)
# History of unequal voting rights

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Contemporary Voter Suppression

Voter suppression continues
“Tactic used to dissuade or outright obstruct people from casting a vote”

- Intimidation at the polls
- Long Lines
- Requiring voter IDs
- Some states have complicated rules for students who go away to college
The History of Fighting for Voting Rights

● 19th Amendment (1920):
  ○ Women were given the right to vote

● Freedom Summer of 1964:
  ○ Thousands of civil rights workers and students congregated in the south in effort to register Black folks

● Voting Rights Act (1965):
  ○ Forbids states from imposing discriminatory restrictions
    ■ literacy tests
  ○ Influences from Civil Rights Activists: MLK, Susan B Anthony, & more

● 26th Amendment (1971):
  ○ Voting Age Lowered to 18

● Pre-Registration in California (2014):
  ○ You can pre-register to vote at 16, but are eligible to at 18

● AB 2466:
  ○ Allowing all citizens on probation to vote, except for those on parole
#Iam1000 Votes

- Many of our youth leaders and volunteers are too young to vote, but not too young to care about their communities, schools, and the impact this election will have on their lives. That is why they are committed to get out the vote for thousands of young voters of color.
- Folks who are undocumented have also taken action to encourage their families, friends and peers to register and Get out The vote.

You do not need to be a citizen, to register and educate voters.
Criminal records and voting

You **CAN** register to vote if you are:

- On probation
- On mandatory supervision
- On post-release community supervision
- On federal supervised release
- A person with a juvenile wardship adjudication
- **Ex-offenders should re-register to vote**
- **In county jail:**
  - Serving a misdemeanor
  - Because jail time is a condition of probation
  - Serving a felony jail sentence
  - Awaiting trial

You **CANNOT** register to vote if you are:

- Currently in state or federal prison
- Currently serving a state prison felony sentence in a county jail or other correctional facility
- Currently on parole with the CA Dept. of Corrections & Rehabilitation

**A MISDEMEANOR NEVER AFFECTS YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!**
City of Delano Population: 52,707

- 7% Have a Bachelor's degree or higher
- 29% Residents live in Poverty
Do 18-24 years old turn out in Kern County?

• Total 18-24 year old citizens live in Kern County
  • 95,776

• Total 18-24 year olds registered to vote in Kern County
  • 39,945

• Total 18-24 year olds turned out to vote in 2018 Primary Election
  • 4,787
Why does it matter? Let’s look at 2016…

- In 2016, the top 3 candidates who won city council seats in Delano, were all within only a FEW hundred votes between each other.

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<td>Ruben Pascual</td>
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<td>Grace Vallejo</td>
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<td>Ricardo G. Chavez</td>
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<td>Rita Jimenez</td>
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Measure U

- In 2016, Measure U which generated MILLIONS of dollars for Delano only passed by only 60 votes!
- YOUR VOTE MATTERS.

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<td>Yes</td>
<td>3685</td>
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<td>No</td>
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Reflection - Get into groups of 2 or 3

• Do youth ages 18-24 in Delano/Kern turn out to vote? Why or why not?

• How would your governing structures look like if all eligible youth (ages 18-24) in Delano/Kern were registered to vote and turned out?
Midterm elections also matter because we select our Congressional representatives

Congress is responsible for:

- Legislative branch of the federal government
- Responsible for federal spending on education, health care, transportation, etc.
- We are voting for a Senate and House of representatives

They have a lot of power to support or challenge the president
School Board Members

School Board Members are:

1. Individually elected
2. Set visions and goals for the district
3. Hire and evaluate the superintendent
4. Adopt and oversee federal budget
YOUR VOTE MATTERS

SCHOOL DISTRICT

- School Funding
- Academic Counseling
- Wellness Centers
- School Climate
- School Facilities

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OCTOBER 22, 2018

ELECTION DAY:
NOVEMBER 6, 2018
YOUR VOTE MATTERS
EVERY VOTE COUNTS, EVERY ELECTION MATTERS

CITY
(Mayor and City Council)
- City Taxes
- Parks and Recreation
- Street Repair
- Police and Fire
- Water/Power/Trash

STATE
(Governor & Legislator)
- Universities
- DMV
- Disability Services
- Health & Welfare
- Water Conservation

FEDERAL
(President & Congress)
- Foreign Policy
- HomeLand Security
- Social Security
- Immigration policy
- Veterans Affairs

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November Elections

- **Statewide**
  - California Governor
  - U.S. Senate and House of representatives
    - They vote on federal policies
    - Share power with the president
  - Propositions
    - Children’s healthcare; Property taxes; Transportation Funding; Rent Control; Cage-Free farm animals
    AND MORE!

- **Local**
  - County representatives
  - City representatives
  - School board
  - Local Measures
Is voting easy?

- **Recommendations**
  - Register to vote by mail to give you a flexible window of time to fill out the ballot
  
  - Study the ballot with mentors and peers before filling out the ballot
Questions or Concerns?