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City of San Diego to Recognize Top High Schools in Voter Registration Challenge

TWO-WEEK CHALLENGE PROMPTED OVER 700 STUDENTS TO REGISTER OR PRE-REGISTER TO VOTE.

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego will announce the winners of the Dr. Shirley N. Weber Voter Registration Challenge during an awards ceremony at City Hall.

The Office of the City Clerk partnered with the Office of Child and Youth Success to host a two-week challenge in September for local high schools as part of the City's ongoing effort to promote civic engagement among local youth. The challenge aligns with the California Education Code that designates the last two weeks of April and September to be High School Voter Education Weeks.

Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., California Secretary of State and City Clerk Diana Fuentes will present awards to the top three winners in two categories: highest number of participating students and highest percentage of participation based on eligible students.

"**It is inspiring to see the excitement for civic engagement from our local San Diego high school students. Their enthusiasm for civic participation reflects a new generation ready to make their voices heard and shape the future of their communities," said City Clerk Fuentes.**

Throughout the challenge, sixteen high schools participated to engage students ages 16 to 18. The winning schools for the highest number of student participation are:

1. San Diego High School
2. The Preuss School UC San Diego
3. Southwest High School

The winning schools with the highest percentage based on the school's number of eligible students are:

1. SD Met High School
2. e3 Civic High
3. High Tech High International

During the challenge, staff shared resources and promotional materials to encourage students to register to vote. In addition to registering students 18 and older to vote, schools encouraged eligible 16- and 17-

year-olds to preregister so they automatically become registered voters when they turn 18 years of age. The Civics Center, a nonprofit and nonpartisan nationwide organization partnered with the City of San Diego to provide “Democracy in a Box” kits, which included materials for voter registration drives and training information for faculty and staff.

All participating schools were invited to attend the awards ceremony in person.

WHAT: Recognition of San Diego High Schools Voter Registration Drive

WHEN: Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 10:30am

WHERE: City Administration Building, Council Chambers
202 C St., 12th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

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