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### **California Students Weigh in on November Ballot Choices**

**SACRAMENTO** – More than 105,000 elementary, middle school and high school students from nearly 400 schools across the state participated in the 2010 MyVote California Student Mock Election. Students cast ballots for the gubernatorial and U.S. Senate contests, and California's nine ballot measures.

Headed up by Secretary of State Debra Bowen and Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell, the MyVote California Student Mock Election is a hands-on civic engagement project for students across the state. The mock election program provided teachers with resources and materials to broaden their civics lessons and make the November 2 General Election a teachable moment.

“While many of the students participating in the mock election aren't old enough to vote alongside their parents on Tuesday, it was great to see so many of them put on their training wheels and get excited about democracy,” said Secretary Bowen, California's chief elections officer. “I hope all students who participated will push their parents or other adults in their lives to turn out for the real statewide election on Tuesday. The ultimate goal is to get every student who cast a mock election ballot hooked on democracy and to be a voter for life.”

Current and past mock election results, including lists of participating schools, are available at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/studentmockelection.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/studentmockelection.htm).

The 2010 mock election results (attached) are based on returns from 389 participating schools. Results will be updated as more schools report their information.

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<b>Governor</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Vote</b>
Chelene Nightingale (AI)	5,186	4.93%
Jerry Brown (D)	51,305	48.79%
Laura Wells (G)	6,140	5.84%
Dale F. Ogden (L)	3,056	2.91%
Carlos Alvarez (PF)	15,814	15.04%
Meg Whitman (R)	23,644	22.49%

<b>U.S. Senate</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Vote</b>
Edward C. Noonan (AI)	5,982	6.08%
Barbara Boxer (D)	47,707	48.46%
Duane Roberts (G)	7,149	7.26%
Gail K. Lightfoot (L)	4,295	4.36%
Marsha Feinland (PF)	11,295	11.47%
Carly Fiorina (R)	22,014	22.36%

<b>Ballot Measures</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Proposition 19</b>				
Legalize Marijuana	52,587	51.68%	49,171	48.32%
<b>Proposition 20</b>				
Congressional Redistricting	40,881	44.96%	50,052	55.04%
<b>Proposition 21</b>				
Vehicle Surcharge	56,004	56.91%	42,403	43.09%
<b>Proposition 22</b>				
Use of Local Funds	55,766	59.91%	37,319	40.09%
<b>Proposition 23</b>				
Air Pollution Law	48,868	50.36%	48,168	49.64%
<b>Proposition 24</b>				
Business Tax Change	50,346	55.48%	40,398	44.52%
<b>Proposition 25</b>				
Majority Vote Budget	49,009	52.60%	44,161	47.40%
<b>Proposition 26</b>				
2/3 Vote for Fees	49,926	56.25%	38,825	43.75%
<b>Proposition 27</b>				
End Redistricting Commission	43,285	49.47%	44,215	50.53%

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