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California Students Pick Their Presidential Candidate, Decide on 12 Ballot Measures in Mock Election

SACRAMENTO – California’s students overwhelmingly favor Barack Obama as the next president of the United States. They also support bond measures for veterans, children’s hospitals, and energy, while opposing a ban on same-sex marriage and a requirement for a parent to be notified before a minor can terminate her pregnancy.

Those are among the results of the 2008 MyVote California Student Mock Election, which Secretary of State Debra Bowen announced today.

“This historic election has captured the nation’s attention, and I wanted California students to have a chance to be part of the excitement,” said Secretary Bowen, California’s chief elections officer. “The response to this year’s mock election has been overwhelming. Students have immersed themselves in the issues and voted in droves, setting a new record for participation. I want to thank all the schools, teachers, and future California voters that have made the MyVote California Student Mock Election such a success.”

Launched by Secretary Bowen and Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O’Connell, the MyVote California Student Mock Election was a hands-on civic engagement project for students across the state. Nearly 260,000 students from 614 schools across the state participated in the election. Students cast ballots on the presidential race and California’s 12 ballot measures.

“Some California high school seniors will cast their first real ballots next week. Many more teens will be voters when California elects its next governor in 2010,” said Secretary Bowen. “I hope the mock election will hook young adults on democracy and spark their interest in future elections.”

The results are listed below.

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President	Votes	Percentage of total vote
Alan Keyes/Wiley S. Drake Sr. (AI)	1,950	0.75%
Barack Obama/Joe Biden (D)	190,891	73.52%
Cynthia McKinney/Rosa Clemente (G)	3,854	1.48%
Bob Barr/Wayne A. Root (L)	2,546	0.98%
Ralph Nader/Matt Gonzalez (PF)	6,253	2.41%
John McCain/Sarah Palin (R)	54,153	20.86%

Ballot Measures	Yes	Percentage	No	Percentage
Proposition 1A High-Speed Train Bond	89,567	48.78%	94,039	51.22%
Proposition 2 Treatment of Farm Animals	137,006	69.53%	60,040	30.47%
Proposition 3 Child Hospitals Bond	132,815	72.91%	49,354	27.09%
Proposition 4 Minor's Pregnancy	89,457	46.75%	101,893	53.25%
Proposition 5 Nonviolent Offenders	93,781	53.02%	83,106	46.98%
Proposition 6 Law Enforcement Funding	87,022	49.90%	87,376	50.10%
Proposition 7 Renewable Energy	124,479	69.34%	55,040	30.66%
Proposition 8 Same-Sex Marriage	85,283	43.48%	110,844	56.52%
Proposition 9 Victims' Rights, Parole	97,024	57.54%	71,596	42.46%
Proposition 10 Energy Bonds	111,287	63.85%	63,009	36.15%
Proposition 11 Redistricting	75,379	46.10%	88,123	53.90%
Proposition 12 Veterans' Bond	107,320	63.70%	61,145	36.30%

The results are based on returns from 614 schools participating in the mock election.

Current and past mock election results are available on the Secretary of State's MyVote California website at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/studentmockelection.htm>.