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CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE ALEX PADILLA

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MEDIA ADVISORY:

Secretary of State Alex Padilla to Address New Citizens and Students in Fresno, Kings, and Tulare Counties

Secretary of State Alex Padilla will address new US Citizens and students in Fresno, Kings, and Tulare counties **today, April 19** in an effort to encourage civic engagement ahead of the 2016 elections.

At 10:00 a.m. Secretary Padilla's first stop is at a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) naturalization ceremony at the Fresno Convention center. He will be encouraging the new citizens to register to vote and stressing the importance of participating in all elections. 681 new citizens, originating from 51 countries, are expected to take the Oath of Allegiance at this ceremony.

At 1:30 p.m. Secretary Padilla will then visit [Mt. Whitney High School](#) in Visalia tomorrow as part of [High School Voter Education Weeks](#) (April 18 – 29). He will discuss the importance of voter registration and the role young people can play in shaping the future through civic participation.

[Click here for resources and more information about High School Voter Education Weeks](#)

At 3:30pm, Secretary Padilla will speak with 100 students at [West Hills Community College](#) in Lemoore, CA about participating in the 2016 elections.

Fresno – Citizenship Ceremony

WHO: Secretary of State Padilla

WHEN: Tuesday, April 19, 2016
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Fresno Convention Center, Valdez Hall
700 M St.
Fresno, CA 93721

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Tulare County – Visit to Mt. Whitney High School

WHO: Secretary of State Padilla

**WHEN: Tuesday, April 19, 2016
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**WHERE: Mt. Whitney High School
900 South Conyer Street
Visalia, CA 93277**

Kings County – Visit to West Hills Community College

**WHO: Secretary of State Padilla
Kristine Lee, Kings County Registrar of Voters**

**WHEN: Tuesday, April 19, 2016
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**WHERE: West Hills Community College
Room 253
555 College Avenue, Lemoore, CA 93245**

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