



**ALEX PADILLA**  
California Secretary of State

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Secretary of State Alex Padilla to Visit Palmdale High School**

**PALMDALE** – Secretary of State Alex Padilla continues [High School Voter Education Weeks](#) (April 16-27) with a visit to [Palmdale High School](#) in Palmdale.

Secretary Padilla will discuss the importance of voting and the role young people can play in shaping the future through civic participation. Secretary of State staff will help students register and pre-register to vote.

As the June 5 Primary is fast approaching, students turning 18 on or before June 5 will have an opportunity to register and cast their first ballot this summer. 16- and 17-year-olds can pre-register to vote, and have their registration automatically activated when they turn 18.

Secretary Padilla recently announced that [over 100,000 pre-registrations have been completed by 16- and 17-year olds](#) since the launch of the pre-registration program in September 2016. He also launched a High School Civic Engagement Portal, [HighSchool.sos.ca.gov](#). High school students can learn more about pre-registration, find out how to be a student poll worker, get resources to host a Student Mock Election on their campus, and learn how to organize voter registration drives on their campuses during High School Voter Education Weeks.

The California Education Code designates the last two full weeks in April and September to be High School Voter Education Weeks. This provides an opportunity for high schools and their students to partner with elections officials to promote civic education and participation on campus and foster an environment that cultivates lifelong voters and active citizens.

**\*Media wishing to attend should RSVP at [sos.press@sos.ca.gov](mailto:sos.press@sos.ca.gov)**

**WHO:** California Secretary of State Alex Padilla

**WHEN:** Friday, April 20  
9:30 – 10:30am

**WHERE:** Palmdale High School  
2137 East Avenue R  
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**VISUALS:** Assembly and rally with Secretary of State Padilla and students.

Voter registration drive, with students using tablets and paper forms to register to vote.

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