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Secretary of State Alex Padilla Invites Businesses, Nonprofits and Government Agencies to participate in “Democracy at Work” Program

SACRAMENTO – California Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced today the nonpartisan *Democracy at Work 2018* initiative urging the business community, local governments, and nonprofit sector employers to promote voter registration and civic engagement to employees and customers ahead of the 2018 elections.

“The business and nonprofit communities, along with local governments, can play a significant role in improving civic engagement,” said Secretary of State Alex Padilla. “I am asking employers throughout our state to help us reach our goal of ensuring that all eligible Californians participate in our democracy. Participation in the *Democracy at Work* program is free and easy. Do your part and help us promote the vote in California.”

[VIDEO: Democracy at Work – Promote the Vote](#)

Interested organizations can sign up to partner with the Secretary of State’s office through the newly redesigned DemocracyAtWork.sos.ca.gov web portal and utilize the online toolkit with sample email messages to staff as well as draft social media posts for customers. The Secretary of State’s Outreach Division can also design customized plans for interested partners.

“Our democracy isn’t a spectator sport—it requires that everyone, including businesses, do their part and participate,” said Gary Toebben, President & CEO of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. “I urge all LA Chamber members and all businesses across California to answer Secretary Padilla’s call for civic engagement and sign up to become a Democracy at Work partner.”

“Frontier is proud to partner with the Secretary of State to promote civic engagement in the communities we serve. An engaged electorate is vital to a healthy democracy and thriving economy,” said Joe Gamble, Frontier Communications’ West Region senior vice president. “Frontier’s expansive network system will play a vital role in helping inform eligible voters on ways to participate in our democracy; and our expanded broadband network in rural areas will further facilitate online voter registration.”

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