



**ALEX PADILLA**  
California Secretary of State

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Secretary of State Alex Padilla to Visit Anderson Clark Magnet High School in Glendale**

**GLENDALE, CA** – Secretary of State Alex Padilla continues [High School Voter Education Weeks](#) (April 15-26) with a visit to [Anderson Clark Magnet High School](#) in Glendale on Wednesday, April 17. The Secretary will be joined by Glendale Mayor Ara Najarian, City Clerk Ardashes “Ardy” Kassakhian, and members of the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education.

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 and Glendale City Clerk staff will be onsite to help students register and pre-register to vote.

In preparation for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary, Secretary Padilla will be encouraging all eligible 16- and 17-year-olds to pre-register to vote. Once pre-registered, their registration will automatically activate when they turn 18. Secretary Padilla will also be highlighting the importance of ensuring California has an accurate count of its residents in the 2020 Census.

In 2018, Secretary Padilla launched a High School Civic Engagement Portal, [HighSchool.sos.ca.gov](http://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 interested in attending should RSVP to [sos.press@sos.ca.gov](mailto:sos.press@sos.ca.gov)**

**WHO:** California Secretary of State Alex Padilla  
Ara Najarian, Mayor, City of Glendale  
Ardashes “Ardy” Kassakhian, Clerk, City of Glendale  
Jennifer Freemon, GUSD Board President  
Dr. Armina Gharpetian, GUSD Board Vice President  
Gregory S. Krikorian, GUSD Board Member  
Shant Sahakian, GUSD Board Member

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019  
9:55 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Anderson Clark Magnet High School  
4747 New York Ave  
Glendale, CA 91214

**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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