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### **Solano Youth Engaging in the Election Process**

**Solano County, CA-** Students from Solano County Office of Education's Solano Youth Coalition (SYC) recently participated in a voter registration training, coordinated in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Solano County (LWVSC) and the Solano County Registrar of Voters.

15 students from SYC participated in voter registration training and hands-on civics learning opportunity for SYC members, sponsored by the League of Women Voters. The overall goal of the SYC and LWVSC partnership is to strengthen citizenship through civic awareness and empowering young voters to take an active role in their community.

Several local professionals guided students through the registration process including: John Gardner, Solano County Assistant Registrar of Voters; election coordinators, Laura King, Theresa Ives and Jordan Bhanji; and lead election technician, Alexa Spering. Using voter iPads to simulate the registration process, students checked voter status and "registered" new voters. They also used training ballots to learn how ballots are counted at polling centers.

The groups hosted a voter registration booth during the Solano Student Art Showcase, on Saturday, May 21, at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo. Solano Youth Coalition members will also put their training to good use on Election Day, Tuesday, June 7, working a polling center at Cordelia Elementary School as part of Solano County's Adopt-a-Poll program.

"We are so proud of the young leaders of SYC who are working to engage local voters in the election process. That local engagement is critical in ensuring that all residents are represented and heard by our elected representatives," remarked Solano Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

"It was encouraging for our staff to see a high level of engagement from future leaders," said John Gardner, Solano County Assistant Registrar of Voters. "SYC members will see the full impact of their voter registration efforts when they work at a polling place on Election Day assisting with the administration of Democracy for our citizens in the June Primary Election."

For more information about the Solano Youth Coalition please contact Johanna Nowak-Palmer at [jnowak@solanocoe.net](mailto:jnowak@solanocoe.net) or Rebecca Floyd at [rfloyd@solanocoe.net](mailto:rfloyd@solanocoe.net).

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