2018 Priorities

In 2018, Future of California Elections and its members will work to modernize elections and expand participation for a more diverse California electorate, by serving the needs of all voters, including underrepresented voters, voters with disabilities and limited English proficient voters in the policy development and implementation of all reforms.

FoCE members will work to expand participation and modernize elections by:

1. Implementing and disseminating best practices on the pre-registration of 16/17-year-olds across California counties
2. Supporting university and colleges as they participate in the California Student Votes Project and offer more and better voter registration opportunities to students.
3. Improve access to voting, polling places and election materials for voters with disabilities by working with county elections officials and the Secretary of State, and their respective Voting Accessibility Advisory Committees
4. Informing implementation and public education of California’s new Motor Voter Law and Same Day Registration, also known as Conditional Voter Registration, in communities across the state
5. Providing technical assistance to counties as they meet their obligations to provide language access in more effective ways, as prescribed in state and federal laws, such as the availability and accessibility of facsimile ballots in languages other than English (AB 918), the implementation new language determinations (Elections Code Section 14201), and through participation on Language Accessibility Advisory Committees.
6. Improving the voter experience through expanded access of plain language and accessible voting information in various formats by working with California Secretary of State and county election officials.
7. Reducing voter confusion of the vote-by-mail process through dissemination of best practices and improved design of vote-by-mail envelopes.
8. Leading a statewide implementation network, Voter’s Choice California, to support counties and communities implementing the Voter’s Choice Act (SB 450) and capturing best practices for expanded 2020 implementation, and encouraging local participation in the election planning process.