

April 30, 2019

The Honorable Evan Low
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: ACA 8: Elections: voter qualifications. - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Low:

On behalf of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, I write to offer our support for ACA 8 which lowers the voting age in California from 18 to 17.

For most young adults, their first contact with the political process is in their high school government class during their senior year or through volunteering on campaigns for community service credit. Moreover, many 18-year-olds are in a time of transition –graduating from high school, going to college, or getting a job. Lowering the voting age to 17 years-old will catch youth at a time when they are still connected to their school, their home, and their community.

By lowering the voting age from 18 to 17, ACA 8 will promote youth becoming involved in matters that affect them personally and promote early civic engagement.

We are pleased to support your ACA 8 and thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact Monterey County's Public Policy advisors, Jennifer Capitolo or Ashley Walker of Nossaman LLP at 916-442-8888.

Sincerely,

John M. Phillips
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc Senator Bill Monning
 Senator Anna Caballero
 Assemblymember Mark Stone
 Assemblymember Robert Rivas
 California State Association of Counties