

Chaffey College Civic and Voter Empowerment Action Plan

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Introduction

Civically engaged students can make a positive difference in their own lives and help to shape their communities. Chaffey College works to support our student's civic engagement by hosting a variety of events, ranging from Constitution Day and Registration Drives to educate them on the importance of actively participating in the electoral process, to hosting semesterly Volunteer Fairs, and empowering student leaders and student clubs who work to bring about political or social change through activism and advocacy. This past year, Chaffey College appointed its first AB963 Coordinator who helped lead a series of events to raise awareness on and increase voter rights and registration amongst our students. Additionally, Chaffey College chose to join the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE) this past year in an effort to better understand the voter registration and voting rates of our student body, which will help to inform our future efforts.

Civic Engagement Plan Goals and Actions Steps

The district will make a good faith effort to distribute voter registration information to each student enrolled and in attendance at the institution. The goals are to increase student awareness and engagement about voting by:

- Maintaining an updated Voter Information webpage on the Chaffey College website: <https://www.chaffey.edu/studentlife/vote.php>
- Hosting nonpartisan voter engagement virtual and hybrid events to educate students about their voting rights and the importance of voting
- Doing outreach about voting dates and deadlines including, noting important voting dates on our academic calendar

Events

AB963 mandated that campuses are to hold a minimum of three (3) election outreach events to increase civic learning, democratic participation, civic engagement, and voter turnout. Chaffey College hosted four (4) events leading up the election, with the participation of San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters Office, student club and organization, staff, faculty and guest speakers. All events were publicized widely to the campus and students with assistance from the Marketing Department sending out emails and social media blasts.

Schedule of Events

1. Tuesday, October 18 from 1pm – 2pm
 - Voter Education Webinar hosted by the San Bernardino County of Registrar of Voters Office
2. Wednesday, October 19 from 12:30pm – 1:30pm
 - Voting Rights: Reclaiming Your Voice presented by retired LAPD officer, Carlos A. Sutton
3. Monday, October 24 from 11am – 2pm
 - Voter Registration Event- last day to register to vote hosted by the Office of Student Life
4. Monday, November 7 from 2:30pm – 4:30pm
 - CCSG Townhall presented by faculty, Julie Song, Danny Keener, Pak Tang, and Kimberly George

Additionally, the Chaffey College Library created the Voting and Education Library Guide <https://libguides.chaffey.edu/vote>

Community Partnerships

Chaffey College has created a partnership with the NAACP Pomona Valley Branch, Committee of Voter Engagement and the San Bernardino County of Registrar of Voters Office. We are looking forward to maintaining these partnerships. The Office of Student Life will continue to work with the Chaffey College Center for Cultural and Social Justice, the Panther Pantry, and handout Constitution booklets.

Evaluation and Reporting

Approximately 20,000 students received emails with voting information and deadlines and links to register to vote.

Chaffey College will assess student voter data with the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE) through the Institute for Democracy & Higher Education (IDHE), which is a non-partisan applied research institute located at Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life. The Civic and Voter Empowerment Action Plan will continue to evolve with staff, faculty and student feedback.

Chaffey College's calendar committee is revamping the academic calendars, both printed and online copies to include the 2023 General Election Critical Dates.

The Office of Student Life will update the Voting webpage as voting information is received and will continue to host future election events both in person and online. The district will ensure it is in compliance with the Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act.