

April 24, 2015

The Honorable Kevin Mullin
State Capitol, Room 2163
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 554 allows high school students, who are legal permanent residents, to serve as poll workers - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Mullin,

On behalf of California Common Cause and our members, I am writing with a letter of support for Assembly Bill 554, which would allow high school students who are legal permanent residents to serve as poll workers.

In order to address the shortage of bilingual poll workers in the state of California, the pool of eligible poll workers must be expanded. AB 554 goes a long way towards meeting these needs by allowing high school students who are legal permanent residents between the ages of 16-18 to become poll workers. Moreover, increased civic engagement by California's youth will provide for a greater awareness of the elections process, the rights and responsibilities of voters, and the importance of participating in the electoral process.

For these reasons, California Common Cause strongly supports AB 554, and we look forward to working with your office. We hope that you will look to our organization if you need any further assistance.

Please contact me at lpedersen@commoncause.org or (213) 623-1216 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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