



June 22, 2020

**VIA E-mail to Author, Committees on Senate Elections & Constitutional Amendments
and Appropriations**

The Honorable Kevin Mullin
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3160
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ACA 4 (Mullin) - Elections: voting age - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Mullin:

The League of Women Voters of California writes to support ACA 4, your proposed constitutional amendment to permit 17-year-olds who will be 18 years of age at the next general election to vote in any intervening primary or special election that occurs before the next general election.

It makes sense to give 17-year olds a voice in the selection of the nominees who will appear on their general election ballots. ACA 4 would also align California with twenty-three states, plus the District of Columbia, which allow 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections or caucuses.

California's youth are deeply underrepresented due to low voter participation rates. ACA 4 provides an opportunity to engage youth at a moment of high interest – while they are studying government in high school. Furthermore, encouraging them to vote during a time when they have established ties to their communities will set them on the path to future participation in our political process. Once voting begins it continues as a life-long habit.

We urge passage of ACA 4 (Mullin) to help address the current low voter participation rates among youth and involve young people in determining California's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Moon Goldberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol Moon Goldberg
President