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## News Release

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### **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY YOUTH CIVICS SUMMIT REINFORCES CIVIC LEARNING AND TRUSTED ELECTION ENGAGEMENT**

Civic engagement begins long before a ballot is cast. The County of Santa Cruz Clerk/Elections Department is committed to strengthening civic knowledge and building lasting trust in elections.

On February 27, 2026, high school students from across the County will gather at Cabrillo College for the 2026 Santa Cruz County Youth Civics Summit. Led by Tricia Webber, County Clerk and Registrar of Voters, and in partnership with the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, United Way of Santa Cruz County, and Cabrillo College, the Summit offers students dynamic, nonpartisan civic learning experience.

Participants will:

- Learn how elections work and why accurate information matters
- Explore media literacy and democratic rights
- Engage with local public officials
- Participate in a mock election

By helping students understand how elections are administered and why civic participation matters, the County is advancing its broader strategic goals of community engagement, equity in access to information, and strengthening public trust in government services.

To learn more about upcoming elections, voter services, or to tour the Clerk/Elections Department email us at [info@votescount.santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:info@votescount.santacruzcountyca.gov) or visit <https://votescount.santacruzcountyca.gov>.