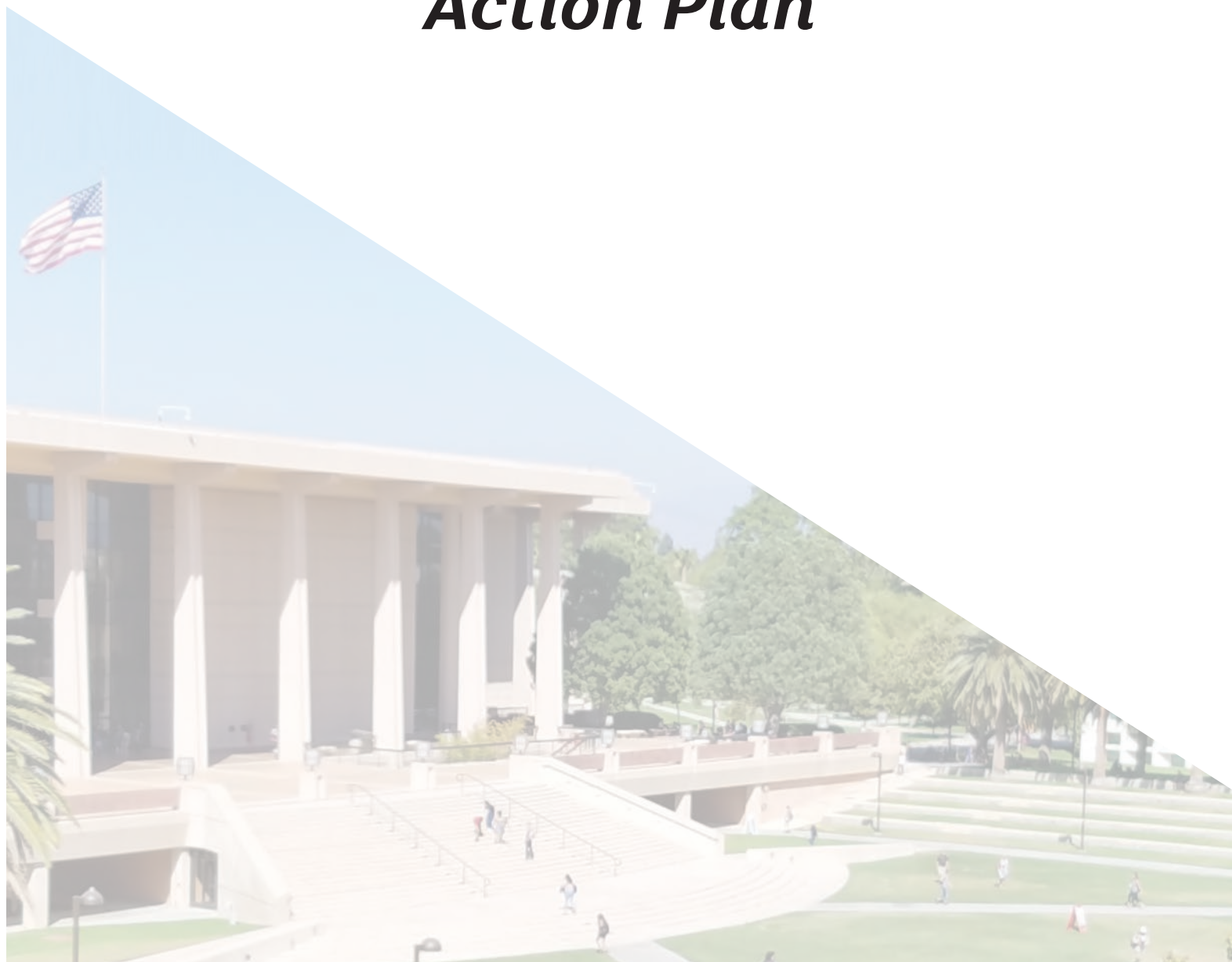


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***All In Democracy Challenge  
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## California State University, Northridge All In Democracy Challenge Action Plan

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California State University, Northridge (CSUN) is *ALL IN* to encourage, develop, support and educate about civic engagement and participation in the democratic process. This document summarizes the activities happening throughout campus during this election season.

### CSUN's All In Democratic Challenge Campus Team:

- Chair, Deborah Cours, Ph.D. Professor and Director, Community Engagement, Academic Affairs
- Vicki Allen, Assistant Director, Matador Involvement Center, Student Affairs
- Jeremy Mauritzen, student, Chair of Legislative Affairs, Associated Students
- Francesca Vega, Director of Government and Community Relations, University Advancement
- Anthony Cantrell, Assistant Director, Valley Performing Arts Center

Together, we have coordinated and compiled a summary of many of the events and activities for the CSUN campus community during this election cycle. In addition to a significant campaign for voter registration and voting participation, our events and activities focus on educating and encouraging students (and others) to participate in the democratic process by analyzing the electoral issues, participating in civil discourse and debate, and a respect for different perspectives. Because of the significant number of international and "Dream" students, who are not eligible to vote, we encourage ways of participating that build self-efficacy and encourage lifelong civic engagement.

## **VOTER REGISTRATION: Ongoing**

Through a partnership among Associated Students, Student Affairs and Community Engagement, we have purchased a university account for TurboVote. We have encouraged students to sign up by email, social media, and through the link inside the student portal and LMS. Competition for registrations are occurring among the Greek and Panhellenic houses and Student Housing. Additionally, representatives from student and community organizations are on campus daily helping to complete voter registrations. At least one academic class has been assigned a service learning project to assist in voter registration.

## **VOTER INFORMATION: Ongoing**

Through TurboVote, as well as other recommended sites including Skimm, Rock The Vote, and iCitizen, students are encouraged to follow political issues and be informed about the local, state and national issues. At least one academic class has been assigned a service learning project to learn about the California ballot initiatives and to present two sided arguments about these issues.

Associated Students have created all campus email reminders and notices on Moodle, CSUN's course management system, to vote.

## RESOURCES FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

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### **Clashes Over Citizenship: Webinar Series on Promoting Listening, Learning, and Engagement**

- [http://www.aacu.org/citizenship/events-resources?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=citizenship16&utm\\_campaign=citizenship16](http://www.aacu.org/citizenship/events-resources?utm_medium=email&utm_source=citizenship16&utm_campaign=citizenship16)

### **Facilitating Difficult Dialogues: An Intercultural Praxis Approach for Transformational Learning**

When:

Wednesday, Sep. 28, 2016, 4 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, 4 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016, 4 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, 4 – 6 p.m.

This series of workshops, led by Professor Kathryn Sorrells (Communication Studies) focuses on how to facilitate difficult dialogues and classroom interaction regarding different perspectives, positionally privilege, and power. An intercultural praxis model, grounded in social justice, is used to address cultural differences within the context of systematic and historical relations of power.

## STUDENT EVENTS & RESOURCES

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### DEBATE WATCH PARTIES

Hosted by Forensics Coach, John Kephart III  
@ The Oviatt Library Media Wall in the ASRS Room, Main Floor

**Sept. 26, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**First Presidential Debate Watch & Discussion**

**Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Vice Presidential Debate Watch & Discussion**

**Includes panel discussion with a visiting debate team from the UK about their perception on the US election and process**

**Oct. 9, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Second Presidential Debate Watch & Discussion**

**Oct. 19, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Third Presidential Debate Watch & Discussion**

Contact: Isis Leninger, Creative Media Studio Coordinator. She can be reached at [isis.leininger@csun.edu](mailto:isis.leininger@csun.edu) or (818)677-7629 (NBC)  
<http://library.csun.edu/learning-commons/media-wall>

### WE THE PEOPLE & BIG POLITICS

Hosted by Associated Students

**Oct. 6, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Sierra Lawn**

Associated Students will be hosting its annual political fair. There will be various candidates, political organizations from around LA and the valley, and many chances to learn about the current issues. Join us for a day of politics, free food, games, art, and fun.

## WIKIPEDIA: Meetup/WikiCalifornia Elections 2016

**Oct. 11, 1 – 4 p.m.**

**Oviatt Library**

Learn about editing Wikipedia entries and about the California ballot initiatives for the 2016 election. Open to all. Registration link and more information available:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup/WikiCalifornia\\_Elections\\_2016](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup/WikiCalifornia_Elections_2016)

Contact: Laura Wimberly, Oviatt Library

## JOKES FOR VOTES

**Oct. 14, 5 p.m.**

**Northridge Center – USU**

A free comedy show featuring Kumail Nanjiani, Beth Stelling, James Odomian, and more.

## PANEL DISCUSSION

**Hosted by Center for Southern California Studies  
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Department of Political Science**

**Oct. 18, 7 p.m.**

**Ferman Presentation Room, Oviatt Library**

A group of distinguished panelists will be discussing the elections and their profound implications in both national and international contexts.

**Featured Panelists:**

- Jane Junn – Professor of Political Science, USC; Research Director, USC Dornsife/LA Times Poll; author of *The Politics of Belonging: Race, Immigration, and Public Opinion*
- Chris Kofinis – CEO, Park Street Strategies; campaign and communications consultant for candidates, groups, and corporations including past work for two presidential campaigns
- Jose-Luis Valdes – Professor of Political Science at UNAM, 2001-2009; served as Director of the Centro de Investigaciones sobre America del Norte (CISAN)

**“BRING IT TO THE TABLE”  
FILM SCREENING****Hosted by Community Engagement and Student Affairs****Oct. 18, 8:15 a.m.– 7:15 p.m.**

Facilitated screening of the film “Bring it to the Table” that makes us focus on the issues and outcomes voters seek – not on the party to which they subscribe.

**CALIFORNIA STATE BALLOT GRAND INITIATIVE DISCUSSION  
PROP 60: THE PROPOSITION ON PORN  
What’s at Stake this November****Oct. 21, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.****Ferman Presentation Room, Oviatt Library**

Free pizza for all participants. LA County Registrar of Voters will also staff a table during this event.

Featured Panelists:

- Professor Tom Hogan-Esch, CSUN Department of Political Science
- Professor Shira Tarrant, Cal State Long Beach Department of Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies and author of /The Pornography Industry/ (Oxford UP, 2016)
- Adam Cohen, Director of Advocacy and Policy Research, AIDS Healthcare Foundation
- Chanel Preston, Chair of the Adult Performer Advocacy Committee, Free Speech Coalition

**EOP FREE SPEECH EVENT****Oct. 26, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.****Matador Square**

The Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP) hosts an annual Free Speech Event, which celebrates freedom of speech protected by the First Amendment. EOP encourages the entire CSUN community to participate and spectate through speech, spoken word, poetry, music, art or dance. Students from different clubs and organizations are welcome to participate in this free event.

## **U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES VISIT CSUN**

**Nov. 1, 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Lakeview Terrace Room – USU**

As part of their Candidate to Campus program, CSUN Government and Community Relations has organized an event to allow students and the public to hear U.S. Senate candidates Kamala Harris and Loretta Sanchez to speak on several issues.

## **VOTE OR DIE LAUGHING**

**Nov. 1, 8 p.m., Valley Performing Arts Center**

The 2016 election trail has been harrowing and hilarious. No better time to send in the clowns of political satire — Culture Clash! The boys are back in the Valley just one week before the election. Join them to celebrate Día de los Muertos with some of the most daring artists of our time, Carpa Mexicana for the politically inclined. Richard Montoya, Ric Salinas and Herbert Siguenza lead the LA-based Culture Clash, now surpassing their 5000th performance, shining a light on the brown rainbow and giving voice to the voiceless.

<http://www.valleyperformingartscenter.org/calendar/details/vote-or-die-laughing>

**Nov. 8: ELECTION DAY!**

## **GET OUT THE VOTE BOOTH**

**Nov. 8, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

A Get Out the Vote booth will be set up at CSUN's weekly Farmers Market. Students will be able to grab some local food and produce while Get Out the Vote representatives remind them where to exercise their right to vote.

## **STUDENT HOUSING WALK TO THE POLLS**

**Nov. 8,**

CSUN's Student Housing will encourage students to get out of their dorms and vote. Students will be able to join their peers in a walk to their local voting polls as a group.