



**OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER**  
**Evan Low**  
TWENTY-EIGHTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT  
**Legislative Proposal: 2019-2020 Session**

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**DATE RECEIVED:**

NOTE: Thank you for contacting the office of Assemblymember Evan Low regarding your idea for possible legislation. In order to expedite the processing of the many proposals we receive, please take the time to complete the following request form, and return it electronically - if possible – to Mao Yang ([Mao.Yang@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Mao.Yang@asm.ca.gov)) with “Legislative Proposal” as the subject line. If you are unable to return it by e-mail, please fax it to 916-319-2128, with a cover sheet that clearly indicates “Legislative Proposal.” Thank you, again, for taking the time to complete this form, and we will consider your legislative proposals in the coming year.

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**1. Origin of the Bill:**

- a. What person, organization, or government entity is requesting the introduction of this legislation? Please include names and contact information.

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2. To your knowledge, has a similar bill been introduced in this or any previous session of the legislature? If so, please identify the session, number, and disposition of the bill.

No

# LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL REQUEST

A typical Assembly office receives more than 100 requests for legislation each year. Although many of these proposals are meritorious, Assembly Rules allow a Member of the Assembly to author no more than 40 bills in a two-year period. To assist Assemblymember Low in evaluating legislative proposals, he requests that you respond to each item below. No proposal will be considered unless all of the following information is provided (to the best you can answer).

1. **PROPOSAL SUMMARY.** Please describe the proposal in one sentence.

We propose to introduce education on local government (i.e. city, county, state governments) and their engagement to public high schools

2. **PROBLEM.** Please describe the problem(s) that the proposal would address (please be specific, with supporting data and sources).

Voter turnout to Californian elections at all levels below federal has been on a steady decline for the last decade. Yet, turnout to national elections has actually shown an increase, suggesting that the people's response to growing disillusionment is to pursue the federal elections. By educating society on much more tangible forms of change, we encourage a citizenry that is more knowledgeable and effective.

3. **SOLUTION.** Please describe the proposal and how the proposal would address the problem (please be specific, citing existing law if possible)

By giving the youth the tools to understand and leverage their local governments, voter turnout at local elections would like increase, which is already a benefit to our democracy at the local level. Moreover, by understanding the powers of each body of government in relation to the other, people will better understand how to address the issues that are important to them, halting the problematic trend that currently involves only an increase to federal elections, for these elections seldom tangibly address the needs of individual citizens.

4. **COST.** Please describe the estimated cost of proposal and identify the entity that would pay for the proposal. If state would pay, please identify a source for the funding and where you would recommend cutting state spending to pay for the proposal.

The cost of enacting this proposal should be rather minimal. The nature of such education involves the transfer-of-knowledge, as compared to the need of something interactive like in math or science. A reasonable way to accustom each school to such a curriculum is to simply make a state-wide PowerPoint or some presentation file that can be reused by each individual school, without much additional cost for training or materials. From there, schools can use their own digression regarding how they wish to enhance such education; however, a baseline should be mandated that each school teaches the material.

5. **ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT.** Please describe the likely organizations that would support the proposal.

Institute for Local Government  
Public Policy Institute  
California Policy Center

6. **ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT.** Please identify the top three arguments in support of the proposal.

Encourages voter participation—local governments run more by people rather than money/status.

Decrease citizens' disillusionment

Empowers citizens to take action to solve their own problems

7. **ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION.** Please describe the likely organizations that would oppose the proposal.

California Federation of Teachers

8. **ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION.** Please identify the top three arguments in opposition to the proposal.

More responsibilities for teachers

9. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION.** Please attach any reports, studies, etc., that support the need for the proposal.

Attached to this file is a proposal I wrote that outlines the proposed bill in detail as well as a report that supports the introduction of this bill.

10. **CONTACT.** Please provide the name, title and phone number of the person who will be the contact on this proposal.

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