



# Peace and Freedom Party of California

## Legislative Committee

Kevin Akin, Riverside; Mary Lou Finley, San Diego; Dave Kadlecsek, Vice Chair, Sacramento; Tom Lacey, Secretary, San Francisco; Kevin Martinez, Sacramento; Debra Reiger, Sacramento; John Reiger, Chair, Sacramento; Maureen Smith, Santa Cruz; Alice Stek, Los Angeles; C. T. Weber, Legislative Liaison, Sacramento.

---

Honorable Senator Henry I. Stern  
1021 O Street, Suite 7710  
Sacramento, CA 95814-490  
Subject: SCA 2 (Stern) Elections: Voter Qualifications: SUPPORT

Dear Senator Stern:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Freedom Party of California in support of SCA 2.

SCA 2 would submit a constitutional amendment to the voters of California which, if passed, would lower the voting age in California to 17. This is important because studies show that the lower the age at which a person first engages in electoral politics the more likely it is that person will remain an active voter. Of course, we would like to see the voting age lowered to 16

Once this bill becomes law, we encourage the legislature to lower the age of pre-registration from 16 to 15. And even though proposition 18 failed, I would also like to suggest that another constitutional amendment that would allow those who will be of voting age by the time of the next general election be able to vote in the next primary and special elections.

The Peace and Freedom Party has always supported lowering the voting age. I understand that the Peace and Freedom Party launched an initiative in 1968, the year the party qualified for the ballot in California, to lower the voting age to 18. It failed but the spark was there and in 1971 three-quarters of the states ratified the Twenty-sixth Amendment which lowered the voting age to 18 nationwide.

Because of our long-time commitment to lowering the voting age and for other reasons, the Peace and Freedom Party supports SCA 2. For more information, please contact me at [CTWeberVoters@att.net](mailto:CTWeberVoters@att.net)

Sincerely,

*C. T. Weber*

C. T. Weber  
Legislative Liaison  
Peace and Freedom Party of California

