

# Why Your Vote Matters: Class Discussion/Essay Prompts

**Purpose of this document:** This resource was prepared to help support faculty who choose to integrate the “Why Your Vote Matters” event being organized by the Office of Sustainability into their courses. Faculty should not feel obligated to use it or discouraged from developing their own assignments, requirements or prompts!

**Extra credit tracking method:** Student participation will be tracked via pre-registration for this event as well as via a digital “sign-in sheet” distributed through the Zoom chat window during the live event. Faculty may also choose to require students to complete a reflection essay using one or more of these prompts in order to earn assignment credit or extra credit.

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**Tues, Oct 20 – 1:30 - 2:45pm:** *Voter education and get out the vote event with U.S. Senator Cory Booker, Secretary of State Alex Padilla and the California League of Conservation Voters*

### **PROMPTS:**

- What role does voting play in creating a more just, equitable and sustainable country, both locally and on a national scale?
- What was the single most interesting, surprising, impactful or motivating thing you learned from Senator Booker’s remarks and why?
- What is one or more takeaway(s) that you learned from Secretary of State Alex Padilla that you will use to inform you as a voter for this upcoming election? What will do you with this new knowledge to encourage others in your family or circle to become civically engaged?
- What did you learn about the California League of Conservation Voters? Why are organizations like it important to our democratic process?