**Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, October 2022**

Details are in the October issue of the *Advocacy Communicator.*

* PTA is nonpartisan, meaning we don’t support or oppose candidates. However, we can encourage people to register to vote, provide information about all of the candidates in a school board race through a candidate forum or questionnaire, and encourage people to vote.
* PTA does take positions on legislative bills and ballot propositions. California State PTA is urging a yes vote on Prop. 28, which provides funding for music and arts education at all public schools, and Prop. 31, which would approve a law banning flavored tobacco products.
* Sacramento Safari will be in the state capitol February 27 and 28, 2023. The cost is about $800 per person, but actually being in Sacramento makes it a much more meaningful experience as compared to being on Zoom. Are we sending someone from our PTA?
* General Election voting in Orange County begins around October 10, when the Registrar of Voters begins mailing out ballots to all registered voters. You can return your ballot by mailing it or depositing it in a Ballot Drop Box. Or you can vote at any Voter Center in Orange County.
* The Communicator has an explanation of where the funding for our schools comes from. It might surprise you.
* AB 1614, which was sponsored by California State PTA, did not pass during the legislative session that recently ended. The bill would have increased the base grant in the Local Control Funding Formula. It may be re-introduced in the next legislative session.
* The next Advocacy Forum is scheduled for November 18 at 9:30 a.m. Put the date on your calendar. These forums are always very interesting and informative.

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