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10/26/2016	*	Committee on Governmental Operations	Approved by Committee	Pass
10/27/2016	*	City Council	Approved, by Council	Pass

Res. No. 695

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A2529/S857, allowing 16 and 17 year-olds to pre-register to vote.

By Council Members Rosenthal, Kallos, Constantinides, Cumbo, Johnson, Richards, Rose, Gentile, Menchaca, Miller, Lander, Cohen, Van Bramer and Levin

Whereas, The U.S. Census Bureau found that in 2010 only 46.6% of eligible New York voters between the ages of 16 and 24 were registered to vote; and

Whereas, New York State does not currently allow 16- and 17-year-olds to pre-register to vote; and

Whereas, Over one dozen states allow 16- and 17-year-olds to pre-register to vote; and

Whereas, Advocates argue that young adults who are engaged in the election process at an early age are more likely to stay engaged in the political process and continue to meet their civic duty to vote; and

Whereas, At the age of 16 many youth first interact with the Department of Motor Vehicles, making it an appropriate time and place for collecting information for voter pre-registration; and

Whereas, In New York City, school is still compulsory for 16- and 17-year olds, making school an appropriate venue for providing information on and encouraging pre-registration and registration; and

Whereas, Submission of voter registration or pre-registration forms would not interfere with the education of students, as it would not be a course requirement or graded assignment for students; and

Whereas, A2529/S857, legislation introduced in the New York State Assembly and Senate, respectively, during the 2015-2016 legislative session, would require local boards of education to adopt policies to promote student voter registration and pre-registration; and

Whereas, A2529/S857 would allow 16- and 17-year-olds to pre-register to vote; and

Whereas, A version of these bills from last session, A2042, passed the Assembly in 2013 and 2014, but its companion bill S1992 died in the Senate both years; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A2529/S857, allowing 16 and 17 year-olds to pre-register to vote.

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