

ASLMU Senate

Resolution Election Day Resolution

“A good Catholic meddles in politics.” -Pope Francis

- I. *WHEREAS, the University’s mission statement encourages being a person with and for othersⁱ, specifically, through service and voicing our ideals for those who cannot.*

- II. *WHEREAS, voter suppression still affects the lives of many Americans in past elections. Current day restraints include restrictions towards people with a criminal background, registration policies, new government ID requirements, and difficulties pertaining to the timing and location of polling booths which have a disproportionate impact on communities of color.*

- III. *WHEREAS, in accordance with the Jesuit devotion to serving historically marginalized people and communities, voting is an act of service to our undocumented student community, and the 10 million Americans who are denied the right to vote due to documentation status alone.*

- IV. *WHEREAS, Pope Francis has stated that “A good Catholic meddles in Politics” and encourages voting in this 2020 cycle. “Fratelli Tutti,” echoing the long-standing Catholic value of voting as an act of service presented in St. Pope John Paul II’s encyclical “Evangelium Vitae.”ⁱⁱ*

- V. *WHEREAS, Jesuit universities such as Fordham University and College of the Holy Cross and other institutions such as American University, Brown University, University of Utah, and Colorado College have allocated the first Tuesday of November off in an Election Year to allow students and professors to voteⁱⁱⁱ.*

- VI. *WHEREAS, only 48.3% of college students voted in the 2016 election.^{iv} Reasons college students didn’t take part in voting included schedule conflicts, stress from workload, and students not being registered.*

VII. *WHEREAS, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division One Student-Athlete Advisory Committee ruled that the first Tuesday of November (Election Day) would be a day off from practice and games in order to allow student athletes to vote; with Loyola Marymount University being a Division One school and a member of the West Coast Conference.*

VIII. *WHEREAS, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee of LMU created the Hear Our Roar initiative to make sure that Student Athletes and the Athletic community at LMU is ready to vote, achieving the goal of getting every student athlete who is eligible to vote registered.*

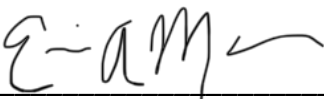
IX. *WHEREAS Loyola Marymount University has launched "Listen, Engage, Vote", a campus wide campaign encouraging civic engagement and showing a commitment to "support our community's participation in the...Presidential Election."*

X. *THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ASLMU encourages Loyola Marymount University to establish future national Election Days, as a university holiday will ease stress pertaining to voting. This will allow LMU to be a leader on the national stage in ending voter suppression.*

XI. *THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ASLMU believes that Loyola Marymount University should ensure that there will be no classes held on Election Day to allow students and faculty to participate in our civic duty in our Democracy and vote.*

DocuSigned by:
Bailey Woinarowicz
EBFF8D5CA1B540E...

Bailey Woinarowicz
Senator for NCAA Athletes



Elsie Mares
ASLMU Vice President

DocuSigned by:
Kyle Saavedra
1660FA0F2EFD460...

Kyle Saavedra
ASLMU Speaker of the Senate

DocuSigned by:
Leslie Sepulveda
369B1DA7A6A647A...

Leslie Sepulveda
ASLMU Attorney General

ⁱ University, Loyola Marymount. "Mission and Ministry." Mission and Ministry - Loyola Marymount University. Accessed October 16, 2020. <https://mission.lmu.edu/>.

ⁱⁱ "Contemplation and Political Action: An Ignatian Guide to Civic Engagement." <https://www.jesuits.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/CivicEngagement-v10.pdf>. ©2020 Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, n.d.

ⁱⁱⁱ Rada, Nicole Via y. "This Election Is Everything': College Students Push Schools to Cancel Classes on Election Day." NBCNews.com. NBCUniversal News Group, October 10, 2020. <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2020-election/election-everything-college-students-push-schools-cancel-classes-election-day-n1242162>.

^{iv} "Study: College Student Voting Rose in 2016 Election." Inside Higher Ed. Accessed October 16, 2020. <https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2017/09/21/study-college-student-voting-rose-2016-election>.

^v "Listen. Engage. Vote." LMU, October 16, 2020. <https://listenengagevote.lmu.edu/>.

Special thanks to Gabi Jeakle in the Center for Service and Action for helping with the wording of this resolution.