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**Anthony Arya from The Voice will sing at Voter Party celebrating first-time voters this Sunday**

Be inspired to make your voice heard this Sunday, October 28, from 4 pm-8 pm as the Santa Cruz Women’s March, along with the Santa Cruz County Elections Office, County Office of Education, and IGNITE celebrate first-time voters at the Museum of Art and History.

“Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this inspirational event to celebrate first-time voters and promote the vote on November 6,” County Clerk Gail Pellerin said.

Voter-engaged youth are especially encouraged to attend this fun, youth-inspired event where we will have student speakers and musicians, art activities, voter information, and food. Come and hear the voices of our future!

Music performances will be provided by The Voice’s Anthony Arya, along with local artists Gina Rene, Tessa Schnaps, Melancholy Tides, Sadie & The Freefallers, and Colonel Kelp.

The lineup of inspirational speakers includes Meghan Goodhue, president of the Cabrillo College chapter of IGNITE; MK Veniegas, a young activist and artist who identifies as a “brown, queer, first generation immigrant of color; and Carmen Azmitia a young activist from Santa Cruz High School.

In conjunction with this event, organizers are seeking artwork with the theme “Why I Vote.” This artwork will be displayed at the MAH during the event. After the event, all artwork will be displayed at the County Clerk/Elections office on the 3rd floor of the County Building until the election. In addition, one selected piece of artwork will be used for the Santa Cruz County March 2020 Primary Election and will also receive a $500 scholarship. Other artwork (with artist consent) will be used by the Santa Cruz County elections office for voter participation outreach materials.

All ages are welcome to submit, but prizes are limited to young artists aged 18-25. Please direct questions about the artwork to Myra Eastman at myra@myraeastman.com.

For more information, please contact the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department at 831-454-2060, info@votescount.com, or go online to [www.votescount.com](http://www.votescount.com/).

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