

## INFORMATION SHEET FOR UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

### ***EXAMINING FIRST VOTE: Learning in U.S. Government Classes***

Examining First Vote is a research study conducted by Professor John Rogers from the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). You were selected as a possible participant in this study because you are a student in a 12<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. Government class this fall.

Participation in this research study is voluntary. You can choose whether or not to participate in all or part of the study.

#### **Why is this study being done?**

This study examines the civic understandings of high school seniors enrolled in U.S. Government classes during the period of the general election campaign of November 2012. The purpose of the study is to provide social studies teachers with guidance about how to use future elections to promote student learning about politics and political participation.

#### **What does it mean to participate in this research study?**

Professor John Rogers plans to conduct two surveys—one now and one in a few weeks. The survey includes multiple-choice questions about your understanding of topics related to government, politics, and civic participation. The survey will be confidential—it will not include your name.

Students can choose whether or not to participate in this survey. Participation in the survey will not affect your grade in your government class.

If you would rather not participate in the survey, please tell your teacher. You can inform your teacher orally, with a note, or by speaking to him or her at the end of class.

There are no known risks from participation in this study. The study aims to benefit future students by gathering information that can help social studies teachers develop more powerful lessons.

If you have any questions about the study or what it means to participate, you can contact Professor Rogers at 310-206-4620 or [rogers@gseis.ucla.edu](mailto:rogers@gseis.ucla.edu).

If you wish to ask questions about your rights as a research participant or if you wish to voice any problems or concerns you may have about the study to someone other than the researchers, please call the Office of the Human Research Protection Program at (310) 825-7122 or write to Office of the Human Research Protection Program, UCLA, 11000 Kinross Avenue, Suite 102, Box 951694, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1694.