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ASI Lobby Corps to host events at CSUF promoting political participation

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Associated Students' Lobby Corps Commission has numerous events planned this fall to help students become more politically informed for the upcoming midterm elections on Nov. 6.

The first of its events, the October Candidate Forums, are an opportunity for students to ask questions directly to candidates running for the 65th State Assembly District, the 39th Congressional District and the 4th Supervisor District, said Meghan Waymire, chief governmental officer of Associated Students at Cal State Fullerton.

CSUF is situated within these specific districts. The forum for the State Assembly will be held on Oct. 4, the Congressional District on Oct. 18 and the Supervisor District on Oct. 25, Waymire said.

The Faculty Voter Registration Drive is a new event this year that brings faculty and students together to help students register to vote in front of department buildings.

The buildings include: College Park, Clayes Performing Arts Center, Engineering, Humanities, Kinesiology, Langsdorf, McCarthy, Mihaylo, Ruby Gerontology Center and University Hall. The registration event is scheduled for Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Waymire said.

"Faculty talk to students more than anyone else on campus. If you really want to target students, I think faculty is a great way to do it because they're in their classes every day," Waymire said.

Waymire said in the Lobby Corps meeting Wednesday that the Political Palooza, a political fair, will be held on Oct. 30 in front of the Titan Student Union. Students will be able to ask any questions they have on the upcoming election ballot or political candidates.

"We're going to invite candidates and campaigns. Also, inviting different organizations both on and off campus where students can get politically involved. We're going to have basic ballot information, that way they can learn more of what's on the ballot," Waymire said.

Lobby Corps Commission is open to students who want to know more about public policies and local government, according to the Associated Students' website

"Lobby Corps meetings are open to everyone, we wanted to make sure that students are aware of what the props are about," Waymire said. "We need to make sure that they're educated (on) what different props actually mean. I think it can be difficult sometimes because the way legislation is written can be extremely confusing."