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More than 2,200 Middle and High School Students to Compete in Teach Democracy Los Angeles County Mock Trial Competition at Stanley Mosk Courthouse Starting on November 2

Los Angeles County middle and high school students compete for the next four weeks to secure their place to advance to the Mock Trial State Championship

LOS ANGELES- November 1, 2023-- More than 2,200 local middle and high school students will compete in the Los Angeles County Mock Trial competition at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse from November 2 to December 4, 2023 to secure their place to advance to the state championship. Hosted by Teach Democracy, formerly the Constitutional Rights

Foundation, a Los Angeles-based non-profit that provides nonpartisan civic education through interactive programs for youth, starts its new Mock Trial Program season with 124 teams from middle and high schools across Los Angeles County.

The winning Los Angeles County team, along with champions from other California counties, will assemble again for the California State Mock Trial finals in March 2024.

"We're excited to welcome our students back for the first in-person Los Angeles County competition since the pandemic," said Teach Democracy President Amanda Susskind. "Mock trial brings together thousands of students and judges and attorneys who volunteer their time

in the courtroom to score students on their understanding of the law and their ability to argue their legal case."

For more than 42 years, Teach Democracy has brought high school mock trial programs to counties throughout California. With more than 8,000 students participating statewide, the program teaches working knowledge of our judicial system as participants develop critical and analytical thinking, communications skills and gain an understanding of their obligations and responsibilities as participating members of our society. Students portray the roles of attorneys, witnesses, clerks and bailiffs to solve hypothetical criminal cases in front of real judges and attorneys.

To learn more about Teach Democracy, visit: www.TeachDemocracy.org.

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About Teach Democracy

Teach Democracy was established in 1963 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. Teach Democracy's mission is to inspire lifelong civic engagement through interactive programs and resources for teachers and youth because our democracy depends on informed participation by all. Teach Democracy's vision is for a society in which all young people become lifelong, knowledgeable, and confident participants in our democracy. For more information, please visit: www.TeachDemocracy.org.