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TEACH DEMOCRACY NAMES STEPHANIE DOUTE AS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LOS ANGELES, (March 3, 2025) – Teach Democracy, a national leader in civic education for over six decades, has announced the appointment of Stephanie Doute, CAE as its new Chief Executive Officer. This appointment follows a comprehensive national search to find a leader who embodies the organization’s vision of empowering young people to shape the future of democracy.

“We are delighted to welcome Stephanie to Teach Democracy,” said Jason Lo, Chair of Teach Democracy’s Board of Directors. She has deep nonprofit experience and is perfectly poised to lead us through a pivotal moment in our 61-year history when civic education is of critical importance to the youth in our country.”

Doute brings a wealth of experience from her tenure as CEO of the League of Women Voters of California, where she spearheaded transformation in the century-old organization. Under her leadership, the League advanced a justice- and equity-focused public policy agenda and forged impactful partnerships with corporate and community stakeholders. Her accomplishments include expanding community impact programs, securing increased funding, and innovating the organization’s approach to civic engagement.

In addition to her professional achievements, Doute has earned numerous accolades, including leading her teams to multiple 2021 PRSA Silver Anvil Awards and the Hispanic Public Relations Association BRAVA! Award for their “Activating Youth Voice for Voter Turnout” campaign. She was recognized in USAE’s 40 Under 40 list and has served on the Board of Directors for the Sacramento LGBT Community Center. In 2023, she was appointed Commissioner to the Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

“We see depressed participation of young people in democracy and civic life—whether we look at voter turnout or other aspects of civic engagement,” said Doute. “These are the people most impacted by the success or failure of our government at every level and who have the most potential to strengthen American democracy for all people. Civic education and engagement is arguably one of the singular most critical strategies to engaging younger people and securing our democracy now and into the future.”

Formerly known as the Constitutional Rights Foundation, Teach Democracy has been a trusted source of free curricula, materials, and resources for K-12 students, educators, and parents across the U.S. since its founding in 1963. While its mission has evolved to address the broader facets of civic learning, the organization remains committed to equipping young people with the critical thinking skills, empathy, and confidence to drive meaningful change.

“With her skill set and leadership qualities, Stephanie is uniquely positioned to work across diverse communities to ensure that Teach Democracy programs reach all stakeholders who wish to help us educate and empower K-12 youth across the nation,” said Shannon Alexander, Chair of the Search Committee

Teach Democracy’s mission is to inspire lifelong civic engagement through interactive programs and resources for teachers and youth, recognizing that democracy thrives on informed participation by all.

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