

STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES

November 3, 2020

YOUR
VOTE
COUNTS

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PROPOSITION 18 | Primary Voting for 17-Year-Olds Amendment

	A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to allow 17-year-olds who will be 18 at the time of the next general election to vote in primary elections and special elections.
✗	A "no" vote opposes this constitutional amendment, thereby continuing to prohibit 17-year-olds who will be 18 at the time of the next general election to vote in primary elections and special elections.

PROPOSITION 19 | Property Tax Transfers, Exemptions, and Revenue for Wildfire Agencies and Counties Amendment

✓	<p>A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow eligible homeowners to transfer their tax assessments anywhere within the state and enable tax assessments to be transferred to a more expensive home with an upward adjustment; Increase the number of times that persons over 55 years old or with severe disabilities can transfer their tax assessments from one to three; Require that inherited homes that are not used as principal residences, such as second homes or rentals, be reassessed at market value when transferred; and Allocate additional revenue or net savings resulting from the ballot measure to wildfire agencies and counties.
	<p>A "no" vote opposes this constitutional amendment to, therefore continuing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow eligible homeowners to transfer their tax assessments within counties and to homes of equal or lesser market value; Increase the number of times that persons over 55 years old or with severe disabilities can transfer their tax assessments from one to three; and Allow the tax assessments on inherited homes, including those not used as principal residences, to be transferred from parent to child or grandparent to grandchild.

PROPOSITION 20 | Criminal Sentencing, Parole, and DNA Collection Initiative

○	A "yes" vote supports this initiative to add crimes to the list of violent felonies for which early parole is restricted; recategorize certain types of theft and fraud crimes as wobblers (chargeable as misdemeanors or felonies), and require DNA collection for certain misdemeanors.
○	A "no" vote opposes this initiative to add crimes to the list of violent felonies for which early parole is restricted; recategorize certain types of theft and fraud crimes as wobblers (chargeable as misdemeanors or felonies), and require DNA collection for certain misdemeanors.

PROPOSITION 21 | Local Rent Control Initiative

	A "yes" vote supports this ballot initiative to allow local governments to enact rent control on housing that was first occupied over 15 years ago, with an exception for landlords who own no more than two homes with distinct titles or subdivided interests.
✗	A "no" vote opposes this ballot initiative, thereby continuing to prohibit rent control on housing that was first occupied after February 1, 1995, and housing units with distinct titles, such as single-family homes.

PROPOSITION 22 | App-Based Drivers as Contractors and Labor Policies Initiative

✓	A "yes" vote supports this ballot initiative to define app-based transportation (rideshare) and delivery drivers as independent contractors and adopt labor and wage policies specific to app-based drivers and companies.
	A "no" vote opposes this ballot initiative, meaning California Assembly Bill 5 (2019) could be used to decide whether app-based drivers are employees or independent contractors.

PROPOSITION 23 | Dialysis Clinic Requirements Initiative

○	A "yes" vote supports this ballot initiative to require chronic dialysis clinics to: have an on-site physician while patients are being treated; report data on dialysis-related infections; obtain consent from the state health department before closing a clinic; and not discriminate against patients based on the source of payment for care.
○	A "no" vote opposes this ballot initiative to require chronic dialysis clinics to: have an on-site physician while patients are being treated; report data on dialysis-related infections; obtain consent from the state health department before closing a clinic; and not discriminate against patients based on the source of payment for care.

PROPOSITION 24 | Consumer Personal Information Law and Agency Initiative

	A "yes" vote supports this ballot initiative to expand the state's consumer data privacy laws, including provisions to allow consumers to direct businesses to not share their personal information; remove the time period in which businesses can fix violations before being penalized; and create the Privacy Protection Agency to enforce the state's consumer data privacy laws.
✗	A "no" vote opposes this ballot initiative to expand the state's consumer data privacy laws or create the Privacy Protection Agency to enforce the state's consumer data privacy laws.

PROPOSITION 25 | Replace Cash Bail with Risk Assessments Referendum

	A "yes" is to uphold the contested legislation, Senate Bill 10 (SB 10), which would replace cash bail with risk assessments for detained suspects awaiting trials.
✗	A "no" vote is to repeal the contested legislation, Senate Bill 10 (SB 10), thus keeping in place the use of cash bail for detained suspects awaiting trials.

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All Taxes & Fees

- Must be fair.
- Must be understandable.
- Must be cost effective.
- Must be good for the economy.

All Expenditures

- Must be fiscally responsible.
- Must be economically sustainable.
- Must be societally equitable.

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PROPOSITION 14 | Stem Cell Research Institute Bond Initiative

	A "yes" vote supports issuing \$5.5 billion general obligation bonds for the state's stem cell research institute and making changes to the institute's governance structure and programs.
✗	A "no" vote opposes issuing \$5.5 billion general obligation bonds for the state's stem cell research institute, which ran out funds derived from Proposition 71 (2004) for new projects in 2019.

PROPOSITION 15 | Tax on Commercial and Industrial Properties for Education and Local Government Funding Initiative

	A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to require commercial and industrial properties, except those zoned as commercial agriculture, to be taxed based on their market value, rather than their purchase price.
✗	A "no" vote opposes this constitutional amendment, thus continuing to tax commercial and industrial properties based on a property's purchase price, with annual increases equal to the rate of inflation or 2 percent, whichever is lower.

PROPOSITION 16 | Repeal Proposition 209 Affirmative Action Amendment

ⓘ	A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to repeal Proposition 209 (1996), which prohibited the state from <i>discriminating against</i> or <i>granting preferential treatment</i> to persons based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, and public contracting.
ⓘ	A "no" vote opposes this constitutional amendment, thereby keeping Proposition 209 (1996), which prohibited the state from <i>discriminating against</i> or <i>granting preferential treatment</i> to persons based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, and public contracting.

PROPOSITION 17 | Voting Rights Restoration for Persons on Parole Amendment

	A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to allow people on parole for felony convictions to vote.
✗	A "no" vote opposes this constitutional amendment, thereby continuing to prohibit people who are on parole for felony convictions from voting.

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KERN COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES | NOVEMBER 3, 2020

✓ MEASURE F | Maricopa Union School District | \$14M School Bond

The District has \$26.3M in bonding capacity.

✗ MEASURE G | Greenfield Union School District | \$21M School Bond

The District has only \$5.4M in Bonding Capacity. In order to issue 2020 measure district will need to increase their debt capacity with a waiver from the State Board of Education. The District has \$30M of authorized borrowing from the 2006 bond election but cannot issue until 2034 and has refused to deauthorize. The District has High Debt Service obligations from previous measures, 2002, 2006, and 2016.

✗ MEASURE H | Wasco Union Elementary School District | \$16M School Bond

The District has only \$2M in bonding Capacity. In order to issue 2020 measure district will need to increase their debt capacity by 60 percent requiring a waiver from the State Board of Education. The District has had high debt service obligations from previous measures, (2002, 2016A, and 2016B).