

KERTAX VOTER GUIDE

November 3, 2026



KERN COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES

✓ = support ✗ = not support ○ = no position

○	MEASURE D Tehachapi School District \$61M General Obligation Bond
✗	MEASURE E The Lost Hills School District \$9M General Obligation Bond
✓	MEASURE Z California Living Museum (CALM) Establishment of a .125 (1/8) per cent countywide sales tax measure to support the upgrades and expansion of CALM.

STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES

Proposition 1 | The Veteran and Income-Qualified Housing Bond Measure ✓ = support ✗ = not support ○ = no position

	A "yes" vote supports authorizing the state to issue \$11.25 billion in bonds to fund income-qualified housing programs, such as the Multifamily Housing Program, the CalHome Program, and the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program.
✗	A "no" vote opposes authorizing the state to issue \$11.25 billion in bonds to fund income-qualified housing programs, such as the Multifamily Housing Program, the CalHome Program, and the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program.

Proposition 2 | The Budget Stabilization Account Cap Increase and Gann Limit Changes Amendment

	A "yes" vote supports this amendment to increase the Budget Stabilization Account (BSA) cap from 10% of general fund revenue to 20% and exclude deposits into the BSA from the Gann Limit.
✗	A "no" vote opposes this amendment to increase the Budget Stabilization Account (BSA) cap from 10% of general fund revenue to 20% and exclude deposits into the BSA from the Gann Limit.

Proposition 3 | The California Renew State Income Tax Increase for Education Funding Initiative

	A "yes" vote supports amending the state constitution to indefinitely extend the top marginal tax rates set to expire in 2031 on single filers earning at least \$361,000 or joint filers earning at least \$721,000, with 89% of revenue allocated to K–12 schools and 11% to community colleges.
✗	A "no" vote opposes amending the state constitution to indefinitely extend the top marginal tax rates on single filers earning at least \$361,000 or joint filers earning at least \$721,000, thereby allowing them to expire in 2031.

Proposition 4 | The Allow Public Financing of Election Campaigns Measure

	A "yes" vote supports repealing the ban on public financing of campaigns, enacted in 1988, and allowing the state and local governments to create programs that provide candidates with public funds under spending limits and eligibility rules.
✗	A "no" vote opposes repealing the ban on using public funds for election campaigns, keeping the prohibition in place with the existing exemption for charter cities.

Proposition 5 | The Eliminate State Officer Recall Successor Elections Amendment

	A "yes" vote supports amending the state constitution to: - eliminate the simultaneous election of a successor when a state officer is recalled, thereby leaving the office vacant until it is filled according to state law; - allow the recalled officer to run again for the same office at the special election, if one is held; and - authorize the lieutenant governor to fill a gubernatorial vacancy until the term expires, unless the vacancy occurred before the close of the nomination period for the next statewide election during the first two years of the governor's term; in that case, a special election would be called and the winner would serve the remainder of the term.
✗	A "no" vote opposes this amendment, thereby maintaining the requirement that a simultaneous election to fill the statewide office vacancy be held at the time of the recall election.

Proposition 37 | The Second Mortgage Homebuyer Program and Revenue Bond Initiative

✓	A "yes" vote supports this initiative to: - establish a second mortgage homebuyer program for qualified homebuyers — defined as California residents of at least one year who earn at or below 200% of the area median income for a similar-sized family in the county or city where the home is located and provide a down payment of at least 3% of the purchase price — on qualifying homes administered by the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA), and - authorize the CalHFA to issue up to \$25 billion in bonds to fund the program.
	A "no" vote opposes this initiative to establish a second mortgage homebuyer program.

Proposition 38 | The Establish Immunology and Immunotherapy Research Institute Initiative

	A "yes" vote supports an initiative to: - authorize the state to issue \$8.4 billion in general obligation bonds to fund immunology and immunotherapy research; - establish an Immunology and Immunotherapy Research Institute affiliated with the University of California; and - award grants to California-based public and nonprofit medical research institutions for immunology and immunotherapy research.
✗	A "no" vote opposes this initiative to issue \$8.4 billion in bonds to fund research and development treatments using immunology and immunotherapy.

Proposition 39 | The Voter Identification, Citizenship Verification, and Registered Voter List Administration Initiative

✓	A "yes" vote supports this ballot initiative to: - require voters to present a government-issued ID for in-person voting or provide the last four digits of a government-issued ID designated during voter registration for mail-in voting; - require election officials to "maintain accurate voter registration lists [and]... use best efforts to verify citizenship attestations using government data" and to report each year the percentage of each county's voter rolls that have been citizenship-verified; - require the State Auditor to audit government compliance with these requirements during odd-numbered years and report "findings and recommendations for improving the integrity of elections to the public."
	A "no" vote opposes this ballot initiative, leaving existing law in place, under which: - voters are not required to present a government-issued ID when voting; and - voters must attest to their citizenship under penalty of perjury and provide identifying information when registering; election officials are not required to use government data to verify those attestations or to report citizenship verification rates.

Proposition 40 | The One-Time Wealth Tax for State-Funded Health Care Programs Initiative

	A "yes" vote supports this initiative to levy a one-time 5% tax on the accumulated wealth, including shares of capital stock, bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness, and any legal or equitable interest, of billionaires in the state to fund state-funded health care programs, such as Medi-Cal, and state food assistance and public education.
✗	A "no" vote opposes this initiative to levy a one-time 5% tax on the accumulated wealth, including shares of capital stock, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, and any legal or equitable interest, of billionaires in the state to fund state-funded health care programs, such as Medi-Cal, and state food assistance and public education.

Proposition 41 | The Prohibit Excluding New State Taxes from Spending Limit and Require Special Tax Audits Initiative

✓	A "yes" vote supports this initiative to: - require pre-election audits for ballot initiatives proposing special taxes once they report collecting 25% of signatures to be included in the voter information pamphlet if it qualifies for the ballot; - require state laws or ballot initiatives levying a new special tax enacted after January 1, 2026, to undergo state audits every four years to determine program effectiveness and cost-saving measures; and - prohibit the state from enforcing any tax that is exempted or excluded from the state spending limit enacted or effective on or after January 1, 2026.
	A "no" vote opposes this initiative to require an audit for state laws or ballot initiatives levying new special taxes after January 1, 2026.

Proposition 42 | The Prohibit Taxes on Retirement Holdings and Personal Savings Amendment

✓	A "yes" vote supports this initiative to amend the California Constitution to prohibit the enactment of: - new taxes after January 1, 2026, on ownership or control of retirement holdings, individually-owned assets, and other forms of personal savings, and - retroactive taxes that result in a tax liability based on conduct, activities, or a status that occurred or was present before the effective date of the tax.
	A "no" vote opposes this initiative to amend the California Constitution to prohibit the enactment of: - new taxes after January 1, 2026, on ownership or control of retirement holdings, individually-owned assets, and other forms of personal savings, and - retroactive taxes that result in a tax liability based on conduct, activities, or a status that occurred or was present before the effective date of the tax.

Proposition 43 | The Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Local Special Tax Initiatives and Property Tax Initiative Prohibition Amendment

✓	A "yes" vote supports this amendment to require a two-thirds vote by the electorate to enact, extend, or increase local special tax initiatives and prohibit the enactment of property taxes through the initiative process.
	A "no" vote opposes this amendment to require a two-thirds vote by the electorate to enact, extend, or increase local special tax initiatives, thereby maintaining that local special tax initiatives need a simple majority vote for approval.

Proposition 44 | The Spending Requirements for Federally Qualified Health Centers Initiative

	A "yes" vote supports this initiative to require nonprofit federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) to spend at least 90% of their annual total revenue on expenses that advance the health center's mission.
✗	A "no" vote opposes this initiative to require nonprofit federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) to spend at least 90% of their annual total revenue on expenses that advance the health center's mission.

Proposition 45 | The Expedited Environmental Review Process for Certain Projects Initiative

✓	A "yes" vote supports this initiative to make changes to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to: - establish deadlines for public agencies to complete environmental review and take required actions for projects deemed essential under the law; - limit public agencies' existing requirement to consider a range of project alternatives to reduce environmental impacts; and - change the court review process for project approvals by setting deadlines for filing and resolving lawsuits and limiting the evidence and relief the court can consider and order.
	A "no" vote opposes this initiative to make changes to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which governs state and local government agencies' review process for determining potential environmental impacts and mitigation solutions of proposed construction projects.

KERTAX'S PRINCIPLES

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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