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California 2026 Ballot Propositions

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On November 3, 2026, Californians will vote on important issues affecting our families and communities, including affordable housing, health care, schools, voting rights, and environmental protections.

Here is a quick guide to what each proposition would do and why it matters.

✅ Vote YES on Proposition 1: Affordable Housing

WHAT IT DOES: Provides $11.25 billion in bonds to build and preserve affordable housing and help eligible families purchase homes.

WHY IT MATTERS: In California, 58% of Latino renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing, leaving less money for food, health care, and other family needs. This measure would provide funding for affordable housing and assistance to help families find stable homes.

✅ Vote YES on Proposition 2: Protecting Public Services

WHAT IT DOES: Allows California to save more money for difficult economic times.

WHY IT MATTERS: When the economy slows, funding for health care, education, and other important programs can be cut. Larger state savings could help protect these services.

✅ Vote YES on Proposition 3: Taxes on High-Income Californians

WHAT IT DOES: Continues higher income-tax rates for wealthy Californians.

WHY IT MATTERS: These taxes provide billions of dollars for state programs, including schools, health care, and services that working families depend on.

✅ Vote YES on Proposition 4: Public Funding for Political Campaigns

WHAT IT DOES: Allows state and local governments to create public funding programs for candidates running for office.

WHY IT MATTERS: Running for office is expensive. Public funding could help people without wealthy donors participate in elections and represent their communities.

✅ Vote YES on Proposition 5: Recall Election Reform

WHAT IT DOES: Changes how a replacement is selected when voters remove an elected official through a recall election.

WHY IT MATTERS: The change would generally require a separate election or appointment process rather than choosing a replacement on the recall ballot.

✅ Vote YES on Proposition 37: Helping Families Buy Homes

WHAT IT DOES: Creates a $25 billion mortgage assistance program for eligible middle-income Californians purchasing newly built homes.

WHY IT MATTERS: Only 45% of Latino households in California own their homes, compared with 60% of non-Latino households. And in 2025, just 11% of Latino households could afford a median-priced home. This program could help eligible families overcome some of the financial barriers to homeownership.



✓ Vote YES on Proposition 38: Cancer and Medical Research

WHAT IT DOES: Provides $8.4 billion in bonds for research into the immune system and treatments for serious diseases.

WHY IT MATTERS: Latinos have higher rates of certain cancers, including liver, stomach, and cervical cancer. They also face barriers to early detection and treatment. More medical research could lead to better treatments, although the state would have to repay the bonds with interest.

✗ Vote NO on Proposition 39: Voter Identification Requirements

WHAT IT DOES: Requires government-issued identification for in-person voting and additional identifying information on mail ballots.

WHY IT MATTERS: Supporters say these requirements would strengthen election security. Opponents worry that some eligible voters, including older adults and people with low incomes, could face new barriers to voting.

✓ Vote YES on Proposition 40—Billionaire Tax for Health Care

WHAT IT DOES: Creates a one-time tax on wealth above $1 billion, with most revenue going to health care and some to food assistance and education.

WHY IT MATTERS: The measure would provide additional funding for health services and food assistance at a time when many families face concerns about coverage and affordability. Opponents raise concerns about the tax's implementation and economic effects.

✗ Vote NO on Proposition 41: New Tax Audits and Spending Limits

WHAT IT DOES: Requires audits of certain tax-funded programs and applies additional restrictions to state spending.

WHY IT MATTERS: Audits provide information about public spending, but the measure could also restrict funding available for public services. Depending on election results, it could prevent Proposition 40 from taking effect.

✗ Vote NO on Proposition 42: Restrictions on Future State Taxes

WHAT IT DOES: Prevents California from creating certain new taxes on financial assets and personal property.

WHY IT MATTERS: This would limit some future options for raising money for health care, housing, education, and other public services. It could also prevent Proposition 40 from taking effect.

✗ Vote NO on Proposition 43: Local Tax Approval Requirements

WHAT IT DOES: Requires two-thirds of voters, rather than a simple majority, to approve certain local taxes proposed by voters.

WHY IT MATTERS: Local governments use tax revenue for housing, emergency services, transportation, and other community needs. The higher approval requirement would make certain local taxes more difficult to pass.

✗ Vote NO on Proposition 44: Community Health Clinic Spending

WHAT IT DOES: Requires nonprofit community health centers to spend at least 90% of revenue on defined program services.

WHY IT MATTERS: The spending rules could make it harder for clinics to support important operations, including interpretation, outreach, staffing, and care for Medi-Cal and uninsured patients.

✗ Vote NO on Proposition 45: Environmental Review and Community Health

WHAT IT DOES: Changes environmental review laws to allow certain development and infrastructure projects to move forward more quickly, potentially limiting opportunities for communities to challenge projects that threaten their health and environment.

WHY IT MATTERS: Low-income communities and communities of color already face greater exposure to pollution and environmental health risks. Environmental reviews give residents an important opportunity to speak out about projects that could affect their air, water, and health. Weakening these protections could make it harder for communities to have a voice in decisions that directly affect their families and neighborhoods.

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These decisions affect our families, our health, and our communities. Learn about the issues, discuss them with your family and neighbors, and make a plan to vote.

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