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# BALLOT GUIDE

From Tuesday, October 6, through Election Day on Tuesday, November 3, voters in California can cast their ballots and weigh in on issues like the freedom to vote, affordable housing, and the schools and health care our communities depend on.

Make a voting plan, review our endorsements, and school up on the decisions that will shape life in California for years to come.



## NO ON PROP 39

**Prohibits citizens from voting unless they present government-issued ID.**

**Vote NO on Prop 39. Voting is a fundamental right**, and every eligible Californian should be able to cast a ballot without unnecessary barriers.

Proposition 39 would require voters to present a government-issued identification card for in-person voting and add a personal ID number on vote-by-mail envelopes. The measure is unclear on which kinds of ID would be accepted, creating an unnecessary barrier to the democratic process that will deny eligible voters access to the polls. These barriers would make it harder for eligible Californians to vote and put voter privacy at risk.

The burdens created by Prop 39 would especially affect voters who already face obstacles to participating in our democracy including voters of color, young voters, and voters with disabilities.

California should protect every eligible person's freedom to vote, not make it harder to exercise that right.

## YES ON PROP 1

**Authorizes bonds for housing affordability programs.**

**Vote YES on Prop 1** to invest in affordable housing that helps every person live with dignity and security.

Proposition 1 would authorize an \$11.25 billion bond to build and preserve affordable homes and expand homeownership opportunities. This represents the largest public investment in affordable housing in California history and will benefit all of us—with an equity lens towards veterans, seniors, low- and middle-income Californians, people with disabilities, working families, farmworkers, foster youth, and people experiencing homelessness.

**Housing is a human right**, and Prop 1 helps build safe, stable housing that gives people the foundation to work, raise families and fully participate in their communities.

## YES ON PROP 3

**Provides permanent funding for schools and healthcare by extending existing tax on high incomes.**

**Vote Yes on Prop 3** because every Californian deserves access to quality schools and health care.

Proposition 3 would make an existing tax on California's highest-income earners permanent, preserving \$15 billion each year that currently funds public education and health care. Strong public institutions expand opportunity and ensure that rights and freedoms are meaningful for everyone. **California should continue investing in students, schools, and services that strengthen our communities** by voting for Prop 3.

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## YES ON PROP 4

**Repeals Prohibition against public funding of election campaigns.**

**Vote Yes on Prop 4** because democracy works best when everyone has a fair opportunity to run for office.

Proposition 4 would repeal California's ban on public financing of campaigns, allowing the state to create systems that reduce the influence of wealthy donors and expand opportunities for candidates from all backgrounds. Public financing can help make California's democracy more representative and accessible. **Elections should be decided by voters, not by who can raise the most money.**

## NO ON PROP 41

**Prohibits new state taxes that exclude revenues from state spending limit. Requires audits for new state special taxes.**

**Vote NO on Prop 41.** Voters should have the power to fund the services Californians rely on.

Proposition 41 would create new constitutional requirements for statewide special taxes that could delay ballot measures and make it harder to fund voter-approved priorities like health care, education and other essential public services. **Voter-approved investments should go where voters intended.**

California already has safeguards to ensure accountability for public funds. We don't need new barriers that make it harder to invest in our communities.

## NO ON PROP 42

**Prohibits new state personal property taxes and certain retroactive state taxes.**

**Vote NO on Prop 42.** Californians should have the power to decide how to fund the services our communities need.

Proposition 42 would permanently ban new state taxes on financial assets and other personal property, limiting options available to future voters and lawmakers to respond to crises, protect essential services and invest in our communities.

If passed, Prop 42 will exacerbate wealth inequality while starving state budgets of funding for healthcare, public education, infrastructure and emergency services – leaving middle-class taxpayers to pick up the tab through higher sales and income taxes. **California should preserve voters' ability to make democratic choices** about how we raise revenue and meet our communities' needs by saying no on Prop 42.

## NO ON PROP 45

**Rolls back critical environmental and public health protections.**

**Vote NO on Prop 45.** Fast-tracking environmental review means less time for community input. Prop 45 narrows the window for communities to review projects and raise concerns on housing, transportation, water, health, and energy projects.

## NO ON PROP 43

**Limits voters' ability to raise revenue for local government services.**

**Vote NO on Prop 43.** California communities deserve the freedom to make local decisions that improve people's lives.

Proposition 43 would require two-thirds voter-approval for local revenue measures that voters themselves put on the ballot. That means just one-third of voters could block what the rest of us want, making it harder to fund schools, affordable housing, health care and other community priorities.

By raising voter thresholds for citizen-led proposals, Prop 43 threatens essential neighborhood investments—including affordable housing, public transit, emergency services, and community parks. Prop 43 effectively ties the hands of residents trying to fund critical local needs. **A minority of voters should not be able to block investments supported by the majority.**

For more information, including a list of drop boxes and vote centers, visit:  
[aclu-sdic.org/2026-elections](https://aclu-sdic.org/2026-elections)

