

THE CA PROGRESSIVE ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER VOTER GUIDE

We are living through a global pandemic. Our communities are facing unsafe working conditions as essential workers, the threat of eviction, lack of access to affordable and nutritious food, and so much more. With this election, our lives, health, and rights to determine our future are on the line. We all want the same things: a stable home and strong health for our family, the best education for our children and grandchildren, and the ability to care for our loved ones. In order to secure a better future for our families and communities, we must make sure our voices are heard in this election to get the resources we need. Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, along with Black, Latino, Indigenous, and working-class communities are suffering while the richest five billionaires in the country collected \$76 billion within two months of the pandemic's start. In order to recover from this crisis and rebuild our state, we must show our strength in numbers and vote for the future we want. When we represent together, we have power. Join us in voting to rebuild a California that finally works for all of us.

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HOW TO VOTE

- 1 REGISTER.** Register to vote by October 19th! You can check your voter registration and register to vote at: www.aapiforce-ef.vote
- 2 VOTE-BY-MAIL.** In California, all active registered voters will automatically receive a vote-by-mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed out on October 5th. To check if your ballot has been mailed, use the vote-by-mail ballot tracker or contact your local county elections office. Drop off the vote-by-mail ballot at a drop-off center or mailbox. Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before 8:00pm on November 3rd.
- 3 VOTE IN-PERSON.** If you're voting in-person, vote early to beat the lines! Early voting begins on October 24th, and the last day to vote is November 3rd. To find your polling location and see where early voting is offered, visit sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT TRACKER: You can track your ballot to see when it's mailed, received, and counted by signing up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov.

***CA offers language assistance for voters in 14 Asian languages. To find out what language assistance is available, contact your county elections office. Call (800) 345-VOTE (8683) to find your county office.*



RECOMMENDATIONS

NEUTRAL ON PROP 14
Stem Cell Research
 Issues \$5.5 billion in bonds for the state's stem cell research institute.

YES ON PROP 15
Schools and Communities First

CA ranks 39th in the country in per pupil spending and has THE LARGEST class sizes of any state. Prop 15 reclaims up to \$12 billion for public schools and local community programs (such as affordable housing, health clinics, firefighters and public transportation) by closing corporate property tax loopholes, while protecting homeowners, renters, and small businesses. The top 10% of CA's wealthiest corporations would generate 92% of all the revenue that will be used to reinvest in our communities. It's time wealthy corporations paid their fair share like the rest of us.

YES ON PROP 16
Opportunity For All

CA is one of only 9 states that ban equal opportunity programs. It is essential that those who face discrimination based on their race, gender, or ethnicity receive equal opportunity. Prop 16 restores affirmative action by repealing Proposition 209 (passed in 1996), which prohibited the state from considering race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education, or contracting. Supporting Prop 16 would lead to more opportunities for the most marginalized in our communities.



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RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED

YES ON PROP 17 Free the Vote



Nearly 50,000 Californians are currently on parole and contributing to our community as essential workers during this pandemic. Prop 17 restores the right to vote to people convicted of felonies who are on parole, so they can be adequately represented and included in our democracy after serving their sentence.

YES ON PROP 18 17 Year Old Voting Rights



Throughout history, young people have served as the moral compass in our communities - leading social movements, knocking on doors to talk to voters, and serving as essential workers to help their families. Prop 18 allows 17-year-olds who will be 18 at the time of the next general election to vote in primaries and special elections, and expands our electorate so more people are included in our democracy.

NEUTRAL ON PROP 19

Realtor's Measure

Changes tax assessment transfers and inheritance rules.

NO ON PROP 20 Criminal Sentencing, Parole, and DNA Collection



For too long, harsh and unfair criminal sentencing policies have devastated low-income communities of color. Prop 20 makes this worse by limiting parole programs for non-violent offenders, and expands the list of offenses that would disqualify inmates from parole. Prop 20 would re-categorize some crimes that are currently labeled as misdemeanors into felony convictions, and require DNA collection of people convicted of certain misdemeanors. The passage of Prop 20 would increase the criminalization of our communities and tear families apart rather than promoting rehabilitation and restoration.

YES ON PROP 21 Rent Control



The rent is too high. Over half of Californians are rent-burdened and spend over 30% of their income on rent. Working-class immigrants and refugees have spent decades building up ethnic communities, but are now forced out of the very communities that they've built due to rising rent prices. Prop 21 expands local governments' power to establish rent control on properties over 15 years old, while restricting rent control policies from violating landlords' right to a fair financial return on their property.

NO ON PROP 22 Gig Workers Classification



We support workers' rights. Prop 22 would change the employment classification of app-based transportation and delivery drivers to independent contractors instead of employees. This classification would allow corporations like Lyft, Uber, and Doordash to deny their drivers the wage and benefits that are guaranteed to employees. The initiative would also close off a potential path to unionization, because federal law reserves collective bargaining for employees.

NEUTRAL ON PROP 23 Kidney Dialysis Regulation

Prop 23 would require a physician to be on-site at dialysis clinics and consent from the state for a clinic to close. The initiative is supported by a union representing healthcare workers.

NEUTRAL ON PROP 24 Consumer Privacy

Prop 24 expands the provisions of the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA). Civil rights organizations such as the ACLU of California oppose this initiative.

YES ON PROP 25 Referendum on Bail Reform



The bail system discriminates against poor people and people of color by requiring individuals who are awaiting trial to either pay an affordable bail bond or wait for weeks and months in jail. Those who can pay walk free, while those who can't pay are separated from loved ones and lose their jobs, even if they are innocent. Prop 25 would replace cash bail with risk assessments by judges.

