

# A California worth Voting for NOVEMBER 5, 2024

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From Tuesday, October 8, through Election Day on Tuesday, November 5, voters in California can cast their vote and weigh in on issues like access to voting rights, public safety, and the freedom to marry.

Eligible voters in Southern California can exercise their power to enact policies that reflect our values. Our communities value putting an end to mass incarceration. We value rehabilitation over exploitation in jails. We value rent control and permanent, supportive housing and care for all of our neighbors.

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

## YES ON PROPOSITION 3

### Protect the Freedom to Marry

Vote Yes on Prop 3 to protect the fundamental right to marry, regardless of gender or race.

The California Constitution still has language stating that “only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.” While past U.S. Supreme Court decisions have rendered this language unenforceable, recent decisions have shown that today’s Supreme Court is willing to upend decades of precedent and revoke hard-earned rights. We must enshrine the freedom to marry in the California Constitution by passing Prop 3.

## YES ON PROPOSITION 4

### Alleviate Impact of Climate Change

Vote Yes on Prop 4 for \$10 billion in bonds to help California meet climate change challenges.

Proposition 4 would generate \$10 billion to pay for climate and environmental initiatives including wildfire protection, water conservation projects, sea level rise mitigation, wildlife protection, sustainable agriculture, and defense against extreme heat events. Forty percent of the funding would be invested in projects that safeguard lower-income communities, disproportionately affected by climate change. As the climate crisis intensifies, the investments enabled by Prop 4 are more crucial than ever for protecting the health and safety of all Californians.

## YES ON PROPOSITION 5

### Improve Local Authority of Housing Investments

Vote Yes on Prop 5 to create more housing that is affordable for low-income and middle-income Californians.

Safe, permanent housing that people can actually afford is out of reach for too many Californians. Our state’s laws make it difficult for local governments to invest in affordable housing, one factor behind escalating homelessness. Currently, city and county affordable housing bonds require approval from at least two-thirds of voters—a threshold that is extremely difficult to meet. Existing law passed during the era of redlining and housing segregation allows one-third of voters to override the will of everyone else, giving affordable housing opponents unfair power to defeat critical community investments. Prop 5 would help cities and counties address their affordable housing and infrastructure needs by lowering the required approval threshold to 55%. A vote for Prop 5 is a vote for building communities where everyone can thrive.

## YES ON PROPOSITION 6

### Promote Rehabilitation in the Carceral System

Vote Yes on Prop 6 to end slavery and promote rehabilitation over exploitation in jails and prisons.

Hundreds of thousands of people in our jails and prisons are subject to involuntary servitude due to a slavery-era “exception clause,” which allows forced labor as punishment of a crime. Today, incarcerated people in California are still forced to labor for another person’s benefit or face cruel treatment including physical violence, solitary confinement, denial of family visits, and revocation of time credits resulting in longer incarceration. Punishments are often suffered even when absences are due to illness or injuries sustained through the work itself.

Prop 6 allows people to prioritize rehabilitative programs by abolishing forced labor in California prisons and jails, which would reduce recidivism, save costs, improve public safety, and promote successful reentry. End California’s long legacy of slavery and forced labor by voting YES on Prop 6.

## **YES ON PROPOSITION 32**

### **Raise the Minimum Wage**

Vote Yes on Prop 32 to raise California's minimum wage.

All people have the right to a decent standard of living supported by wage rates that reflect the cost of basic necessities. The current minimum wage has not kept pace with the skyrocketing costs of housing, healthcare, food, gas, and other basic needs. Prop 32 would raise the state minimum wage to \$18 per hour (from the current rate of \$16 per hour) for employers with 26 or more employees by January 2026, and hourly wages would be adjusted for inflation annually, as is currently required by law. Recent studies show that the minimum wage would be over \$25 per hour if it had kept pace with economic productivity since the 1960s. Voting YES on Prop 32 will move California closer to providing living wages to workers.

## **YES ON PROPOSITION 33**

### **Expand Community Power Over Rent Control**

Vote Yes on Prop 33 to expand local governments' ability to enact rent control.

Housing affordability is a nationwide crisis, and California is at the epicenter—with a majority of renters now paying over a third of their monthly income for housing costs. Nearly one out of three renters are "severely rent burdened" and pay more than half of their monthly income toward rent. Rent control is an important tool to regulate the private rental market, protecting tenants from soaring rent increases and homelessness. But a law known as the Costa-Hawkins Act severely limits local governments' ability to enact rent control ordinances. Voting YES on Prop 33 would repeal the Costa-Hawkins Act so local communities can decide to limit rent increases, prevent displacement, and keep Californians housed.

## **NO ON PROPOSITION 36**

### **Protect Services and Stop Mass Incarceration**

Vote No on Prop 36 to stop draconian penalties over low-level offenses.

Prop 36 is a deceptive measure backed by extremist prosecutors and corporations that would impose draconian criminal penalties, including possible prison time, for low-level drug-related offenses—returning California to an era of costly mass incarceration and inhumane overcrowded prisons. Prop 36 is unnecessary and harmful. Keep all Californians safe and uphold our state's commitment to just treatment and alternatives to incarceration by voting NO on Prop 36.



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**YES ON DD**

**SANTA ANA**

### Ensure Fair Representation in Municipal Elections

Vote Yes on Measure DD to give noncitizen Santa Ana residents a voice in city elections.

Measure DD would give all noncitizen Santa Ana residents the right to vote in city council, mayoral, and municipal elections starting in 2028. One of every four Santa Ana residents currently do not have a say in city elections just because of their immigration status. They pay taxes, own homes and property, run local businesses, work, and raise families in Santa Ana. They should be able to vote for city officials who make decisions that impact their daily lives. Vote YES on Measure DD.

**YES ON DD**

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

### Create an Independent Redistricting Commission

Vote Yes on Charter Amendment DD to give the power of redistricting to the people of Los Angeles, not politicians.

Every ten years, the Los Angeles City Council must redraw the city's district map to ensure fair and effective representation of all city residents. But an inherent conflict of interest occurs when incumbents redraw their own electorate lines. Charter Amendment DD would help combat gerrymandering of all forms by creating an independent redistricting commission that takes the power to redraw district lines away from politicians and places it into the hands of community members.

**YES ON LL**

**LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### Create an Independent Redistricting Commission

Vote Yes on Charter Amendment LL to give the power of redistricting to the people served by Los Angeles Unified School District, not politicians.

Every ten years, the LAUSD Board of Education must redraw the school district's voting map to ensure fair and effective representation of all school district residents. But an inherent conflict of interest occurs when incumbents redraw their own electorate lines, often resulting in putting political interest ahead of the needs of LAUSD students and families. Charter Amendment LL would help combat gerrymandering of all forms by creating an independent redistricting commission that takes the power to redraw district lines away from politicians and places it into the hands of community members.

**YES ON A**

**L.A. COUNTY**

### Advance Affordable Housing and Solutions to Houselessness

Vote Yes on Measure A to deliver results on Los Angeles County's housing crisis.

In Los Angeles County, housing prices are skyrocketing, and wages are stagnating. The lack of affordable housing is forcing more people to become unhoused, especially communities of color. Measure A would create a guaranteed, long-term revenue stream at the county-level to help stabilize the county's response to the housing crisis—repealing the existing ¼ cent sales tax and replacing it with a ½ cent sales tax. These additional funds would increase local investments in housing and mental health services for unhoused residents, creation and preservation of affordable housing, and protections for renters in precarity.