



## CALIFORNIA BALLOT 2020 INFOSHEET

The following information pertains to [Qualified Ballot Measures](#) on the November 2020 Ballot for California voters. The full list can be viewed [here](#).

### **Proposition 15 (CA Schools & Local Communities Funding Act)**

- Increases funding for K-12 public schools, community colleges, and local governments by requiring that commercial and industrial real property be taxed based on current market value.
  - Exempts from this change: residential properties; agricultural properties; and owners of commercial and industrial properties with combined value of \$3 million or less. Increased education funding will supplement existing school funding guarantees. Exempts small businesses from personal property tax; for other businesses, exempts \$500,000 worth of personal property.
  - Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments:
    - Net increase in annual property tax revenues of \$7.5 billion to \$12 billion in most years, depending on the strength of real estate markets. After backfilling state income tax losses related to the measure and paying for county administrative costs, the remaining \$6.5 billion to \$11.5 billion would be allocated to schools (40 percent) and other local governments (60 percent). ([19-0008](#).) [SOS.CA.Gov](#)
- Would close the corporate property tax loophole and restore \$12 billion in annual funding to California schools, parks, libraries, and other community resources. Prop 15 protects homeowners, renters, agriculture, and small businesses, while requiring large corporations to pay their fair share.
- [Link to video](#) recording of Public Policy Institute's discussion "Assessing Prop 15"
- [Understanding Inequitable Taxes on Commercial Properties and Prop. 15](#)

### **Criminal Justice**

**Proposition 20** would roll back some of the sentencing and parole changes enacted via Prop 47 in 2014 and Prop 57 in 2016.

**Proposition 25** will give voters a chance to affirm or discard the Legislature outlawing cash bail.

### **Housing**

#### **Proposition 21, Local Rent Control Initiative (2020)**

Measure would allow local governments to adopt rent control on housing units, except on (a) housing that was first occupied within the last 15 years and (b) units owned by natural persons who own no more than two housing units with separate titles, such as single-family homes, condos, and some duplexes, or subdivided interests, such as stock cooperatives and community apartment projects

### **Gender & Racial Equity**

**Proposition 16**, if passed by voters would amend the *Constitution of California* to repeal [1996's Proposition 209](#). ([UC Berkeley](#), 2020) Proposition 209, entitled the *California Civil Rights Initiative*, amended Article I of the California Constitution to prohibit race- and gender-conscious remedies to rectify the underutilization of women and people of color in public employment, as well as public contracting and education.



### **[ACA 5 California Act for Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for All \(PDF\)](#)**

- This is the CA bill that produced Proposition 16 on the CA ballot in November 2020.

### **Voting Rights**

#### **[Proposition 17 Voting Rights Restoration Grant parolees voting rights](#)**

[ACA 6 \(Resolution Chapter 24\), McCarty. Elections: disqualification of electors. \(PDF\)](#)

### **Voting in 2020**

- 55 years since the passing of the [Voting Rights Act](#)
  - Outlawing discriminatory voting practices that disproportionately affected people of color.
- Struggle for racial equity and social justice continues today!
  - Let's vote to elect leaders who stand for racial equity and social justice!
- Individual ballot measures are important as well as who we elect to office.
  - ✓ [U.S. House](#)
  - ✓ [Congressional special elections](#)
  - ✓ [State Senate](#) (*Half of seats up for reelection in 2020*)
  - ✓ [State Assembly](#) (*Most seats up for reelection in 2020*)
  - ✓ [Local judges](#)
  - ✓ [State ballot measures](#)
  - ✓ [Local ballot measures](#)
  - ✓ [School boards](#)
  - ✓ [Municipal](#)

### **Resources**

- [Human Impact Partners Voting Guide](#)
- [Greenlining Institute Ballot Guide](#)
- [Policy Link Voter Guide](#) (available in [Spanish](#))
- [Calmatters Election Guide](#)
- [HealthyVoting.org](#) – State-specific voting info & COVID safety guidance
- [Are you registered to Vote?](#)
- [Voting in CA](#) and information on how to vote by mail.
- [Track your Ballot](#) and ensure your vote is counted!
- Before you fill out your ballot, know your [voting rights](#).

### **Important Dates**

- ✓ Election Day—Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
- ✓ The deadline to register online to vote is Monday, October 19, 2020.
- ✓ The deadline for registering by mail to vote is (postmarked by) Monday, October 19, 2020.
- ✓ The deadline to register in person to vote is Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
- ✓ Early voting period—Monday, October 5, 2020 to Monday, November 2, 2020, but dates and hours may vary based on where you live.
- ✓ Mail-In Ballots will surface during the first two weeks of October 2020.
- ✓ You can also register and vote on Election Day.