BALLOT GUIDE 2026

CA STATEWIDE PROPOSITIONS

PROP	CA DEM	CA REP	INDIVIS	CA FCL	CA LABOR	CA ACLU	CA LWV	PARENT	SIERRA
1	YES	–	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	–	YES
2	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	–	YES	YES	–
3	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	–
4	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	–	YES
5	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	–	YES	–	YES
37	YES	–	–	YES	YES	–	NO	–	–
38	YES	YES	NO	NO	–	–	NO	–	–
39	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
40	YES	NO	YES	–	YES	–	–	NO	–
41	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	–	–
42	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	–	–
43	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
44	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	–	NO	NO	–
45	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	–	NO	–	NO

CA DEM - Calif. Democratic Party https://cadem.org/
CA REP - Calif. Republican Party https://cagop.org/
INDIVIS - Indivisible CA StateStrong https://www.castatestrong.org/
CA FCL - Calif. Friends Committee on Legislation https://fclca.org/
CA LABOR - Calif. Federation of Labor Unions AFL-CIO https://calaborfed.org/
CA ACLU - ACLU Calif. Action https://aclucalaction.org
CA LWV - League of Women Voters of Calif. https://lwvc.org/
SIERRA - Sierra Club Calif. https://www.sierraclub.org/california
PARENT - Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Calif.
https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/planned-parenthood-affiliates-california/

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If you want to dig a bit deeper…

Click on the proposition title below to see details of statewide propositions provided by Ballotopedia (non-partisan) https://ballotpedia.org/ Info includes a summary of what the proposition will do and who supports and opposes each proposition.

1 Veteran and Housing Assistance Programs Bond Measure	**2** Budget Stabilization Account Cap Increase and Gann Limit Changes Amendment	**3** Renew State Income Tax Increase for Education Funding Initiative	**4** Allow Public Financing of Election Campaigns Measure
5 Eliminate State Officer Recall Successor Elections Amendment	**37** Second Mortgage Homebuyer Program and Revenue Bond Initiative	**38** Immunology and Immunotherapy Research Funding Initiative	**39** Voter Identification, Citizenship Verification, and Registered Voter List Administration
40 One-Time Wealth Tax for State-Funded Healthcare, Education, and Food Assistance Programs [*see note below]	**41** Prohibit Excluding New State Taxes from Spending Limit and Require Special Tax Audits	**42** Prohibit New Taxes on Retirement Holdings, Personal Assets, and Savings and Limit Retroactive Taxes	**43** Prohibit the enactment of new taxes after January 1, 2026 on ownership or accumulation of retirement holdings, individually-owned assets, and other forms of personal savings
44 Spending Requirements for Federally Qualified Health Centers	**45** Changes to Environmental Review Process for Certain Projects		

A special note on tax measures that appear on this year's ballot:

Prop. 3 - In 2012, a special surtax was added to high income earners as a response to the Great Recession. The surtax was supposed to be temporary but was later extended to 2030. This proposition would make the surtax permanent.

Prop. 40, the "Billionaire Tax", would add a new tax bracket and so would not be affected by passage of Prop. 3. However, Prop. 41 and Prop. 42 would prohibit the establishment of such new tax brackets. Whichever proposition gets the most votes among 40, 41, and 42 will take effect. In other words, if you want Prop. 40 to pass, you should vote no on both 41 and 42.

Here's a good overview of the tax measures from CalMatters, a non-partisan, non-profit new site: https://calmatters.org/commentary/2026/08/california-ballot-measures-taxes-billions/

And an overview of the tax measures from The Sacramento Bee, "California's Prop. 3, Prop. 40 target wealthy taxpayers. Here's the difference": https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/election/voter-guide/article317036405.html

*Note on Prop. 40: Some progressive/liberal organizations support Prop 40 while others either oppose or take no position. A balanced discussion of the debate can be found at Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2026_California_Proposition_40