



PROPOSITIONS AND MEASURES

November 3, 2020 Ballot

For further information:

- Voter's Edge by the League of Women Voters.
Link=<https://votersedge.org/ca/en/ballot/election/87-304036/address/null/zip/92057/section/measures>
- Voters' Guide by the California Secretary of State at
link=<https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/propositions/index.htm> or you will receive it shortly in the mail.
- Ballotpedia at
link=https://ballotpedia.org/California_2020_ballot_propositions

PROP 14: AUTHORIZES BONDS CONTINUING STEM CELL RESEARCH. INITIATIVE STATUTE. *Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures*

- Authorizes \$5.5 billion in state general obligation bonds to fund grants from the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine to educational, nonprofit, and private entities for: stem cell and other medical research, including training; stem cell therapy development and delivery; research facility construction; and associated administrative expenses.
- Pro: has led to significant treatment and cures for many diseases
- Con: expensive, repayment will cost \$260 million yearly
- **CADEM = SUPPORT**

PROP 15: INCREASES FUNDING SOURCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES BY CHANGING TAX ASSESSMENT OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. *Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures*

- “Schools and Communities First” initiative. Increased property taxes on commercial properties worth more than \$3 million providing \$6.5 billion to \$11.5 billion in new funding to local governments and schools.
- Pro: closes loophole in 1978’s Proposition 13 making large corporations pay their fair share of property taxes, keeps Proposition 13’s protections for homeowners, renters and farmers, gives a tax break to small businesses
- Con: will trigger largest property tax increase in California history, will have costs passed on to consumers, will have high administrative cost
- **CADEM = SUPPORT DEMCCO = SUPPORT**

PROP 16: ALLOWS DIVERSITY AS A FACTOR IN PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, AND CONTRACTING DECISIONS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. *Put on the Ballot by the Legislature*

- Permits government decision-making policies to consider race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in order to address diversity by repealing constitutional provision prohibiting such policies (Proposition 209).
- Pro: Prop 16 will help women and people of color, while fighting long-standing patterns of discrimination.
- Con: When deciding who gets into college or who gets a government job, we should not favor one racial or ethnic group over another.
- **CADEM = SUPPORT DEMCCO = TBD**

PROP 17: RESTORES RIGHT TO VOTE AFTER COMPLETION OF PRISON TERM. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. *Put on the Ballot by the Legislature*

- Restores voting rights upon completion of prison term to persons who have been disqualified from voting while serving a prison term. Current law does not allow persons on parole to vote, parole lasts on average 3 years and there are 50,000 disenfranchised voters who are on parole in California.
- Pro: People on parole pay taxes. They should be allowed to vote, as well.
- Con: Parole is a time for serious and violent criminals to prove that they have changed.
- **CADEM = SUPPORT**

PROP 18: AMENDS CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT 17-YEAR-OLDS TO VOTE IN PRIMARY AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS IF THEY WILL TURN 18 BY THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION AND BE OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. *Put on the Ballot by the Legislature*

- Prop 18 would allow 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections or special elections if they will be 18 years old by the general election in November. Currently, 17-year-olds who are U.S. citizens can pre-register to vote in California. They can only vote if they have turned 18 by election day.
- Pro: Allowing 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections will help to increase voter participation.
- Con: 17-year-olds are not legally adults; they are not mature enough to make important decisions.
- **CADEM = SUPPORT**

PROP 19: CHANGES CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX RULES. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. *Put on the Ballot by the Legislature*

- Allows homeowners who are over 55, disabled, or wildfire/disaster victims to transfer primary residence's tax base to replacement residence. Changes taxation of family-property transfers. Establishes fire protection services fund. Fiscal Impact: Local governments could gain tens of millions of dollars of property tax revenue per year, probably growing over time to a few hundred million dollars per year. Schools could receive similar property tax gains.
- Pro: Prop 19 expands Prop 13 rules for homeowners who are seniors, wildfire victims or people with disabilities, allowing the transfer of their homes' property tax value to replacement homes anywhere in California. It closes tax loopholes on inherited properties not used as primary residences, directing increased tax revenue to fire protection, schools, and local government.
- Con: Prop 19 is a tax increase that was rejected by voters in 2018. Prop 19 could hurt families who cannot afford to pay taxes on an inherited family home.
- **CADEM = SUPPORT**

PROP 20: RESTRICTS PAROLE FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES CURRENTLY CONSIDERED TO BE NON-VIOLENT. AUTHORIZES FELONY SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES CURRENTLY TREATED ONLY AS MISDEMEANORS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. *Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures*

- Prop 20 would undo parts of the crime laws passed by lawmakers and voters over the past 10 years. Some “petty theft” crimes could be punished as felonies. People convicted of stealing items worth \$250-950 could be sent to county jail for up to three years, in some cases. Prop 20 would also change the factors that can be considered for early release from prison and limit early release for people convicted of some felonies. The state would collect DNA from adults convicted of some misdemeanor crimes, such as drug possession, shoplifting and domestic violence.
- Pro: Prop 20 prevents violent criminals from getting out of prison early. Collecting DNA from people convicted of drug possession or shoplifting will help solve more serious crimes, such as rape. *(continued on next slide)*

Proposition 20 *(continued)*

- Con: Prop 20 will roll back prison reforms and cost taxpayers millions of dollars annually. Prop 20 slashes mental health and rehabilitation programs that help to prepare people for release from prison and reduce repeat offenses. Prop 20 will result in extreme sentences for petty theft and will disproportionately impact vulnerable minorities.
- **CADEM = OPPOSE**

PROP 21: EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

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- Amends state law to allow local governments to establish rent control on residential properties over 15 years old. Allows local limits on annual rent increases to differ from current statewide limit. Allows rent increases in rent-controlled properties of up to 15 percent over three years at start of new tenancy (above any increase allowed by local ordinance). Exempts individuals who own no more than two homes from new rent-control policies. In accordance with California law, prohibits rent control from violating landlords' right to fair financial return.
- Pro: Even small increases in rent forces more families into homelessness, a burden on the entire community. Many seniors and veterans presently are left with too few resources for food, medical care, and other needs. Prop 21 guarantees landlords a reasonable profit.

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Proposition 21: *(continued)*

- Con: More than 60% of Californians rejected this type of scheme in 2018. Rent control results in less available and less affordable housing. Prop 21 will stop new housing from being built, cost jobs, and hurt the economic recovery.
- **CADEM = SUPPORT**

PROP 22: EXEMPTS APP-BASED TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY COMPANIES FROM PROVIDING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TO CERTAIN DRIVERS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. *Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures*

- Rideshare and delivery drivers would stay as independent contractors. Rideshare and delivery companies would have to pay drivers 20 percent more than the local minimum wage for time spent driving. These companies would have to help pay health insurance costs for contractors who drive more than 15 hours per week and pay medical costs when a driver is injured while working. Prop 22 would also limit cities and counties from putting new rules on rideshare and delivery companies.
- Pro: Rideshare and delivery drivers want to work as independent contractors, not employees. Forcing companies to hire drivers as employees would get rid of hundreds of thousands of jobs.
- Con: Rideshare and delivery companies don't want to pay drivers basic benefits. Treating drivers as employees will make sure they get paid sick leave and unemployment benefits.
- **CADEM = OPPOSE**

PROP 23: ESTABLISHES STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR KIDNEY DIALYSIS CLINICS. REQUIRES ON-SITE MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL. INITIATIVE STATUTE. *Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures*

- Prop 23 would require dialysis clinics to have a doctor present during all treatment hours. Clinics would have to report any dialysis-related infections to the state every three months. Clinics would need permission from the state before closing or reducing services. Clinics could not discriminate against clients based on their insurance or how they are paying for their treatment.
- Pro: Dialysis is a dangerous procedure; clinics should always have a doctor available to help. Prop 23 prevents discrimination and protects patients in rural communities.
- Con: Prop 23 would take thousands of doctors away from hospitals and emergency rooms, making California's doctor shortage worse. Some dialysis clinics in the state might close due to increased costs.
- **CADEM = SUPPORT**

PROP 24: AMENDS CONSUMER PRIVACY LAWS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. *Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures*

- Permits consumers to: prevent businesses from sharing personal information, correct inaccurate personal information, and limit businesses' use of "sensitive personal information," including precise geolocation, race, ethnicity, and health information. Establishes California Privacy Protection Agency.
- **CADEM = NEUTRAL**

PROP 25: REFERENDUM ON LAW THAT REPLACED MONEY BAIL WITH SYSTEM BASED ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND FLIGHT RISK. *Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures*

- Voting “yes” on Prop 25 would get rid of the bail system and allow the state’s new law to go into effect. People charged with less serious crimes would be released before trial. Judges would decide if people charged with more serious crimes should be released or kept in jail, based on whether they are considered a danger to the public or might not return to court. Voting “no” on Prop 25 would keep the state’s current bail system in place.
- Pro: The current bail system is unfair; if you cannot afford bail, you must stay in jail. Prop 25 means that decisions will be based on public safety, not a person’s ability to pay.
- Con: The state’s new system could discriminate against African Americans, Latinos and people who live in low-income neighborhoods. Releasing people from jail will make our communities less safe.
- **CADEM = SUPPORT**

Local Measures (Carlsbad and Oceanside)

- For more information, see:
 - <https://votersedge.org/ca/en/ballot/election/87-608a1e/address/null/zip/92008/section/measures>
- For Carlsbad measure, see:
 - <https://www.carlsbadca.gov/cityhall/clerk/voter.asp>
- For Oceanside measures, see:
 - https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/clerk/elections/current_election_s.asp

Measure G: Carlsbad City Council Compensation

- Measure G would confirm the method contained in Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 2.04.010 (A) for making adjustments to City Council base salary compensation, as enacted by the City Council in 2018. This method allows the City Council to consider a compensation adjustment each year in January.
- The City Council may either adjust compensation up to the amount established by the San Diego Regional Consumer Price Index (Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index, San Diego Area) or permanently waive a compensation adjustment for the upcoming year. The Measure prohibits the City Council from enacting retroactive compensation adjustments for years when the City Council waived a compensation adjustment.
- **San Diego County Democratic Party Endorsement = NO**

Measure K: Oceanside Council Term Limits

- Measure K was placed on the ballot by the Oceanside City Council and, if adopted, would amend the Oceanside City Code to limit Council Member service to three four-year terms over the course of an official's lifetime. The proposed amendment would cap the number of terms one could serve as Mayor to three four-year terms. The terms served as a member of the City Council would not count against the three-term limit for the Mayor. Similarly, the terms served as Mayor would not count against the three-term limit for a Council Member.
- The argument in favor of this measure including stating that it will “improve our political process and open up government” was written by appointed Mayor Peter Weiss. There is no argument against.
- **San Diego County Democratic Party Endorsement = YES**

Measure L: Oceanside Rezoning Agricultural Land (NRF)

- Shall Ordinance No. 19-OR0729-1, rezoning approximately 176.6 acres in northeastern Oceanside to implement the North River Farms project, be adopted? The current zoning is Agricultural, potentially allowing 2.5-acre minimum residential lots. Ordinance No. 19-OR0729-1 changes the zoning to Planned Development to accommodate the North River Farms project, approved by the City Council, including up to 585 homes, a 24.9-acre commercial village, 68.1 acres of agriculture, and 17 acres of parks/open space.
- **VOTE NO ON NRF!**
 - We all share the same vision for Oceanside - a vibrant, sustainable community with a high quality of life for all. The North River Farms project is a big step back from this vision. It is a high-density, 585-unit, sprawl housing project. It will grow our city's problems of traffic congestion, fire risk and higher taxes.
 - Prevent permanent loss of 176.6 acres of agriculturally zoned land with more at risk of dense development. This project was rejected twice by the city's Planning Commission. Hundreds of Oceanside residents opposed this development.
- **DEMCCO overwhelmingly voted against this measure on June 27, 2020**

Measure M: Oceanside Cannabis Business Tax

- Shall the City of Oceanside establish a Cannabis Business Tax not to exceed 6% of gross revenues for Cannabis Retailers, Manufacturers and Distributors and not to exceed 3.5% of gross revenues for Cannabis Cultivators to generate approximately \$1,900,000 annually, until voters change or repeal the tax, to fund general city services, including enforcement efforts against cannabis businesses operating illegally?
- **VOTE YES ON M:**
 - Measure M is a proposed tax to be solely paid by cannabis businesses operating in the City, including any future permitted business types. It requires these businesses to pay their fair share of taxes.
 - A YES vote will create additional revenue to help pay for vital community services including public safety, repairing and improving city streets, parks and recreation, youth programming and senior services.
 - The funds generated by this tax will also assist the City in shutting down marijuana activities operating illegally in Oceanside and educating youth about the effects of marijuana use.
- **San Diego County Democratic Party = YES**

Measure W: OUSD School Bond

- For further information, see:
https://www.osite.k12.ca.us/pf4/cms2/view_page?d=x&group_id=1599894672502&vdid=i9b2lhngckk
- “To protect quality schools and upgrade aging facilities, shall Oceanside Unified School District’s measure to: Upgrade classrooms for science, technology, engineering, arts, math instruction; Address school earthquake, fire, health and safety standards; Modernize computers and technology; and Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, electrical, heating and cooling systems; by issuing \$160,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, providing approximately \$9,100,000 annually, levying 3¢ per \$100 of assessed value while bonds are outstanding, with independent oversight and audits, be adopted?”
- **San Diego County Democratic Party = YES**

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thing to waste
let your voice
be heard.

Do your research
and vote on all
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