California Ballot Measures 2026

Y = Support **N** = Oppose **Blank** = Neutral or No Recommendation

2026 California Propo	What it Does	350 Bay Area Action	League of Women Voters CA	Courage California	ACLU Northern CA	California Federation of Labor Unions	Working Families Party CA	Democratic Party of CA	California Democratic Socialists of America	Alameda County Democratic Party
1 - Bonds for Housing Affordability Programs	Authorizes bonds for housing affordability programs		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
2 - Rainy Day Fund	Increases CA's Rainy Day Fund to provide funding for education, health care, public safety, and other essential services during economic downturns		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		Y
3 - Permanent HIgh Earner Tax	Makes permanent the high-earner taxes set to expire in 2031; 89% of revenue goes to K-12 public schools and the remainder to community colleges.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4 - Public Financing of Election Campaigns	Allows state and local governments to provide qualifying candidates with public campaign funds under spending limits and eligibility rules.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
5 - Recall Reform	Changes recall election process for statewide officers to fill recall vacancies by subsequent special election or appointment, rather than electing replacement candidates at the same time as the recall election.		Y			Y	Y	Y		Y
37 - Homebuyers loan	Creates loan program for middle-income buyers of qualified new homes		N			Y		Y		Y
38 - Research Bond	Authorizes $8.4 billion in general obligation bonds for immunology and immunotherapy research, half to a single University of California-afliated nonproft medical		N				Y	Y		Y
39 - Voter Identification	Requires ID for in-person voting or a unique four-digit government identification number for voting by mail, plus additional voter-roll and citizenship-verification requirements.	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		N
40 - One-Time Wealth Tax	Levies a one-time 5% tax on billionaires' accumulated wealth, with revenue primarily supporting health care and other public services.	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
41- Tax Audits	Requires new state taxes to comply with California's existing state spending limit and requires audits of programs funded by new state special taxes. It also provides that conflicting measures on the same ballot can be void if Prop 41 receives more YES votes.	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N
42 - Prohibit New Taxes on Personal Assets	Prohibits new state taxes on personal assets, including financial assets and business interests, and could conflict with the one-time wealth tax proposed by Proposition 40.	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N

43 - Two-Thirds Vote for Local Special Tax Initiatives	Requires a two-thirds supermajority for citizen-initiated local special tax measures, rather than a simple majority.	**N**	**N**	**N**	**N**	**N**	**N**	**N**	**N**	**N**
44 - Clinic Funding	Imposes penalties on nonprofit community clinics providing primary care to medically underserved areas and populations that spend less than 90% of revenue on "program services" advancing their charitable purpose, including but not limited to patient services.		**N**	**N**		**Y**	**N**	**N**	**N**	**N**
45 - Changes to Environmental Review Process	Changes the CEQA review process for a broad range of projects, including housing, data centers, industrial facilities and infrastructure.	**N**	**N**	**N**		**N**	**N**	**N**		**N**

Notes:

Check out CalMatters for Proposition breakdowns, including financial backing of each pro/con campaign: calmatters.org/california-voter-guide-2026/propositions

Pete Rates the Propositions has some detailed analysis from a progressive point of view

Full govt. text of the ballot measures (propositions): https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures

League of Women Voters of California proposition pros & cons: https://cavotes.org/ballot-measures/

Ballotpedia list of the propositions with explanations: https://ballotpedia.org/California_2026_ballot_propositions