

# Welcome!

*CARE Community Briefing:*  
**Know Your Voting Rights**

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16 | 11:00AM-12:30PM**



# CARE Community Briefing: Know Your Voting Rights

## AGENDA

### I. Welcome

### II. New Voter Protection Resources from CA DOJ

- *Damon Brown, Special Assistant Attorney General*
- *Eleanor Blume, Special Assistant Attorney General*

### III. CA Voter Bill of Rights from SOS

- *Steve Reyes, Chief Counsel & Jana M. Lean, Chief of Elections*

### IV. Reaching Historically Marginalized Voters

- *AAPI FORCE- EF*
- *CA Black Power Network*
- *Common Cause CA*
- *League of Women Voters CA*
- *Poder Latinx*

### V. Questions

### VI. Conclude





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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## Voting Rights

Special Assistant Attorneys General Damon Brown and Eleanor Blume

## Role and responsibilities

- Title & Summary
- Enforcement
- Legislative
- Amicus Briefs/Multistate Letters
- Support for Secretary of State
- Guidance/Legal Alerts



## Role and responsibilities

### Title & Summary

- The ballot initiative process gives California citizens a way to propose laws and constitutional amendments without the support of the Governor or the Legislature
- One of the many responsibilities of the Attorney General is to prepare a title and summary for proposed initiative measures prior to the circulation of qualification petitions. State law requires a proponent to furnish the Attorney General's Office with the complete text of a proposed initiative measure for preparation of an official title and summary.
- After preparation, the title and summary is submitted with the proposed initiative measure to the [Secretary of State](#)



## Role and responsibilities

### Enforcement

- Lawsuits
  - *State of California v. City of Huntington Beach*: lawsuit challenging municipal voter ID amendment to city charter as unlawful and preempted by state law
  - *State of California v. County of Fresno*: lawsuit against Fresno County challenging its recently passed initiative, Measure A, which amended the county's charter to move elections for district attorney and sheriff away from the presidential cycle to the gubernatorial cycle.
- Investigations
  - Butte County FAIR MAPs Act
  - LA City Council Redistricting
- Correspondence & Public Engagement
  - Shasta County

## Role and responsibilities

### Attorney General Bonta Supported Legislation

- **AB 764 (Bryan & Cervantes, Ch. 343, Statutes of 2023) FAIR MAPS Act of 2023:** Strengthened and expanded standards for public engagement, extended fair line-drawing criteria to all local jurisdictions, and banned incumbency-protection gerrymandering.
- **AB 2839 (Pellerin & Berman, Ch. 262, Statutes of 2024) Deceptive Media in Electoral Advertisements:** Prohibits a person, committee, or other entity from distributing a campaign advertisement or other election communication containing materially deceptive content with malice to influence an election or solicit funds for a candidate or campaign, during the time period close to an election.



## Role and responsibilities

### Amicus Briefs

- *Hopkins v. Watson* (5<sup>th</sup> Circuit): support of the plaintiffs challenging Mississippi's constitutional provisions that permanently disenfranchise persons convicted of certain felony offenses.
- *Republican National Committee v. Wetzel* (5<sup>th</sup> Circuit): supports the Mississippi law that permits absentee ballots to be counted if postmarked by Election Day and received within five days of Election Day
- *League of Women Voters of Florida v. Florida Secretary of State* (11<sup>th</sup> Circuit): urging the Court to reject the State of Florida's attempt to revive a discriminatory voter suppression law (SB 90) that was struck down by the district court, and unlawful attempt to undermine voting access by, among other things, severely restricting the use of ballot drop boxes.
- *Grant v. Secretary of State of Georgia* (11<sup>th</sup> Circuit): urging Eleventh Circuit to affirm a federal district court's ruling that Georgia's congressional and legislative maps violate Section Two of the Voting Rights Act (VRA).
- *Albence v. Mennella*; supporting Delaware's early voting law as within its constitutional authority to adopt means, methods and instruments of voting



## Role and responsibilities

### Multistate Letters

- Joined 51 bipartisan attorneys general to issue a warning letter to Life Corp that allegedly sent New Hampshire residents scam election robocalls during the New Hampshire primary election using artificial intelligence to impersonate President Biden and discourage voters from participating in the primary.
- Sent a letter to executives at eight of the largest social media and artificial intelligence (AI) companies, reminding them that existing California laws prohibit certain types of voter intimidation, deception, and dissuasion, and that those laws may apply to content posted on social media platforms and content generated by AI.
- Joined multistate coalition in a letter requesting the United States Department of Justice open an investigation into raids recently conducted by the Texas Attorney General's Office targeting Latino voting rights organizers, candidates for office, and community volunteers to determine whether these raids constitute violations of civil rights, including the right to vote.

## Role and responsibilities

### Support for Secretary of State

- Defend and partner with Secretary of State in legal actions
- On-Call legal assistance to SOS on enforcing election laws throughout the State up to and on Election Day



## Role and responsibilities

### Guidance/Legal Alerts

- Law Enforcement Bulletins
  - Protecting CA Voters From Election Interference & Voter Intimidation & Deception
- Rights of Voters with Disabilities
- Consumer Alerts
  - Spread of Election Misinformation





# Voter Bill of Rights



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# VOTER BILL of RIGHTS



## YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS



1. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:

- ★ a U.S. citizen living in California
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2. **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.**

You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.

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- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the day indicated in the posted county Voter Information Guide.
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- It is against the law to represent yourself as being eligible to vote unless you meet all of the requirements to vote under federal and state law.
- It is against the law to tamper with voting equipment.

**If you believe you have been denied any of these rights**, call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

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# What is the Voter Bill of Rights?

# TEN basic rights all voters have in California



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# Where to find the Voter Bill of Rights:

## SOS WEBSITE:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-bill-rights>

## Official Voter Information Guide (page 2)

## 10 languages and audio version

**General Election**  
Tuesday, November 5, 2024

**Don't Delay, Vote Today!**  
Early vote-by-mail ballot voting period is from October 7 through November 5, 2024. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 5, 2024, Election Day!

**VOTE SAFE CALIFORNIA**  
Every registered voter in California will receive a vote-by-mail ballot. Vote-by-mail ballots are mailed out on or before October 7. Vote-by-mail ballots can be mailed and returned as soon as they are received. Vote-by-mail drop boxes open October 8. In-person voting options will be available in all counties.

**Official Voter Information Guide**

**Certificate of Correctness**  
I, Shirley N. Weber, Secretary of State of the State of California, do hereby certify that the information provided herein will be submitted to the electors of the State of California at the General Election to be held throughout the State on November 5, 2024, and that this guide has been carefully prepared in accordance with the law. Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State in Sacramento, California, this 12th day of August, 2024.

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-[Voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://Voterguide.sos.ca.gov)

-Your mailbox

-Mobile-friendly VIG:



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# Reporting Issues to Secretary of State

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## HOW TO REPORT ISSUES:

- **Who** – Your name, phone #, contact info/Organization?
- **What** – What exactly are you reporting? (Intimidation incident? No signage? A disturbance? Electioneering?)
- **When** – When did this happen?
- **Where** – Where did it happen? Address/Precinct number? Be precise.
- **Have you reported it to anyone?** (i.e. Registrar, etc)
- **Any other helpful information.** Witness information? Description/names of others involved?

These guidelines help us resolve issues quickly . . .



# Translated Voter Information

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# JOHN LEWIS YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

*Applications Open Now!*

The 2024 John Lewis Youth Leadership Award nomination period is here! We invite you to nominate civic-minded individuals doing the work in your local communities! Please complete your nomination by November 1st!

[More Information](#)

### Translated Election Information

<a href="#">Election Information</a> 選挙情報	<a href="#">Información Electoral</a> Impormasyon sa Halalan ข้อมูลการเลือกตั้ง	<a href="#">選舉信息</a> ព័ត៌មានបោះឆ្នោត Thông tin bầu cử	<a href="#">चुनाव जानकारी</a> 선거 정보
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# Trustworthy Resources

**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' OF CALIFORNIA EDUCATION FUND

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## Your Vote, Your Voice.

**YOUR VOTE IS YOUR POWER.**

Voting impacts every area of our lives, from health care to jobs to racial justice. When we vote, we're choosing the people and the laws that shape the future of our communities. Using our power and voting makes sure we have a voice in the future.

**GET REGISTERED. GET INFORMED. GO VOTE!**

**YOUR VOTE MATTERS**

**cavotes.org**

Download your California Voter Bill of Rights from the Secretary of State in any of the following languages:

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Chinese](#)

[Hindi](#)

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[Korean](#)

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CALIFORNIA<sup>★</sup>  
VOTER BILL  
OF RIGHTS

CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

# VOTING RIGHTS

Persons with a Prior Felony Conviction

Have you been incarcerated?  
You may be eligible to vote.

## YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IF YOU ARE:

- In a local detention facility:
  - Serving a misdemeanor sentence
  - Serving a felony jail sentence
  - Because jail time is a condition of probation (misdemeanor or felony)
  - Awaiting trial
- On probation
- On parole
- On mandatory supervision
- On post-release community supervision
- On federal supervised release
- A person with a juvenile wardship adjudication

## YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

- If you are in jail and you are eligible to vote, you are entitled to receive a voter registration card.
- If you are currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony in a state prison, a federal prison or local detention facility, your right to vote is restored once you have finished serving your term.
  - Your county will send a notification confirming that you can register or reregister to vote.

For more information about restoring your rights, visit: [votingrightsrestored.sos.ca.gov](https://votingrightsrestored.sos.ca.gov)

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You can register to vote and vote if you are:

- A United States citizen and a resident of California.
- 18 years old or older on Election Day.
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

Scan the QR Code  
to register to vote



## HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

- You may request a paper voter registration card from the Secretary of State or your county elections office.
- Voter registration cards and voting materials are available in English, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.
- You can register online at [registertovote.sos.ca.gov](https://registertovote.sos.ca.gov) or by scanning the QR Code above.

## PERSONS IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION/ UNABLE TO VOTE AT THIS TIME

Currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony and imprisoned in:

- State prison
- Federal prison
- A local detention facility\*

*\*California Penal Code section 2910 allows the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to make agreements with local governments to house prisoners in local detention facilities. A person serving a state prison sentence who is housed in a local detention facility under these circumstances is not allowed to register and vote. A person in a local detention facility who is awaiting transfer to a state or federal prison following a felony conviction is not allowed to register and vote.*

## QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES

If you are unsure of what type of sentence you are serving, ask the staff at your correctional facility.

For additional resources, please contact your local county elections office or contact the California Secretary of State.

To find additional resource about voting on the Secretary of State's website, please visit: [sos.ca.gov](https://sos.ca.gov).

For county elections information please visit: [sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices](https://sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices).

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for local county  
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## RELEASED FROM CUSTODY

- If you are released from custody before you receive your vote-by-mail ballot, you can still vote. Just go to a polling location in the county where you are registered to cast your ballot; you may be asked to vote a provisional ballot. For more information about provisional ballots, please go to the Secretary of State's webpage on provisional voting: [sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/provisional-voting](https://sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/provisional-voting).
- If you change your name, home address, mailing address, or party preference you must complete a new voter registration application. However, within the 14 days before an election, instead of re-registering, you can submit a written request to your county elections official to change your address or party preference.

## CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE VOTER HOTLINE

English	(800) 345-VOTE (8683)
Español / Spanish	(800) 232-VOTA (8682)
Chinese / 中文	(800) 339-2857
Hindi / हिन्दी	(888) 345-2692
Japanese / 日本語	(800) 339-2865
Khmer / ខ្មែរ	(888) 345-4917
Korean / 한국어	(866) 575-1558
Tagalog	(800) 339-2957
Thai / ไทย	(855) 345-3933
Vietnamese / Việt ngữ	(800) 339-8163
TTY/TDD	711



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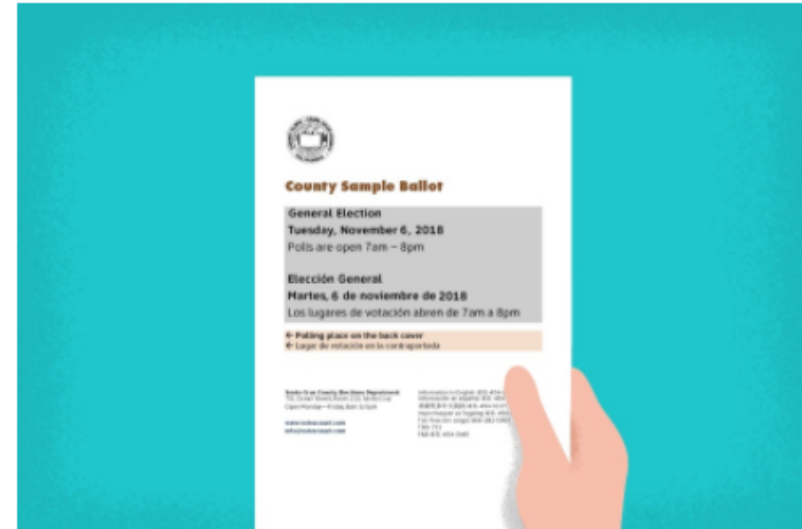


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# Trustworthy Resources



Your **State Voter Information Guide** contains information about federal and statewide candidates and statewide ballot measures. The State Voter Information Guide is only mailed prior to a statewide election.



Your **County Voter Information Guide** (previously known as a "sample ballot") contains a sample of your ballot and information about local candidates and ballot measures, and, for some counties, the location of your polling place. A County Voter Information Guide is sent prior to statewide and local elections.



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**Guía fácil para el votante**  
easyvoterguide.org

**TU VOTO. TU VOZ.**  
5 de noviembre de 2024 - Elección General de California

**簡易選民指南**  
easyvoterguide.org

**您的投票。您的聲音。**  
2024年11月5日 · 加州大選

¡TE HAS REGISTRADO! 21 de octubre de 2024. Última día para registrarse para votar en el lugar donde te llamas a sí mismo a sí mismo. ¡TE HAS REGISTRADO!

登記日期: 10月21日前  
registerstatus.ca.gov

投票日: 2024年11月5日

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registerstatus.ca.gov

投票日: 2024年11月5日

Esta guía también está disponible en español. Este guía também está disponível em português. 本指南也有中文版本。 이 안내서는 한국어로도 제공됩니다.

Give your opinion about this guide at [easyvoterguide.org](http://easyvoterguide.org)

**Easy Voter Guide**  
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**YOUR VOTE. YOUR VOICE.**  
November 5, 2024 - California General Election

**ARE YOU SIGNED UP TO VOTE?** **October 21, 2024** Last day to register to vote in this election.  
**November 5, 2024** **ELECTION DAY** Your voting location is open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**GET READY:**

- Register to vote by **October 21** at [registerstatus.ca.gov](http://registerstatus.ca.gov).
- Check your registration to make sure it's up to date. If your signature has changed over time, then re-register to update your signature at [voterstatus.sos.ca.gov](http://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov).
- If you want to get voting materials in a language other than English, make that choice at [voterstatus.sos.ca.gov](http://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov).

Esta guía también está disponible en español. 本指南也有中文版本。  
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# Trustworthy Resources

## ★ Your Representatives in Government

### How You're Represented in U.S. and State Government

Offices that represent everyone in California	Offices that represent a specific district in California
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>President</b> (4 year term)</li> <li>• <b>United States Senator</b> (6 year term)</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>U.S. Representative in Congress</b> (2 year term)</li> <li>• <b>California State Senator</b> (4 year term; odd-numbered districts will be voted on in this election)</li> <li>• <b>California State Assembly Member</b> (2 year term)</li> </ul>

California has 52 members in the U.S. House of Representatives. They are each elected for a two year term.

 <p><b>U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</b></p>	 <p>Represent the people from their California district in Washington, D.C.</p>	 <p>Help develop the federal budget and U.S. policy priorities.</p>
	 <p>Work with other U.S. Representatives to make new Laws and hold hearings.</p>	

Every state has two U.S. Senators. They are each elected for a six-year term.

 <p><b>U.S. SENATORS</b></p>	 <p>Represent the people of their state in Washington, D.C.</p>	 <p>Help develop the federal budget and U.S. policy priorities.</p>
	 <p>Work with other U.S. Senators to make new laws, hold hearings, and approve judges and other appointments.</p>	

## ★ State Propositions

### 2 Bonds for Public School & Community College Facilities Legislative Statute

**The way it is now:** One of the ways the state government supports schools is by providing money to help build and repair buildings. This money usually comes from bonds which are sold to raise money and then are repaid over time.

**What Prop 2 would do if it passes:** Prop 2 would allow the state to sell \$10 billion in new bonds to help build and repair schools, including:
 

- \$8.5 billion for K-12 schools.
- \$1.5 billion for community colleges.

 Some of the K-12 money can be used for building pre-K classrooms, gyms, or kitchens. The state will pay for up to 5% more of the costs for school districts that are smaller, have more low income students, and have more difficulty raising money through selling bonds.

**Effect on the state budget:** The state would spend about \$500 million per year for the next 35 years to repay the bonds. The effect on local governments would depend on the choices that school districts and community colleges make about repairs and new buildings.

<p><b>YES</b> People for Prop 2 say:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prop 2 will allow the state to make California's schools and community colleges safer.</li> <li>• Prop 2 will help pay for badly needed repairs and security improvements.</li> </ul>	<p><b>NO</b> People against Prop 2 say:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prop 2 makes taxpayers pay bond interest for many years.</li> <li>• The bonds will go to wasteful construction projects instead of classroom instruction.</li> </ul>
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### 3 Guarantees Marriage Equality Legislative Constitutional Amendment

**The way it is now:** The California Constitution says that only marriage between a man and a woman is legal. In 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that it is unconstitutional to outlaw same-sex marriages anywhere in the United States, and that same-sex couples must be treated the same as opposite-sex couples. California now allows same sex marriages to be performed.

**What Prop 3 would do if it passes:** Prop 3 would take out the unconstitutional part of the California Constitution that limits marriage to a "man and a woman," and put in words that say the right to marry is a fundamental right. This will allow marriage no matter what someone's gender, sexual orientation, or race is.

**Effect on the state budget:** Prop 3 would have no change in income or costs for state and local governments other than the costs needed to place the measure on the ballot.

<p><b>YES</b> People for Prop 3 say:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prop 3 protects the right of people to get married regardless of gender or race.</li> <li>• The California Constitution should affirm marriage equality which is the law of the United States.</li> </ul>	<p><b>NO</b> People against Prop 3 say:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no need to change California's Constitution because same-sex marriage is already legal.</li> <li>• Prop 3 removes all rules for marriage, opening the door to child marriages, incest, and polygamy.</li> </ul>
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### WHAT IS A BOND?

Bonds are a way for governments to borrow money. The government sells bonds to get money now and pays them back with interest over many years.



## ★ Ways to Vote

Every registered voter in California will receive a ballot in the mail about a month before the election. There are 3 ways to vote. You can choose to mail back your ballot, or drop it off, or you can vote in person at a Voting Location.

### 1 VOTE-BY-MAIL

**MAIL YOUR BALLOT BACK EARLY!** You can fill it in and mail it back as soon as you receive it. No stamp? No problem. You do not need a stamp to mail back your ballot.

**Mark your ballot and seal it inside the envelope provided**  
Follow the directions on the ballot to mark your choices. Check that you are using the return envelope with your name on it. Put your ballot into the envelope & seal. Only 1 ballot in each envelope.

**Sign and date the envelope**  
Date and sign your name carefully on the back of the envelope using ink.

**Return your ballot on time**  
Mail your ballot back early because it must be postmarked by Election Day, November 5.

### 2 OR DROP OFF YOUR BALLOT

If you decide to hand in your ballot instead of mailing it, you must drop it off no later than 8PM on Election Day, November 5.

Drop off your ballot at any Voting Location or secure Ballot Dropbox in your county. For details and locations check [caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov](http://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov).

### 3 VOTE IN PERSON

At in-person Voting Locations you can:

- Vote in-person.
- Vote with an accessible voting machine.
- Drop off your completed ballot.
- Get help and voting materials in multiple languages.

Early voting, starting before Election Day, will be available in some locations. Find Early Voting and Ballot Dropbox locations at [caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov](http://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov). Find your Voting Location at [findmypollingplace.sos.ca.gov](http://findmypollingplace.sos.ca.gov).

**MADE A MISTAKE? YOU CAN GET A REPLACEMENT BALLOT.**  
To get a new ballot contact your County Elections Office before Election Day or go to your Voting Location when it opens and ask for a replacement.

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Choose Pros/Cons in English or Spanish for a deeper dive into the state ballot measures, and the arguments for and against each measure.

**LWV League of Women Voters of California Education Fund**  
**PROS & CONS**

**Press Date: September 4, 2024**

**General Election • November 5, 2024**

In the general election, California voters will vote for President, U.S. Senator, Representatives in U.S. Congress and the California State Legislature, and other candidates and proposed laws depending on where you live.

California voters will also decide on 10 state propositions that are included on the ballot by the State Legislative Propositions 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. These propositions have been placed on the ballot by people who collected enough signatures.

Visit [VoteBallot.com](http://VoteBallot.com) to see everything on your ballot. For your polling place, and get unbiased information on all your voting choices.

**How to Evaluate Ballot Propositions**

Examine what the measure seeks to accomplish. Do you agree with the goal?  
• Is the measure consistent with your ideas about government? Do you think the proposed changes will make things better?  
• Who are the real winners and losers of the measure? Check where the money is coming from on [VoteBallot.com](http://VoteBallot.com).  
• Is the measure written well? Will it create conflicts in law that may not be resolved?

**Legislative Statute**

**Proposition 2**  
**Authorizes Bonds for Public School and Community College Facilities**

**THE QUESTION:** Should the state authorize \$10 billion in bonds to build new, or renovate existing, public school and community college facilities?

**THE SITUATION:** The Legislature placed Proposition 2 on the ballot.

California has approximately 10,000 public schools and 125 community colleges. Many schools and community colleges have older, outdated facilities. Many need health and safety repairs, renovations, or a 2020 publication safety repairs. According to the [California State Board of Education](http://California State Board of Education), 38% of California students attend schools that don't meet minimum facility standards. This includes 23% of students with malfunctioning electrical systems, 15% of students attending schools with extreme deficiencies, such as leaks, power failures, and structural damage. The state and the school districts usually share the costs for renovation and new construction almost equally. The state uses voter-approved bonds for its share of these costs.

**THE PROPOSAL:** If passed, Proposition 2 would authorize \$10 billion in state general obligation bonds for repair, upgrade, and construction of charter schools and community colleges. Of that amount, the bonds would be allocated in the following way:

- \$8.5 billion (85% of total bond amount) for public schools, including charter schools.
- \$1.5 billion (15% of total bond amount) for community colleges.
- A small portion of new construction and renovation funds must be set aside for small school districts.
- Up to \$115 million to be used to reduce lead levels in water at public school sites.
- The state would pay a higher share of project costs for school districts with lower assessed property values and have a higher share of students who are low-income, English learners, or foster youth.

**FISCAL EFFECTS**

The state's estimated cost to repay the bond would be about \$200 million each year for 35 years. The effect on local governments would depend on the choices that school districts and community colleges make about building repairs and new buildings.

**EasyVote**  
Vote Now or at the Polls

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**LWV League of Women Voters of California Education Fund**  
**PROS Y CONTRAS**

**Fecha de publicación: 12 de septiembre de 2024**

**Elección General • 5 de noviembre de 2024**

En esta elección general, los votantes de California elegirán al Presidente, Senador y Representantes en el Congreso de EE. UU. y a los miembros de la Asamblea Legislativa del estado de California. También elegirán otros candidatos y propuestas de ley dependientes de su lugar de residencia.

Los votantes de California también van a decidir sobre 10 proposiciones de ley que se explican en este Pros y Contras. Las proposiciones 2, 3, 4, 5 y 6 fueron colocadas en la boleta electoral por la Asamblea Legislativa del estado. Las proposiciones 13, 22, 24, 25 y 30 fueron colocadas en la boleta por sus partidarios, quienes para ello reunieron suficientes firmas.

Visite [VoteBallot.com](http://VoteBallot.com) para ver todo lo que vendrá en su boleta electoral, saber cómo evaluar las proposiciones en la boleta, y obtener información no partidista sobre todos los cambios propuestos. ¡Mejorará los resultados!

**Cómo evaluar las proposiciones en la boleta**

- Examine si lo que quiere lograr las proposiciones. ¿Está de acuerdo con los cambios propuestos? ¿Mejorará las cosas?
- ¿Es la propuesta consistente con sus ideas sobre el problema? ¿Cree que establece el derecho fundamental para todos, independientemente del sexo o la raza, y eliminar la formulación que discrimina?
- ¿Quiénes son los ganadores y los perdedores de la propuesta?
- ¿Quiénes se beneficiarán o sufrirán con esta propuesta?
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**Proposición 3**  
**Derecho constitucional al matrimonio**

**LA PREGUNTA:** ¿Debería enmendarse la Constitución de California para definir el matrimonio como un derecho fundamental para todos, independientemente del sexo o la raza, y eliminar la formulación que establece que el matrimonio es solo entre un hombre y una mujer?

**LA SITUACIÓN ACTUAL:** La Constitución de California contiene una formulación ambigua e inconstitucional que establece que "Solo el matrimonio entre un hombre y una mujer es reconocido en California". Dicha formulación se incorporó como resultado de la Proposición 8 reafirmada en 2008. Desde la 14ª Enmienda de la Constitución de los Estados Unidos, California ha reconocido el matrimonio entre personas del mismo sexo. En 2015, la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos sostuvo que los estados deben permitir y reconocer el matrimonio entre personas del mismo sexo.

**LA PROPOSTA:** La Proposición 3 eliminaría la formulación ambigua de la Constitución del estado y enmendaría la Constitución del estado para establecer el derecho a casarse como fundamento, y promover la seguridad, la felicidad y la privacidad, así como los derechos al debido proceso y a la igualdad de protección legal. Estas enmiendas protegerían los derechos del matrimonio igualitario y reconocerían que los matrimonios entre personas del mismo sexo son como los matrimonios.

**EFECTOS FISCALES:** No se anticipa ningún cambio en los ingresos o costos para los gobiernos estatales o locales.

**SUS PARTIDARIOS DICEN:**

- La Proposición 3 promueve de manera proactiva los valores fundamentales de la Constitución del estado, como la libertad de casarse como un derecho fundamental.
- La enmienda alinea la Constitución del estado con la ley federal y con el derecho constitucional de los Estados Unidos.
- La enmienda no cambia ninguna ley con respecto a los requisitos de edad, el número de personas en un matrimonio o los derechos existentes del cónyuge para heredarse o celebrar un matrimonio.

**SUS OPOSITORES DICEN:**

- Deben ser y estar en la ley, la enmienda solucionar un problema que no existe.
- La forma en que está redactada la enmienda no cubre y elimina todas las reglas para el matrimonio.
- Sin salvaguardas como la edad, la relación genética y el número de participantes en el matrimonio, la enmienda abre la puerta al matrimonio infantil, al incesto y la poligamia.

**PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN:** Libertad para casarse [www.voteballot.com](http://www.voteballot.com)

**Los oponentes:** Consejo Familiar de California [CaliforniaFamilyValues.org/Proposition3](http://CaliforniaFamilyValues.org/Proposition3)

# Trustworthy Resources



## ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

Brought to you by the League of Women Voters Education Fund

- Register to Vote
- Check Your Registration
- Find What's on Your Ballot

HAVE YOUR CANDIDATES ANSWERED OUR QUESTIONS? If not, see how you can help! Find out [↗](#)

## PERSONALIZED VOTING INFORMATION

- See What's On Your Ballot
- Check Your Voter Registration
- Find Your Polling Place
- Discover Upcoming Debates In Your Area
- And Much More!

Enter Your Address to Get Started:

Street Address

City  Select a state

Zip Code

Submit



## Who is CA Black Power Network?

**Over 40 Black-led and Black-serving organizations across the state.**

**Special focus on contacting traditionally hard-to-reach voter populations**

- Black immigrants
- People without a stable address
- Currently/formerly incarcerated individuals

## **Prop 17 & Voting Without Address or ID**



- **Prop 17 (2020) restored the right to vote for people currently on parole for felony convictions**
- **If no stable address, can use an intersection as a residence**
- **Instead of ID, ok to use a social security number**

# 7 Main Issue Areas

- **Housing**
- **Education**
- **Healthcare**
- **Real Safety**
- **Healthy Built Environment**
- **Democracy**
- **Economic Opportunity**

# Central Focus of CBPN

**Policy  
Development  
& Advocacy**



**Civic  
Engagement  
& Organizing**



**Narrative  
& Culture**



**Protest &  
Direct Action**



Organizing the power of Black grassroots organizations, leaders, and residents.

**IVE (Integrated Voter Engagement)- engagement beyond election years, to ensure marginalized voices are helping to structure policy decisions.**



# Voter Resources

## CBPN Voting 101

<https://blackpowernetwork.org/voting-101/>

Sign up to join the movement or reach out with questions

- Dates/timelines
- Eligibility reminders
- Register, polling locations
- How to vote by mail
- Voter Information Guide & Where's My Ballot? from SOS



**VOTERS GUIDE 101**

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## Upcoming Events:

Demystifying the DOJ: Office of Community Awareness, Response  
and Engagement

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

10:00- 11:00 AM

*Virtual Presentation*

Register at: [oag.ca.gov/care/demystifying-the-doj](https://oag.ca.gov/care/demystifying-the-doj)

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