

PROPOSITION 15

**PROP
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INCREASES FUNDING SOURCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES BY CHANGING TAX ASSESSMENT OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

SUMMARY

Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures

Taxes such properties based on current market value, instead of purchase price. Fiscal Impact: 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.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: Property taxes on most commercial properties worth more than \$3 million would go up in order to provide new funding to local governments and schools.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: Property taxes on commercial properties would stay the same. Local governments and schools would not get new funding.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Prop. 15 is a fair and balanced reform that: closes property tax loopholes benefitting wealthy corporations, cuts taxes for small businesses, protects homeowners and renters, requires full transparency and reclaims billions of dollars for schools and local communities. Supported by nurses, teachers, small business owners, affordable housing advocates and community organizations.

CON Prop 15 is a \$12.5 billion property tax increase that raises our cost of living and makes everything we buy - food, gas, utilities, day care and health care - more expensive. Prop 15 repeals taxpayer protections in Prop 13. NO on Prop 15!

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SUMMARY:

- Will require industrial and commercial properties be taxed based on their market value rather than their purchase price. Exempts taxation changes to business owners who have 3 million or less holding in CA. Exempts small business from personal property tax.
- Eliminate the loophole commercial industry properties took advantage of which enabled them to freeze their property tax rate
- 40% will go to education/local school districts (including public and charter schools)
- 60% will go to local governments and special districts

SUPPORT:

- Organizations
 - Million Voter Project Action Fund (Sponsored by Social Justice Organization, Partnered with CHIRLA, AAPIs for CE Education Fund, ACCE, PICO California)
 - Silicon Valley Rising Action
 - Schools and Communities First (Sponsored by coalition of labor groups of Social Justice Representing families, students, and essential workers & ACLU Southern California)
 - HIP Committee for Schools & Committee First
- Statewide Elected Officials:
 - State Superintendent Tony Thurmond
 - U.S. Senator Kamala Harris
- Mayors ([more here](#))
 - Graciela Ortiz, Vice Mayor of Huntington Park
 - Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles
 - Alicia Romero, Vice Mayor of Bell
- City Councils:
 - Bob Blumenfield, Los Angeles City Council Member
 - Mike Bonin, Los Angeles City Council Member
 - Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Los Angeles City Council Member
 - Paul Koretz, Los Angeles City Council Member
 - David Ryu, Los Angeles City Council Member
 - Nury Martinez, Los Angeles City Council President
 - Herb Wesson, Los Angeles City Council President Emeritus
 - Henry Lo, Monterey Park City Council Member
 - Chris Ward, San Diego City Council Member
- State Senator:
 - Senator Ben Allen, 26th District
 - Senator Toni Atkins, President Pro tem
 - Senator Maria Elena Durazo, 24th District
 - Senator Connie Leyva, 20th District
 - Senator Holly Mitchell, 30th District
 - Senator Nancy Skinner, 9th District
 - Senator Bob Wieckowski, 10th District
 - Senator Scott Wiener, 11th District
 - Kevin de Leon, CA State Senate President (Emeritus)
- U.S. Representatives
 - Barbara Lee, U.S. Congressperson
 - Karen Bass, U.S. Congressperson

- Ro Khanna, U.S. Congressperson
- School Board Officials
 - Barbar Jean Calhoun, Compton Community College District
 - Gabriel Buelna, Los Angeles Community College District Board Trustee
 - Mike Fong, Los Angeles Community College District Board Trustee
 - Andra Hoffman, Los Angeles Community College District Board Trustee
 - David Vela, Los Angeles Community College District
 - Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez, Azusa Unified School District
 - Jeri Bibles-Vogel, Azusa Unified School District
 - Dr. Armond Aghakhanian, Burbank Unified School District

OPPOSE:

- Organizations:
 - California State Club Association
 - Agriculture Council of California Committee
 - Protect Our Family Farmers
 - Sponsored by Alliance of California's Farmers and Ranchers
 - Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
 - AMVETS, Department of California
 - California Black Chamber of Commerce
 - California Chamber of Commerce
 - California NAACP State Conference
 - California Small Business Association
 - Institute of Real Estate Management – Greater Los Angeles
- Individuals:
 - Dolores Huerta - Co-Founder of the United Farm Workers
- Officials:
 - Ted Gains CA State Board of Equalization Member
 - Republican Party
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PROPOSITION 16

PROP 16 **ALLOWS DIVERSITY AS A FACTOR IN PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, AND CONTRACTING DECISIONS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

SUMMARY

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. Fiscal Impact: No direct fiscal effect on state and local entities. The effects of the measure depend on the future choices of state and local government entities and are highly uncertain.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: State and local entities could consider race, sex, color, ethnicity, and national origin in public education, public employment, and public contracting to the extent allowed under federal and state law.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: The current ban on the consideration of race, sex, color, ethnicity, and national origin in public education, public employment, and public contracting would remain in effect.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Prop. 16 expands equal opportunity to all Californians, increasing access to fair wages, good jobs, and quality schools for everyone. Prop. 16 fights wage discrimination and systemic racism, opening up opportunities for women and people of color. Supported by League of Women Voters of California, California Federation of Teachers, Minority Business Consortium, and state higher education leaders. Vote YesOnProp16.org

CON Politicians want to strip our Constitution of its prohibition on discrimination and preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin. They want to play favorites. If there's anything that should be fundamental in our society it's that the state should treat all Californians equally. VOTE NO.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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SUMMARY:

- Would allow school admission, public employments and public contracting take someone's race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex etc into consideration during hiring or admission decisions.
- Repeal to proposition 209. Proposition 209 prohibited discrimination/preferential treatment (taking in account of someone's race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex) in university/school admission, public employment and public contracting.
- Affirmative action was used by government and institutions to take steps toward increasing people who have been historically discriminated against but has raised the question of equality of opportunity.

SUPPORT:

- Organizations
 - ACLU Of California
 - Anti-Defamation League
 - CA Black Chamber of Commerce
 - Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
 - Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment
 - California State Student Association
- Unions:
 - AFSCME California
 - California Labor Federation
 - SEIU California State Council
 - California Federation of Teachers
 - California Teachers Association
- Government Entities
 - Los Angeles County Board of Education
 - University of CA Board of Regents
- State Elected Officials [list](#)
 - Governor Gavin Newsom
 - State Senator Steven Bradford, SD35- Inglewood
 - State Senator Maria Elena Durazo, SD24- Los Angeles
 - Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon, AD63- South Gate
 - State Senator Maria Elena Durazo, SD24- Los Angeles
 - Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, AD51- Los Angeles
 - Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer, AD59- Los Angeles
 - Assemblymember Miguel Santiago, AD53- Los Angeles
- City Council Members
 - Monica Rodriguez, Los Angeles City Council Member
 - David Ryu, Los Angeles City Council Member
 - Kevin de Leon, Los Angeles Council Member-elect
 - Georgette Gomez, San Diego City Council Member
 - Monica Montgomery, San Diego City Council Member
 - Chris Ward, San Diego City Council Member
- Individuals:
 - Dolores Huerta - Civil Rights Activist & President of Dolores Huerta Foundation
 - Bernice King - CEO The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
 - Betty Yee - State Controller
 - Tom Steyer - Founder of NextGen America
- Former Officials (all democrates):
 - Barbara Boxer - Former U.S. Senator

- Mike Honda - Former U.S. Representative
- Kevin De Lion - Former State Senator President

OPPOSE:

- Organizations [list](#)
 - American Civil Rights Institute
 - Chinese American Civic Action Alliance
 - American Freedom Alliance
 - students for Fair Admissions, Inc.
- Official (both from Republican party)
 - Ling Ling Chang - State Senator
 - Melissa Melendez - State Senator
- Former Officials
 - Tom Campbell - Former U.S. Representative
 - Darrell Issa - Former U.S. Representative
 - Bob Huff - Former Senate Minority Leader
- Individual
 - Ward Connerly - Chairperson of the campaign behind CA Proposition 209 (1996)

PROPOSITION 17

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**RESTORES RIGHT TO VOTE AFTER COMPLETION OF PRISON TERM.
LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

SUMMARY

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. Fiscal Impact: Annual county costs, likely in the hundreds of thousands of dollars statewide, for voter registration and ballot materials. One-time state costs, likely in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, for voter registration cards and systems.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: People on state parole who are U.S. citizens, residents of California, and at least 18 years of age would be able to vote, if they register to vote.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: People on state parole would continue to be unable to vote in California.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Prop. 17 restores a citizen's right to vote after they finish their prison term—aligning California with other states. A recent parole commission report found that citizens who complete their prison terms and have their voting rights restored are less likely to commit future crimes. Yes on Prop. 17.

CON Vote NO on Proposition 17 because it: • Amends California's Constitution to grant violent criminals the right to vote before completing their sentence including parole. • Allows criminals convicted of murder, rape and child molestation to vote before paying their debt to society. • Denies justice to crime victims.

PROPOSITION 17

SUMMARY:

- Restores voting rights to someone who was striped from their voting rights during and while completing their prison term

SUPPORT

- Organizations
 - ACLU of California
 - League of Women Voters of CA
 - Initiate Justice
- Officials (all Democrats)
 - Kamala D. Harris - U.S. Senator
 - Holly Mitchell - State Senator
 - Rob Bonta - Assembly member
 - Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher - Assembly member
 - Ash Karla - Assembly member
 - Kevin Mullin - Assembly member
 - Shirley Weber - Assembly member
 - Steven Bradford- State Senator
 - Scott Wiener - State Senator
 - Wendy Carillo - Assembly member
 - Mike Gipson - Assembly member
 - Kevin McCart - Assembly member
 - Mark Stone - Assembly member
 - Alex Padilla - Assembly member

OPPOSE

- Official
 - Jim Nielson (Republican)

PROPOSITION 18

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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.

SUMMARY

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

Fiscal Impact: Increased statewide county costs likely between several hundreds of thousands of dollars and \$1 million every two years. Increased one-time costs to the state of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: Eligible 17-year-olds who will be 18 years old by the time of the next general election may vote in the primary election and any special elections preceding the general election.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: No one younger than 18 years of age may vote in any election.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Proposition 18 will allow first-time voters to participate in a full election cycle provided that they are 18 by the time of the general election. This measure is needed to boost youth civic engagement in our elections and help create more lifelong participants in the most fundamental process of democracy.

CON Science and legal consistency demand a NO vote on Proposition 18. Law prohibits younger teens from smoking, drinking and even tanning because research shows the logic and reasoning area of their brains is not fully developed. Those abilities are vital to responsible voting. We must not lower the voting age.

PROPOSITION 18

SUMMARY:

- Will permit 17 years to vote in any primary or special election if they are turning 18 by the next general election

SUPPORT

- Officials
 - Alex Padilla - Secretary of State
 - Kevin Mullin - Assembly member

OPPOSE

*No formal group that oppose other than the Election Integrity Project California [resource](#) *

PROPOSITION 20

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RESTRICTS PAROLE FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES CURRENTLY CONSIDERED TO BE NON-VIOLENT. AUTHORIZES FELONY SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES CURRENTLY TREATED ONLY AS MISDEMEANORS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

SUMMARY

Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures

Limits access to parole program established for non-violent offenders who have completed the full term of their primary offense by eliminating eligibility for certain offenses. Fiscal Impact: Increase in state and local correctional, court, and law enforcement costs likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually, depending on implementation.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: People who commit certain theft-related crimes (such as repeat shoplifting) could receive increased penalties (such as longer jail terms). Additional factors would be considered for the state's process for releasing certain inmates from prison early. Law enforcement would be required to collect DNA samples from adults convicted of certain misdemeanors.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: Penalties for people who commit certain theft-related crimes would not be increased. There would be no change to the state's process for releasing certain inmates from prison early. Law enforcement would continue to be required to collect DNA samples from adults only if they are arrested for a felony or required to register as sex offenders or arsonists.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Proposition 20 closes a loophole in the law that now allows convicted child molesters, sexual predators and others convicted of violent crimes to be released from prison early. Proposition 20 also expands DNA collection to help solve rapes, murders and other serious crimes, and strengthens sanctions against habitual thieves who steal repeatedly.

CON Prop. 20 is a prison spending scam. California already has severe and lengthy sentences—including life in prison—for serious and violent crimes. Prison special interests want to scare you into spending tens of millions on prisons which could force draconian cuts to rehabilitation, schools, mental health, and homelessness.

PROPOSITION 20

SUMMARY:

- Would turn specific types of theft and fraud crimes (including unlawful use of credit card, firearm theft, vehicle theft as misdemeanors or felonies rather than misdemeanors

SUPPORT

- Officials
 - Jim Cooper
- Government Entities
 - Orange County Board of Supervisors
- Unions
 - Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs
 - Peace Officers Research Association of California
 - Los Angeles Police Protective League
- Corporations
 - Albertson Safeway

OPPOSE

- Former Officials
 - Jerry Brown - Former Governor
 - Patty Quillin - Philanthropist
 - Lynn Schusterman - Philanthropist
- Unions
 - SEIU CA State Council

PROPOSITION 21

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

SUMMARY *Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures*

Allows local governments to establish rent control on residential properties over 15 years old. Local limits on rate increases may differ from statewide limit. Fiscal Impact: Overall, a potential reduction in state and local revenues in the high tens of millions of dollars per year over time. Depending on actions by local communities, revenue losses could be less or more.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: State law would allow cities and counties to apply more kinds of rent control to more properties than under current law.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: State law would maintain current limits on rent control laws cities and counties can apply.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Proposition 21 is the change we need to tackle homelessness. A YES Vote on Proposition 21 is a vote to keep families in their homes. A strong coalition of elected leaders; affordable housing providers; and senior, veteran, and homeless advocates agree that Proposition 21 will help prevent homelessness.

CON Prop. 21 will make California's housing crisis worse. Prop. 21 undermines the strongest statewide rent control law in the nation, costs jobs, reduces home values, stops new housing from being built, and eliminates homeowner protections while providing no protections for renters, seniors, veterans or the disabled.

PROPOSITION 21

SUMMARY:

- Will allow cities to present new or existing rent control laws
- Would allow only cities to present new rent control ordinances to homes that are at least 15 years old only
- Exempts single family owned by landlords with no more than 2 properties

SUPPORT:

- Officials
 - Bernie Sanders - Vermont U.S. Senator
- Politician Parties
 - CA Democrat Party
- Individual
 - Dolores Huerta - co founder of the Farm Workers
- Unions
 - AFSCME California
 - SEIU California State Council
- Organizations
 - ACCE Action
 - AIDS Healthcare Foundation
 - Eviction Defence Network
 - National Lawyers Guild LA
 - ACLU of Southern California
 - Los Angeles Tenants Union

OPPOSE:

- Coorporation
 - Avalonbay Communities, Inc.
 - Essex Property Trust, Inc.
 - Prometheus Real Estate Group, Inc
 - Equity Residential
 - Invitation Homes
- Organizations
 - AMVETS, Department of California
 - California Council for Affordable Housing
 - California Seniors Advocates League
 - American Legion, Department of California
 - California Chamber of Commerce
 - California Taxpayers Association