

## California Ballot Blurbs

**Prop 15:** A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to require commercial and industrial properties, except those zoned as commercial agriculture, to be taxed based on their market value, rather than their purchase price.

### SUPPORTERS SAY

- \* Prop 15 provides billions in new revenue for our communities and schools.
  - \* 10% of the wealthiest businesses will provide more than 90% of the revenue.
  - \* Gives tax breaks to small businesses to help our economy grow.
- Keeps Prop 13's protection for homeowners, renters, and farms.

### OPPONENTS SAY

- \* Prop 15 would trigger the largest property tax increase in California's history.
- \* Additional costs will ultimately raise prices for consumers.
- \* Will make it harder for people to start small businesses.
- \* Will require huge cost to administer.

**Prop 16:** A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to repeal Proposition 209 (1996), which stated that the government and public institutions cannot discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to persons on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, and public contracting.

### SUPPORTERS SAY

- \* Yes on Prop 16 means equal opportunities for all Californians.
- Despite living in the most diverse state in the nation, women and people of color currently are still discriminated against.
- \* We are at a historic moment and need to strengthen California by overturning discrimination in all areas.

### OPPONENTS SAY

- \* Approval of Prop 16 would be a step backward, introducing a new form of discrimination to favor politicians' favorites.
- \* Let's not perpetuate the stereotype that minorities & women can't make it unless they get special preferences.
- \* Prop 16 will require costly bureaucracies to enforce its provisions, burdening taxpayers.

**Prop 17:** A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to allow people on parole for felony convictions to vote.

### SUPPORTERS SAY

- \* When people complete their prison sentences, they should be encouraged to reenter society and have a stake in their community. Restoring voting rights does that.
- \* 19 other states allow people to vote once they have successfully completed their prison sentences. It's time for California to do the same.
- \* Nearly 50,000 Californians who have completed their prison terms pay taxes at local, state and federal levels, yet are prohibited from voting at any level of government.

### OPPONENTS SAY

- \* Prop 17 will allow violent criminals to vote before completing their sentence, including parole.
- \* Parole in California is for serious and violent criminals who have victimized innocent citizens. Giving people on parole social equality before full rehabilitation will add to victims' pain and suffering.
- \* Parole is to prove rehabilitation before full liberty, including voting rights, is restored.

**Prop 18:** A "yes" vote supports this constitutional amendment to allow 17-year-olds who will be 18 at the time of the next general election to vote in primary elections and special elections.

SUPPORTERS SAY

\* Prop 18 will allow 17-18 year-olds to participate in a full election cycle.

It will boost the number of youth who actually vote.

\* 17 and 18 year-olds are heavily affected by policies so they should be able to vote on those policies.

\* When 17-year-olds can't vote in the primary it discourages them from voting in the general when they are 18 because they didn't pick the candidates that are on the ballot.

\* Encourages young people to be involved in the lifelong journey of voting -- one of the most essential factors in democracy

**Prop 20:** A "yes" vote supports this initiative to add crimes to the list of violent felonies for which early parole is restricted; recategorize certain types of theft and fraud crimes as wobblers (chargeable as misdemeanors or felonies); and require DNA collection for certain misdemeanors.

SUPPORTERS SAY

\* Prop 20 reclassifies certain crimes, like assault with a deadly weapon, date rape, and child abuse, as violent.

\* Prop 20 would not increase the prison population; it would only ensure that people convicted of these crimes serve their full sentences.

\* Prop 20 will help stop car break-ins, shoplifting, and other theft that has been on the rise.

OPPONENTS SAY

\* 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

**Prop 22:** A "yes" vote supports this ballot initiative to define app-based transportation (rideshare) and delivery drivers as independent contractors and adopt labor and wage policies specific to app-based drivers and companies

SUPPORTERS SAY

\* Classifying drivers as employees as required under AB 5 would lead to longer wait times, higher prices, and less access to rideshare and delivery services.

\* Like AB 5, Prop 22 would improve delivery and rideshare work by requiring companies to provide new benefits and expand public safety protections.

OPPONENTS SAY

\* Prop 22 would eliminate basic workplace protections and replace them with lower guaranteed earnings and healthcare subsidies to save costs for the company.

\* Current law does not limit driver flexibility. A majority of drivers work 30 or more hours per week