

2020 Chinese for Affirmative Action Voter Guide

California State Ballot

PROP 15 YES

Increases funding for schools and community colleges by taxing specific commercial properties. Does not impact homeowner taxes.

PROP 21 YES

Allows cities to address the housing and homelessness crisis by expanding rent control measures.

PROP 16 YES

Creates equal opportunity in public contracting, employment, and education for women and all people of color including Asian Americans. This levels the field for opportunity and does not create quotas.

PROP 22 NO

Exempts gig companies like Uber and Lyft from rules to ensure their workers have protections and benefits like other employees.

PROP 17 YES

Restores fundamental voting rights to people with certain convictions who have been released from prison and are on parole.

PROP 24 NO

A well-intentioned privacy measure related to personal data. But likely to create more problems than it solves.

PROP 18 YES

Gives 17-year-olds the ability to register and vote in primary elections if they turn 18 by the time of the general election in November.

PROP 25 NEUTRAL

Replaces the unfair and unjust cash bail system. But the new processes have similar risks for poor people and people of color.

PROP 20 NO

Reverses a series of positive criminal justice reforms that have saved money and helped reduce mass incarceration.

Yes on Prop 16

At CAA, we've led the fight to pass Prop 16 because it is absolutely fundamental to our mission of defending the rights of Chinese Americans and advancing a multiracial democracy.

Californians believe in giving everyone an equal shot at fair wages, good jobs, and quality schools. But race and gender inequities still persist, and California is one of only nine states that bans affirmative action as a tool to fight discrimination.

Proposition 16 repeals that ban and expands opportunity for millions of women, students, and people of color in public contracting, employment, and education. And Prop 16 will make a difference now to Asian-owned small businesses working to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, to Asian Americans facing workplace discrimination and ceilings, and to Asian Americans demanding education equity in our K-12 schools and public colleges and universities.

San Francisco Ballot

PROP A YES

Raises money for temporary housing and renovation of public spaces including Portsmouth Square park in Chinatown.

PROP G YES

Expands voting rights to 16- and 17-year-olds in local elections so those directly impacted by public policy can have a say.

PROP C YES

Expands the pool of San Franciscans who can serve on boards and commissions to include non-citizens.

PROP H YES

Streamlines costs and paperwork for storefront businesses. Will support more equitable economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis.

PROP D NEUTRAL

Would provide more transparency and oversight for the SF Sheriff's Department but does not go far enough.

PROP J YES

Parcel tax that funds teacher salaries. Would replace a previous version of this measure that has been held up in court.

PROP E YES

Changes outdated guidance on how the number of police officers in the City are determined.

PROP K YES

Authorizes and removes barriers to develop up to 10,000 units of affordable housing.

PROP F YES

Recalibrates business taxes in a manner that helps small businesses while freeing up dollars to provide services for the unhoused.

PROP L YES

Marginal tax on companies that pay their CEOs 100s of times more than their average employees.

How to Vote in California

REGISTER TO VOTE

Register to vote by October 19th. Even if you've already registered, it's good to double check that your registration is correct. [Register to vote](#) or [check your voter registration](#).

VOTE BY MAIL

Registered voters in California will automatically receive their ballots in the mail. Ballots will be mailed out on October 5. Return your ballots on or before November 3rd. (We recommend before!)

VOTE IN PERSON

If you want to vote in person, you don't have to wait until November 3rd. Vote early to beat the lines and maintain social distancing.

Early voting in San Francisco begins on October 5 at the Voting Center, which will be outside of Bill Graham Civic Auditorium at 99 Grove Street. It will be open on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on some weekends. [Check here for the dates and hours](#).

You can also vote on Election Day, November 3, at your local polling location.
[Find your polling place here.](#)

VOTER TIPS

MAKE SURE TO SIGN YOUR BALLOT

After filling out your ballot clearly, seal and sign the return envelope. Election officials check the envelope signature against the signature on your voter registration card to make sure that they match. Don't rush your signature or make it look different. If your signatures don't match, your ballot could get thrown out!

VOTE EARLY

Due to the pandemic, mail could be delayed and there could be long lines at polling locations. It's important to submit your ballots early! Mail your ballot early or vote early at the Voting Center at 99 Grove Street. You can also fill out your ballot at home and drop it off early at the Voting Center or at a secure ballot drop box. (See the FAQ below)

LANGUAGE ACCESS

California offers assistance for voters in many languages.

(800) 345-VOTE (8683) - English
(800) 339-2857 - 中文 / Chinese
(866) 575-1558 - 한국어 / Korean
(800) 339-8163 - Việt ngữ / Vietnamese

[For more languages, see here.](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

When will I receive my ballot?

If your ballot does not arrive by October 13, contact the [San Francisco Department of Elections](#) (for San Francisco residents).

Do I need to put postage on my mail-in ballot?

No. In California, you can just put your ballot in the mailbox.

Can I drop off my ballot in person?

Yes! In San Francisco, you can drop off your ballot at the Voting Center (99 Grove Street), at a polling place, or at a secure ballot drop box. (Please check [here](#) under "Returning your Ballot" for ballot box locations and hours.) You must turn in your ballot by no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day.

What if I miss the voter registration deadline?

You can still vote! If you miss the October 19 deadline, you can still register in-person at a polling place through Election Day, November 3!

What if I'm not 18 yet, but will be on election date?

You can pre-register to vote in California.

Helpful Websites

[Vote Safe California](#) - California Voter Registration & Information (also in Chinese)

[Ways to Vote](#) - San Francisco Department of Elections (also in Chinese)

[San Francisco Voting Center](#) - San Francisco Department of Elections (also in Chinese)

[California Ballot Tracker](#) - Track your ballot to see when it's been mailed, received, and counted