Your Vote is your power



MIDTERM ELECTION BALLOT GUIDE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

To register to vote in California, a person must be:

- Be a U.S. citizen and a resident of California.
- Be at least 18 years old on Election Day.
- Not currently be in prison for a felony conviction.
- Not currently be found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

How to Register:

- Visit **registertovote.ca.gov** or mail a registration form.
- Deadline is 15 days before Election Day Oct. 19.
- Missed the deadline? Register in person at the City Hall Voting Center or at a polling place.



How to vote:

1. By Mail:

- You will receive a ballot on your mail in October or visit **sfelections.org/access** and print one.
- Complete three steps:
  - 1. Mark your ballot
  - 2. Prepare your envelope
  - 3. Return your envelope by Election Day, November 53rd (check mail pickup times if you mail your ballot on Election Day)



2. Vote Early in Person

- Go to the Voting Center at S.F. City Hall. I will be open to all local voters on October 5.

3. On Election Day

- Go to your polling place on Nov. 3 from 7 am to 8 pm.
- Find your polling place at sfelections.org/myvotinglocation, or call (415) 554-4375

Non-Citizen parents CAN vote in San Francisco School Board Elections



How to Register:

- To register as a non-citizen voter for the next Board of Education (School Board) election, you must be all of the following:
  - A San Francisco resident who intends to remain so until the next Board of Education election;
  - The parent, legal guardian, or caregiver (someone who signs the affidavit to enroll a minor in school and consents to school-related medical care on behalf of the minor. This is determined by state law, in CA Family Code §6550-6552) of a child living in San Francisco;
  - At least 18 years of age on Election Day (the next such date is November 3, 2026); and
  - Not disqualified from voting under state law for imprisonment or mental incompetence.
- Local law requires all non-citizen voters to register for Board of Education elections using a postage-paid NCV registration form. Completed non-citizen registration forms must be returned by mail or in person.

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MIDTERM ELECTIONS 2026

Qualified Local Ballot Measures - Nov. 3, 2026

City Charter Reform: Propositions A, D, E, F

Finance & Banking: Proposition B

Housing & Tenants: Propositons C, I, J

Housing & Transportation: Propositions G, H

PROP. A — CHARTER CHANGES TO CITY DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS

City Charter Reform



A vote yes means...
supporting amending the San Francisco charter and giving the Board the power to rehouse, rename, and/or remove certain city commissions.



A vote of no means...
being against amending the San Francisco charter and maintaining our current boards, city commissions, and advisory bodies and maintaining the power to dismantle them with voters.

PROP. B — ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC BANK

Finance & Banking



A vote yes means...
creating a Municipal Finance Corporation, later a public bank, which would function similar to a non-profit and both be overseen by an established oversight commission and Board of Directors.



A vote of no means...
opposing the creation of Municipal Finance Corporation and the framework to later become a Public Bank.

PROP. C — CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOUSING FUND

Housing & Tenants



A vote yes means...
supports amending the San Francisco City Charter to require the city to increase how much funding is set aside for the Housing Trust Charter and extending it through 2058.



A vote of no means...
not amending the San Francisco City Charter to increase the funding set aside for the Housing Trust Charter and allowing it to expire in 2043.

PROP. D — CHANGES TO BALLOT MEASURE PROCESS

City Charter Reform



A vote yes means...
you support tightening how measures get onto the ballot: the Mayor and Board members could no longer place a measure without a full Board vote, and voter-led signature initiatives would require 8% of voters' signatures (~42,500) instead of the current ~2% (~10,600).



A vote of no means...
you want to keep the current rules: the Mayor or four or more Board members can still place a measure without a full Board vote, and voters can still qualify an initiative with about 2% of signatures but can't pull it back once submitted.

PROP. E — CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S AUTHORITY & CHANGES TO CITY CONTRACTING

City Charter Reform



A vote yes means...
Increasing the City Administrator's term (from 5 to 10 years) and authority when it comes to hiring endors and contract handling, changing the existing procedures around city contracting.



A vote of no means...
the City Administrator keeps a 5-year term, the Board of Supervisors keeps its authority over contracting rules, and contracts still need Board approval at the current, lower threshold.

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PROP. F — CHANGES TO EXECUTIVE BRANCH MANAGEMENT

City Charter Reform



A vote yes means...
means increasing the Mayor's authority over departments and giving him control over multiple hiring/firing processes.



A vote of no means...
keeping the Mayor's hiring/firing authority as is without giving him the power to merge, disregard, or restructure departments.

PROP. G — ALLOWING PRIVATE VEHICLES ON THE GREAT HIGHWAY IN SUNSET DUNES PARK

Transit & Transportation



A vote yes means...
allowing private vehicles access to the Upper Great Highway.



A vote for no means...
keeping the Upper Great Highway closed to all non-Emergency, non-Government or non-Park Shuttle Vehicles.

PROP. H — PARCEL TAX TO FUND PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATIONS

Transit & Transportation



A vote yes means...
A new annual parcel tax on SF property from 2027 to 2042, varying by size and use, with exemptions for seniors 65+ and certain units, and all revenue going to SFMTA transit operations.



A vote of no means...
rejecting the new property tax.

PROP. I — CHANGES TO REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

Housing & Tenants



A vote yes means...
removing certain real estate tax exemptions and establishing a new transfer tax to go towards affordable housing and other purposes.



A vote for no means...
keeping the exemptions as is and not creating a new transfer tax to go towards affordable housing and other purposes.

PROP. J — REMOVAL OF FORECLOSURE EXEMPTION FOR REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

Housing & Tenants



A vote yes means...
supporting removing the tax exemption on properties going through foreclosure and instead applying a transfer tax of between 0.5% and 6% of the property's value, bringing in an additional $100 to $150 million in revenue.



A vote for no means...
keeping the exemptions as is and not creating a new transfer tax to go towards affordable housing and other purposes.

"Voting is the foundation stone of political action."
– *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



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Qualified State Ballot Measures - Nov. 3, 2026

Housing & Tenants: Propositons 1, 37

Fiscal & Taxation Policies: Proposition 2, 40, 41, 42, 43

Education: Proposition 3

Election Rules: Propositions 4, 5, 39

Health Care: Proposition 38

Climate and Environment: Proposition 45

Penalizing Clinics: Proposition 44

PROP. 1 — AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS

Housing & Tenants



A vote yes means...
the state could borrow $11.25 billion to support veterans and affordable housing successful state programs that have exhausted their resources.



A vote of no means...
the state could not borrow $11.25 billion to support veterans and affordable housing.

PROP. 2 — INCREASES STATE'S RAINY DAY FUND

Fiscal & Taxation Policies



A vote yes means...
rules for building state budget reserves and paying down extra state debts would change. As a result, state budget reserves would be higher.



A vote of no means...
rules for building state budget reserves and paying down extra state debts would not change.

PROP. 3 — PROVIDES PERMANENT FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS AND HEALTH CARE BY EXTENDING EXISTING TAX ON HIGH INCOMES

Education



A vote yes means...
an income tax increase on high-income earners in place since 2012 would become permanent instead of expiring in 2031.



A vote of no means...
the current rates will expire after 2030, reducing state revenues by billions of dollars annually and threatening funding for schools and state programs.

PROP. 4 — REPEALS PROHIBITION AGAINST PUBLIC FUNDING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE

Election Rules



A vote yes means...
state and local governments could create public campaign financing programs for public office candidates, subject to limits on which public funds could be used, how the public funds could be used, and who could receive them.



A vote of no means...
state and most local governments would remain unable to create public campaign finance programs for public office candidates.

PROP. 5 — CHANGES RECALL ELECTION PROCESS FOR STATEWIDE OFFICERS

Election Rules



A vote yes means...
recall elections would no longer include a question about who should fill the vacancy. Instead, vacancies typically would be filled through special elections or appointments, depending on the office and timing.



A vote of no means...
voters would continue to be asked who should fill the vacancy as part of recall elections.

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PROP. 37 — CREATES LOAN PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE-INCOME BUYERS OF QUALIFIED NEW HOMES

Housing & Tenants

YES — A vote yes means... the state would create a new homebuying assistance program. The state could sell up to $25 billion in revenue bonds to fund the program. Bonds would be paid back by homeowners' payments on their home loans.

NO — A vote of no means... the state would not be create a new homebuying assistance program.

PROP. 38 — AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR IMMUNOLOGY MEDICAL RESEARCH

Health Care

YES — A vote yes means... the state could borrow $8.4 billion to support medical research in immunology and immunotherapy.

NO — A vote of no means... the state will not borrow $8.4 billion to support medical research.

PROP. 39 — PROHIBITS CITIZENS FROM VOTING UNLESS THEY PRESENT GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION

Election Rules

YES — A vote yes means... voters would be required to present additional identifying information to elections officials each time they vote.

NO — A vote of no means... voters can continue to vote the same way they have done it in the past.

PROP. 40 — IMPOSES ONE-TIME TAX ON BILLIONAIRES

Fiscal & Taxation Policies



YES — A vote yes means... the state would collect a one-time tax from billionaires equal to 5 percent of their wealth.

NO — A vote of no means... the state would not collect a one-time tax from billionaires.

PROP. 41 — PROHIBITS NEW STATE TAXES THAT EXCLUDE REVENUES FROM STATE SPENDING LIMIT. REQUIRES AUDITS FOR NEW STATE SPECIAL TAXES

Fiscal & Taxation Policies

(Prop. 40 Opposition)

YES — A vote yes means... when special taxes are proposed by voter initiatives, the California State Auditor would review programs funded by the tax before the initiative appears on the ballot. The California State Auditor also would regularly review programs funded by special taxes approved by voters or the Legislature.

NO — A vote of no means... the California State Auditor's responsibility to review government programs would not change.

PROP. 42 — PROHIBITS NEW STATE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AND CERTAIN RETROACTIVE STATE TAXES

Fiscal & Taxation Policies

(Prop. 40 Opposition)

YES — A vote yes means... the state could not establish new taxes on the ownership of financial assets or other personal property.

NO — A vote of no means... the state can establish new taxes on the ownership of financial assets. For instance Prop 40.

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PROP. 43 — LIMITS VOTERS' ABILITY TO RAISE REVENUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Fiscal & Taxation Policies

YES

A vote yes means...
certain local government taxes would require two-thirds approval by voters.

NO

A vote of no means...
certain local government taxes could continue to be approved by voters with a majority vote.

PROP. 44 — REQUIRES COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS SPEND 90% OF REVENUE ON PROGRAM SERVICES

Penalizing Clinics

YES

A vote yes means...
Nonprofit health care clinics will be penalized if they spend resources on important staff and patient services.They will also receive $1.7 billion in funding cuts during the first year and billions thereafter.

NO

A vote of no means...
the new requirement on health care clinic spending would not go into effect.

PROP. 45 — MODIFIES ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS

Climate & Environment

YES

A vote yes means...
certain public and private projects would be eligible for new project review and court challenge procedures. For example, new procedures would tighten time limits for environmental review and reduce the scope of what courts can consider when reviewing legal challenges.

NO

A vote of no means...
public and private projects would continue to use existing project review and court challenge procedures.

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