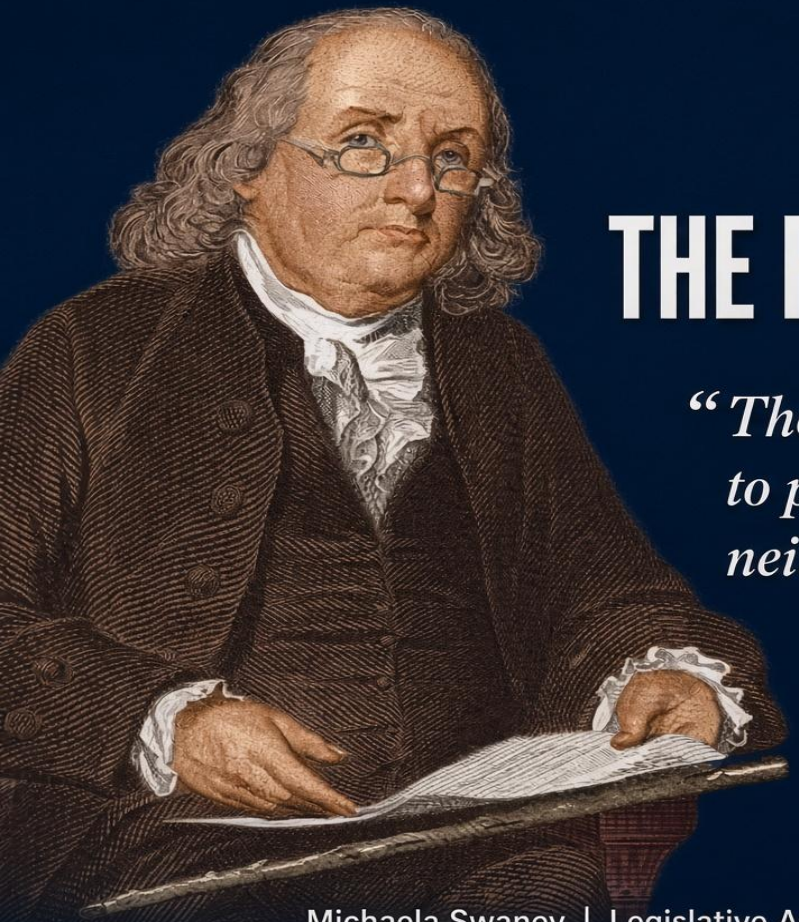
# TAXES PENDING & PASSED

What Happens If We Don't Vote Republican This Election

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# THE FRAMERS WARNED US.

*"Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."*

*— Benjamin Franklin*

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# “THE NATURAL PROGRESS OF THINGS IS FOR LIBERTY TO YIELD AND GOVERNMENT TO GAIN GROUND.” — THOMAS JEFFERSON



- FRAMERS FOUGHT AGAINST TAXATION WITHOUT CONSENT
- CONSTITUTION LIMITS GOVERNMENT POWER
- HIDDEN TAXES AND REGULATIONS ARE SQUEEZING FAMILIES
- WE MUST WAKE UP OUR NEIGHBORS BEFORE IT’S TOO LATE

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**Attention: All California Voters**

SACRAMENTO REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

**Vote for Republican Assemblymembers & Senators**

# 10 Proposed California Tax Hikes Pending in 2026

## if members of the Democrat Supermajority are not voted out of office.

**Property Tax Hikes/Prop 13 Repeal:** Politicians have gutted Prop 13 and want to fully repeal it with their Split-Roll Initiative – with their ultimate goal of increasing your property taxes on your home to today's assessed value! If that happens, the average homeowner will end up paying $6500-9000 more in property taxes annually.

**Savings Tax:** Politicians want a new tax on your personal savings and investments.

**Wealth Tax:** This initiative is incorrectly dubbed the "Billionaire's Tax" when it is actually an "Everybody's Tax" that would confiscate 5% of your entire savings each year.

**Income Tax Hike:** This initiative would make permanent a "temporary" income tax hike that gave California the highest tax rates in the nation.

**Mileage Tax:** Politicians are proposing a 6-cents per mile tax costing an average of $900 per driver per year!

**Sales Tax Hike:** We are tracking over 300 local sales tax hikes and now state politicians are looking a statewide sales tax hike. Soon every city will be at 10-11% sales tax rate for every item you purchase. Includes increases in sales, property, income, and business taxes.

**Healthcare Tax:** Politicians propose to double California state taxes to fund government-run healthcare – costing average of $16k per household per year.

**Utility Tax:** Politicians want to impose massive "flat rate charges" on all utility bills – charging you no matter how much energy you use.

**Gas Tax:** The gas tax is set to automatically increase July 1. You currently pay $1200 a year in car and gas taxes.

**Exit Tax:** And if you finally decide to move from California because of these costly taxes, state politicians want to force you to pay an exit tax for up to 10 years after you leave!

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# Protect California Taxpayers

## Ballot Measures & Tax Legislation You Need to Know

### ★ BALLOT MEASURES YOU ARE VOTING ON ★

**These measures appear on your ballot and require YOUR vote.**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Save Prop 13:** Protects homeowners from massive property tax increases. | YES on PROP 43 |
| **Stop The Savings Tax:** Protects your savings from being taxed. | YES on PROP 42 |
| **Stop The Wealth Tax:** A tax on your total net worth, including savings, investments, and businesses. | NO on PROP 40 |
| **Stop The Income Tax Hike:** Makes the "temporary" high income tax rates permanent. | NO on PROP 3 |
| **Sales Tax Hike:** AB 1768 raises California's cap on local sales tax rates, allowing combined rates of up to 11.25% if approved by local voters. | NO on local tax hike measures |
| **Stop The Exit Tax:** A new tax on unrealized gains when you leave California. | NO on PROP 40 |

### ★ DEMOCRAT LEGISLATION PENDING AND PASSED ★

**"TAXATION BY REGULATION"**

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| **Mileage Tax:** A new 6-cents-per-mile tax that could cost the average driver $900—$1,350 more each year. | AB 1421 |
| **Healthcare Tax:** Higher taxes and mandates to fund Medi-Cal expansion and advance single-payer healthcare proposals. | SB 125 and Single-Payer Healthcare Proposals |
| **Utility Tax:** A flat utility charge on all customers — no matter how much energy you use. | AB 205 |
| **Gas Tax:** Annual increases from SB 1 (2017). | Annual increases from SB 1 (2017) |

# Taxation by Regulation



**Regulations & Fees Hidden in Bills**



**Power to Tax Without Voter Approval**



**Backroom Deals in Sacramento**

## Squeezing Families into Poverty

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# GAS TAX & MILEAGE TAX



- California gas prices driven by refinery closures + Cap-and-Trade — not the war in Iran
- Annual 3.6% gas tax increase from a misleading proposition
- AB 1421 (mileage tax) stalled this session — but will likely return under a new bill number
- Gas tax faces a $30 billion deficit over 10 years due to EVs
- Every mile you drive could be tracked and taxed by Sacramento

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# AB 205 FLAT-RATE UTILITY CHARGE



- **EV & solar growth** reduced utility tax revenue
- **AB 205** lets the legislature add a **flat monthly charge** on your electric bill
- You pay it even if you use **zero electricity**
- **Uncapped** — they can raise it at any time
- Started around **$24/month this year** (not yet fully implemented)
- Passed **quietly** by the legislature — never went to the ballot
- Gives the **unelected Public Utilities Commission** power to add the charge

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# TAXATION BY REGULATION



**250 years ago** we fought taxation without representation.

Today we face **taxation by regulation.**

- Legislature passes a bill
- Unelected bureaucrats write the **real rules** that **raise your costs**
- They call it a **“rate design change”** or **“fixed charge”**
- In reality — **another tax** on California families that never goes to the ballot

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# THE ADMINISTRATIVE STATE

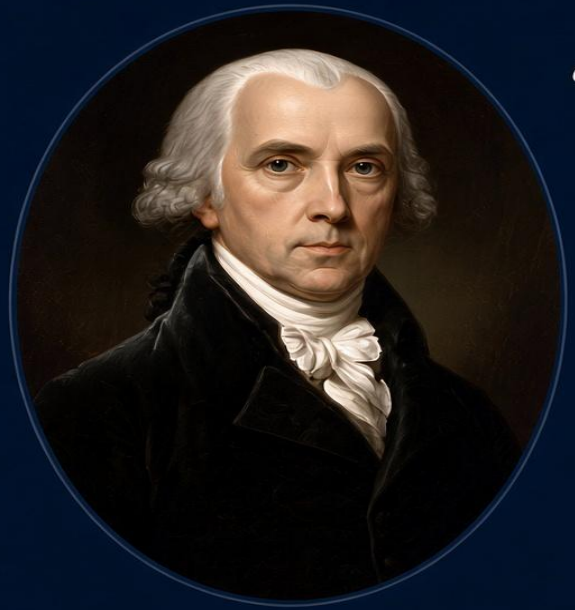


- **Regulatory fees on businesses** → passed on to consumers
- **Hidden surcharges in your water bill**
- **Extra charges on car registration**
- **Fees on professional licenses**
- **Unelected boards & commissions** create rules that act like taxes

★ **Power concentrated in bureaucrats instead of the people.**

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# THE DEFINITION OF TYRANNY



*"The Accumulation of all powers... in the is the very definition of tyranny."*

*— James Madison*

Today that power sits with unelected regulators who decide how much more of your hard-earned money money they will take.

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# Proposition 43 – The Backroom Deal




❌ Original stronger "Protect Prop 13" citizen initiative withdrawn.

🔨 Legislature placed a weaker version on the ballot.

🤝 Political compromise made on the last day.

✅ Closes the loophole: Requires 2/3 vote for most new local special taxes. Applies to both government and citizen initiatives.

***Not as strong as the original, but still meaningful protection.***

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# Proposition 43 – Protect Prop 13




**Requires a two-thirds vote for MOST new local special taxes.**

**Applies to taxes from BOTH local governments AND citizen initiatives.**

**Closes the major loophole that allowed some taxes to pass with only a simple majority.**

*Exceptions exist for general taxes and some pre-existing measures.

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# The Taxpayer Protection Trio

## Three Citizen-Led Measures to Protect California Taxpayers




- Along with Proposition 43, there are two other important taxpayer protection measures.
- Proposition 41 and Proposition 42.
- All three pushed by citizen initiatives backed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

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# LOCAL SALES TAXES RISING



- Over 300 cities looking at raising local sales tax
- Many places heading toward 10–11% local sales tax
- New business taxes, regulatory fees, and special district assessments
- These costs get passed straight on to families
- Higher cost of living while Sacramento claims they're only targeting the rich

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# Proposition 3 - Permanent Income Tax Lock-In



- Makes the “temporary” high-income tax hikes permanent
- Single filers over ~$361k and married couples over ~$721k pay top rate of 13.3%
- Highest state income tax in the nation
- Targets job creators, small business owners, and high earners
- Will accelerate businesses and families leaving California

**Locks in higher taxes on the people who drive our economy**

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# Proposition 40 – The Everybody's Tax

- Sold as a "**Billionaire's Tax**"
- In reality, it's the **Everybody's Tax** — hits savings, investments, and assets.
- Official title: "Imposes **One-Time Tax** on Certain Individuals and Trusts"



**This is the most dangerous measure on the ballot.**

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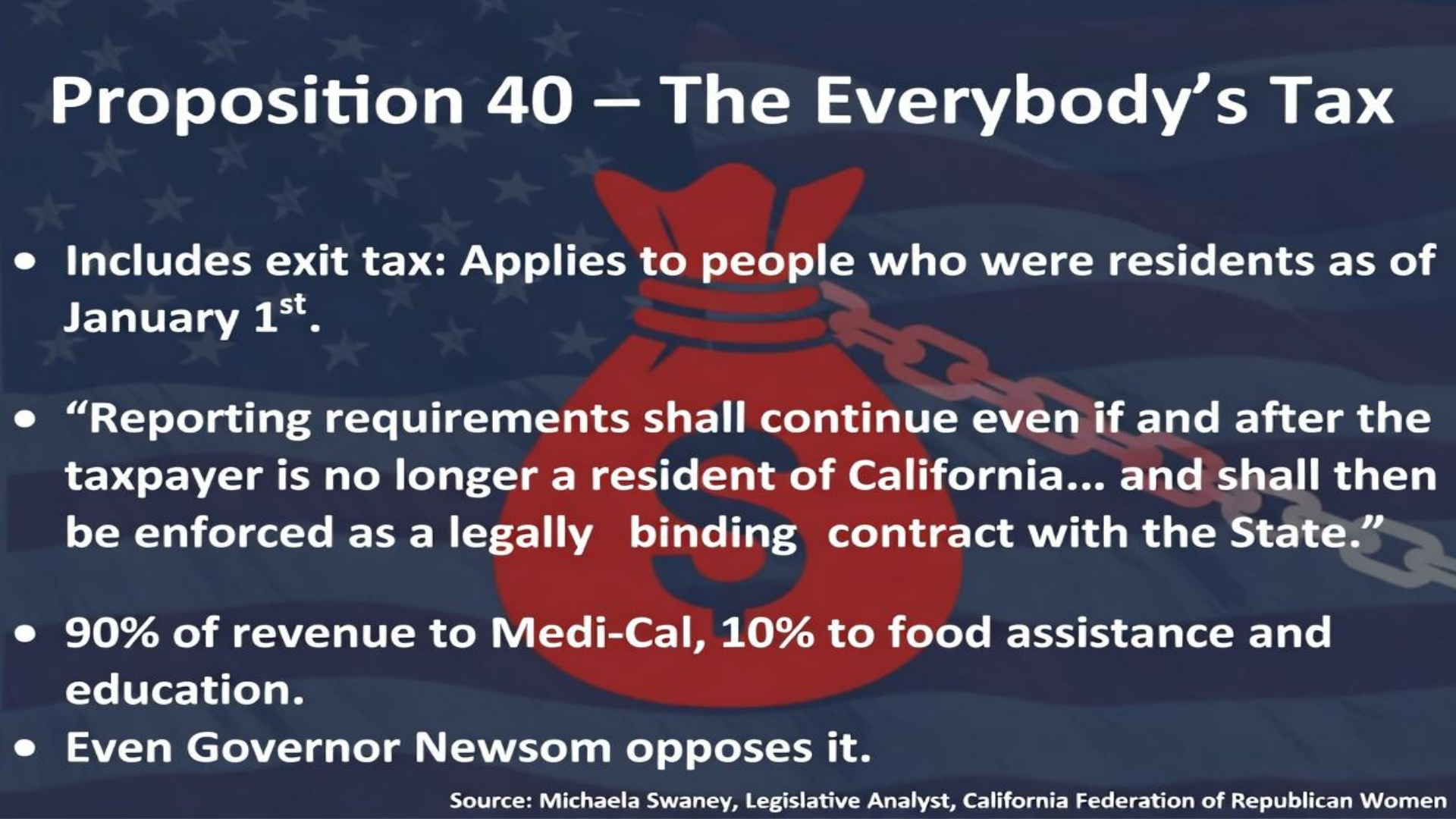
# Proposition 40 – The Everybody's Tax

- Taxes "the activity of sustaining excessive accumulations of wealth."
- Net worth includes "the total value of all assets and property interests… worldwide,"
- Allows the Legislature to amend it later with a two-thirds vote "if consistent with its purposes."

**This opens the door to taxing everyone's wealth.**

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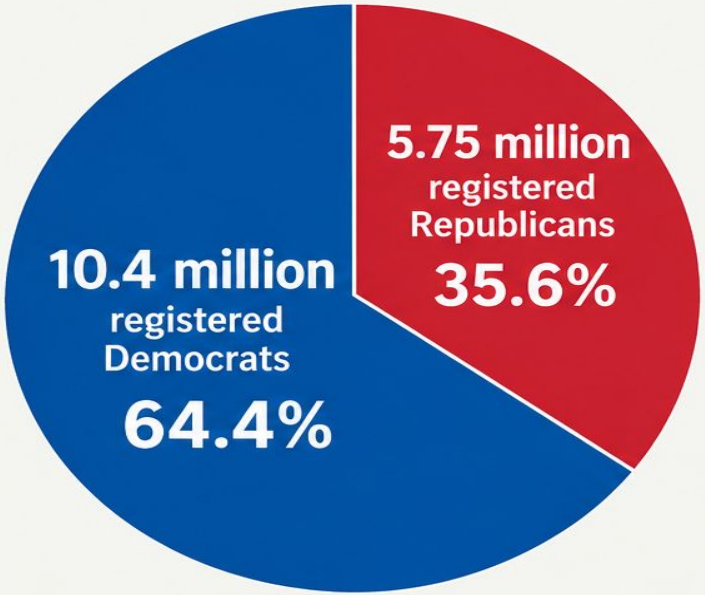
# Proposition 40 – The Everybody's Tax



- Includes exit tax: Applies to people who were residents as of January 1st.
- "Reporting requirements shall continue even if and after the taxpayer is no longer a resident of California… and shall then be enforced as a legally binding contract with the State."
- 90% of revenue to Medi-Cal, 10% to food assistance and education.
- Even Governor Newsom opposes it.

Source: Michaela Swaney, Legislative Analyst, California Federation of Republican Women

# THE NUMBERS TELL A DIFFERENT STORY




**Democrats**
10.4 million (64.4%)

**Republicans**
5.75 million (35.6%)

California has 10.4 million registered Democrats and only 5.75 million registered Republicans.



Most people hear those numbers and say, ***"Why even bother? The state is overrun by Democrats. My vote doesn't make a difference."***

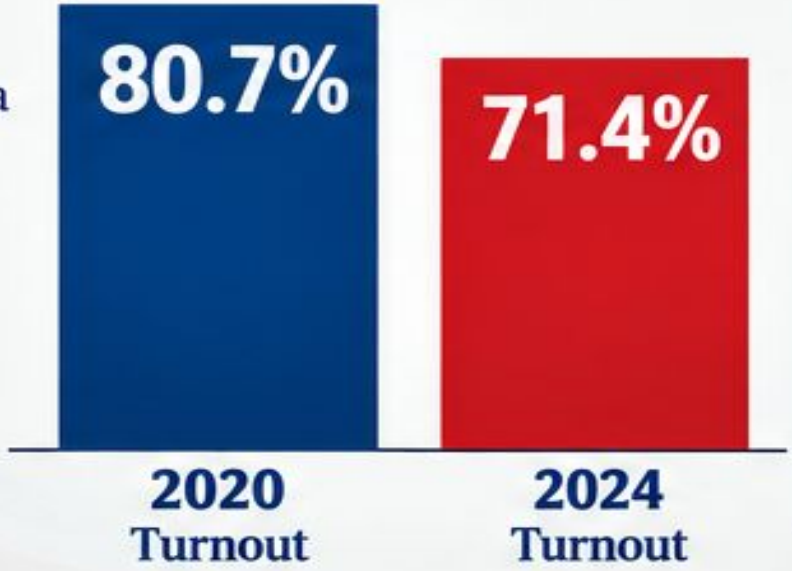
***What if I told you that couldn't be further from the truth?***

What if I told you that with these exact registration numbers, Republicans can win—***not someday, but in this election—*** if we stop accepting the lie that turnout doesn't matter and we actually show up?

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# PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS HAVE HIGH TURNOUT

In presidential elections, California turnout among registered voters is high.




In 2024, that was about **16.14 million** ballots out of **22.6 million** registered voters.

That's well above **70%** of people who are already registered.

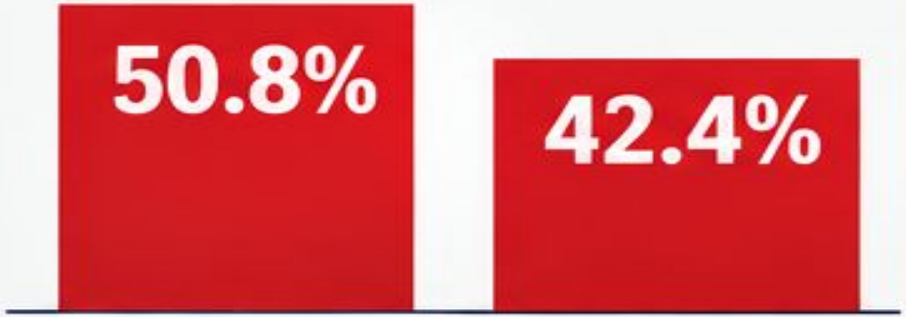
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# MIDTERMS & GUBERNATORIAL YEARS HAVE MUCH LOWER TURNOUT

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But midterm and gubernatorial years are different.



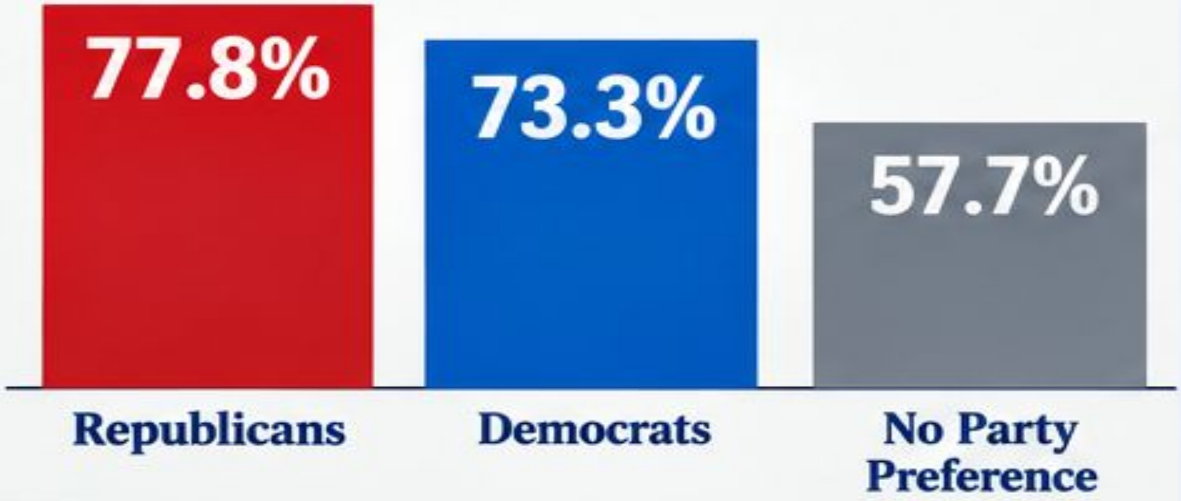

In those lower-turnout elections, the people who stay home are **Democrats** and **No Party Preference** voters.

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# 2024 TURNOUT BY PARTY

(California voter file data)



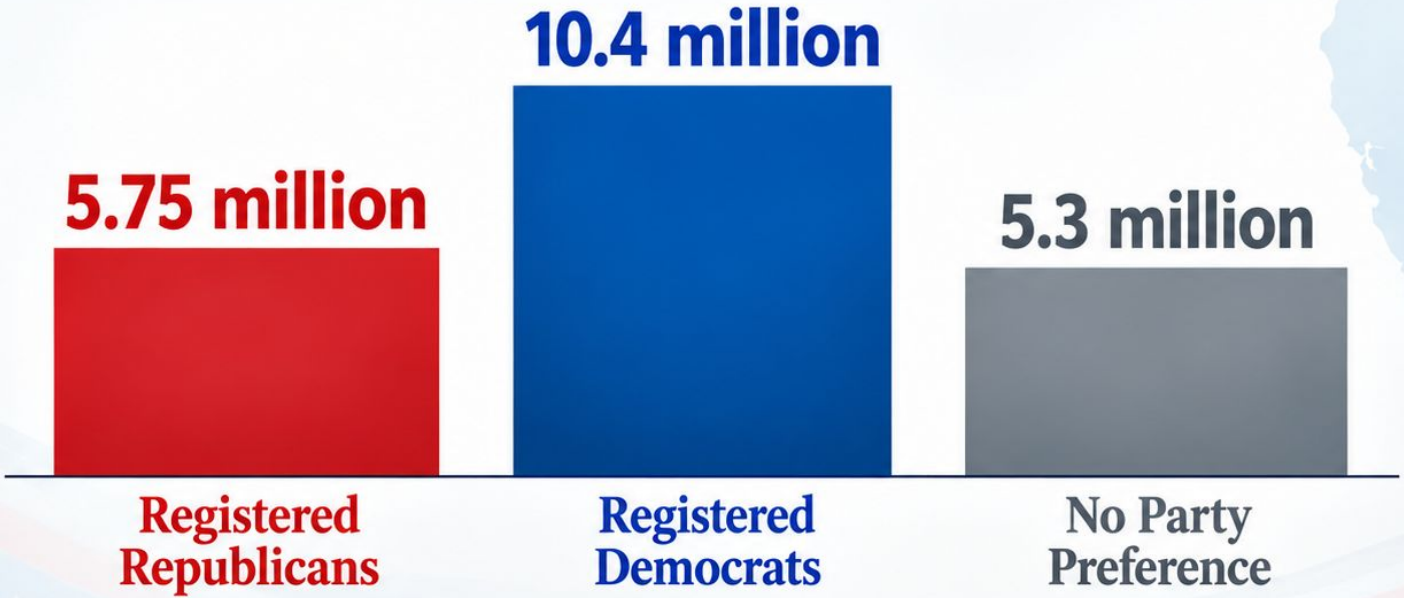

- **Republicans** turned out at about **77.8%.**
- **Democrats** turned out at about **73.3%.**
- **No Party Preference** voters turned out at only **57.7%.**

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# CURRENT CALIFORNIA VOTER REGISTRATION

*(as of September 4, 2026)*




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# TURNOUT CHANGES THE OUTCOME

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*When our voters show up and their voters stay home, California is winnable.*



## REPUBLICAN TURNOUT
(75–78% turnout)

**5.75 million**
registered Republicans

**4.3 – 4.5 million**
Republican ballots
from registered Republicans alone.

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**5.3 million**
No Party Preference voters

Add a portion of independents who vote Republican
(the same pool that helped Trump get 6.08 million votes when there were only 5.6 million registered Republicans).

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## DEMOCRAT TURNOUT
(50–55% turnout)

**10.4 million**
registered Democrats

**5.2 – 5.7 million**
Democrat ballots
from registered Democrats.

**6 MILLION+**
**TOTAL REPUBLICAN VOTES**
(ALREADY PROVEN POSSIBLE)

**AT THAT POINT THE NUMBERS REVERSE.**

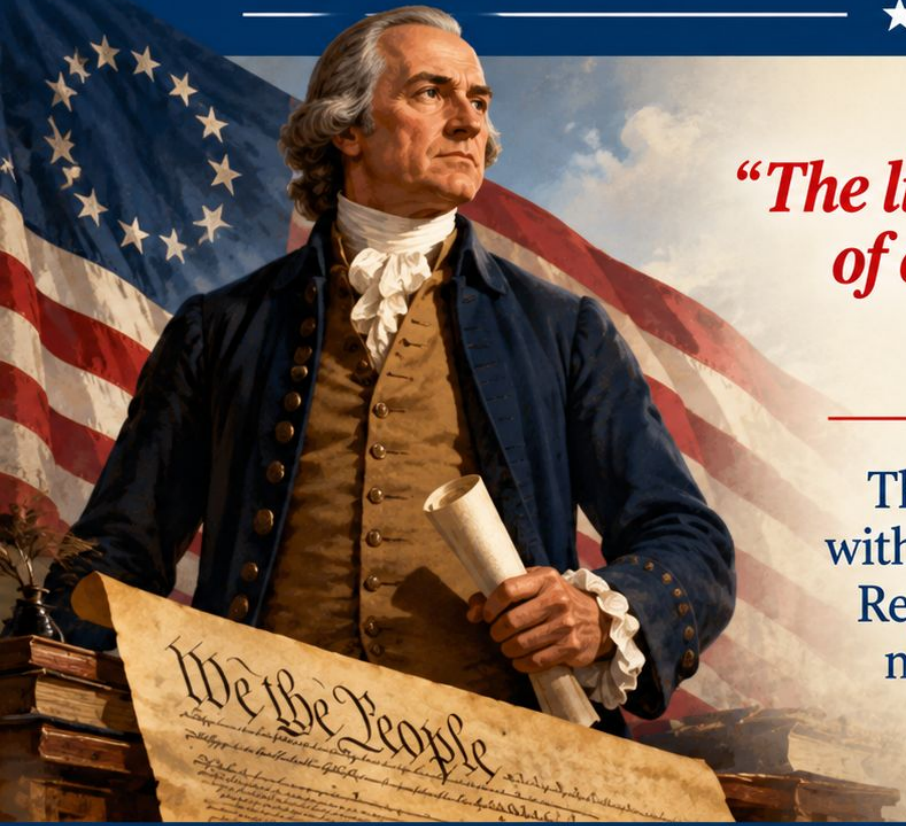
**The side that turns out its voters — the side that already demonstrated it can deliver over 6 million votes for Trump —**

***wins the state.***

When our voters show up at the higher end of that range and their voters stay closer to the lower end,
***California is winnable.***


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# 250 YEARS AGO, THE FRAMERS STOOD UP TO TYRANNY.




As Samuel Adams declared,

***"The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil constitution, are worth defending at all hazards."***

They fought a revolution against taxation without consent and gave us a Constitutional Republic to protect our God-given rights — not to surrender them to an ever-growing administrative state.

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# Thank You!

FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR VOTE,
AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO CALIFORNIA.

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