





Direct Democracy in America:
An Overview of the 2026 Election

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How many statewide ballot measures were on the 2024 and 2022 California Ballots?

- 10 ballot measures on the California 2024 November Ballot, and one on the March Ballot (Prop 1).
 - 7 Passed and 4 Failed.
 - Unusually high passage rate...64%.
- 7 ballot measures on the California 2022 November Ballot.
 - 3 passed, 4 failed.

https://ballotpedia.org/California_2024_ballot_propositions

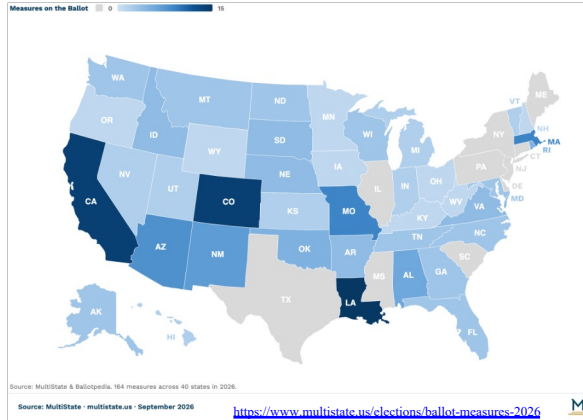
How many stateside ballot measures are on the 2026 Ballots Nationally?

- 164 total ballot measures in the 2026 election cycle.
- 145 (88%) of which are during the November election...the 19 others were / are on earlier election dates.
 - 33 related to fiscal policy.
 - 32 related to government structure.
 - 26 related to electoral reform.
 - 9 related to income and wealth taxes!
 - 7 related to voter ID requirements, 6 related to citizenship requirements.
 - 14 are in California.

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Who has ballot measures?

- As of 2026, 40 states have ballot measures for this election.
- 26 states possess, citizen-initiated ballot measures. The rest are legislatively-referred.
- Louisiana has the most ballot measures with 15 this election
 - California and Colorado are tied for 2nd place with 14 each.
 - Only these three states have 10 or more ballot measures this election.



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Spending on California Ballot Measures (as of 10/12/26)

- \$659,620,436.75 spent on California ballot measures in a total of 2,916 contributions
- Approximately 40% more \$ spent than 2024 election (\$394,182,837.68)
- \$446,628,853.43 was spent FOR ballot measures and \$214,827,771.15 was spent AGAINST ballot measures.
- Proposition 40 is the most well funded this election, receiving over 147 million dollars in total (22.2%).
- BUT Props 41 and 42, the two measures that would limit Prop 40, have together raised more than Prop 40 (if combined, Props 41 & 42 have raised about 25.9% of the total money raised in the CA 2026 election).

...and Nationally

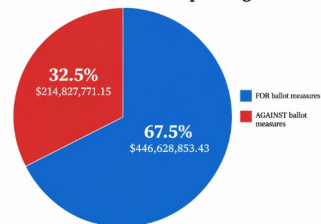
- The overall 2026 election cycle **NATIONALLY** is projected to be the most expensive on record, expected to surpass 11.6 billion dollars total.
- CA is expected to raise the most.

[AdImpact Updated Political Projection Report 2024-2026.pdf](#)

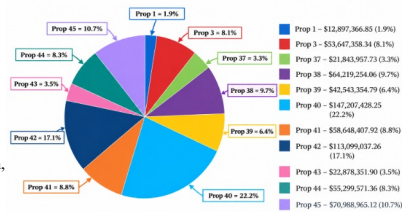
Wealth / Income Taxes are important in the 2026 election, in CA and other states.

<https://powerscore.sos.ca.gov/advanced.php>

2026 California Midterm Elections Ballot Measure Spending



2026 California Ballot Measure Spending



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Important Ballot Measures Outside of CA and National Trends

What's Going on With Wealth / Income Taxes?	Abortion Protections / Protections Reversal	Voter ID / Citizenship Requirements for Voting
-There are nine ballot measures related to wealth / income taxes in six different states for the 2026 midterm elections. -Three would allow, create, or increase income and wealth taxes and Six would prohibit cap, or decrease income and wealth taxes. -From 2000 through 2025, voters decided 40 statewide income tax ballot measures. -In other words, over 13 elections there were 40 Wealth / Income taxes, and in this election there are 9!	-There are four ballot measures related to abortion rights. -Three would create or expand abortion protections, and one would restrict. -ID Prop 1 (Protections) -NV Question 6 (Constl Protection) -VA Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment -MO Amendment 3 (Reversal) -Missouri Amendment 3 is a reversal of the 2024 state constitutional amendment protecting reproductive health care, including abortion.	-There are six ballot measures related to Voter Identification, the most EVER in an election cycle. -AZ Prop 144 -CA Prop 39 -NV Question 7 -NC, OH Amendments, OK -And there are six ballot measures related to citizenship requirements for voting. -In Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, South Dakota, and West Virginia.

https://ballotpedia.org/Ballot_measures_related_to_income_and_wealth_taxes_2026

<https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/abortion-rights-are-ballot-four-states-2026>

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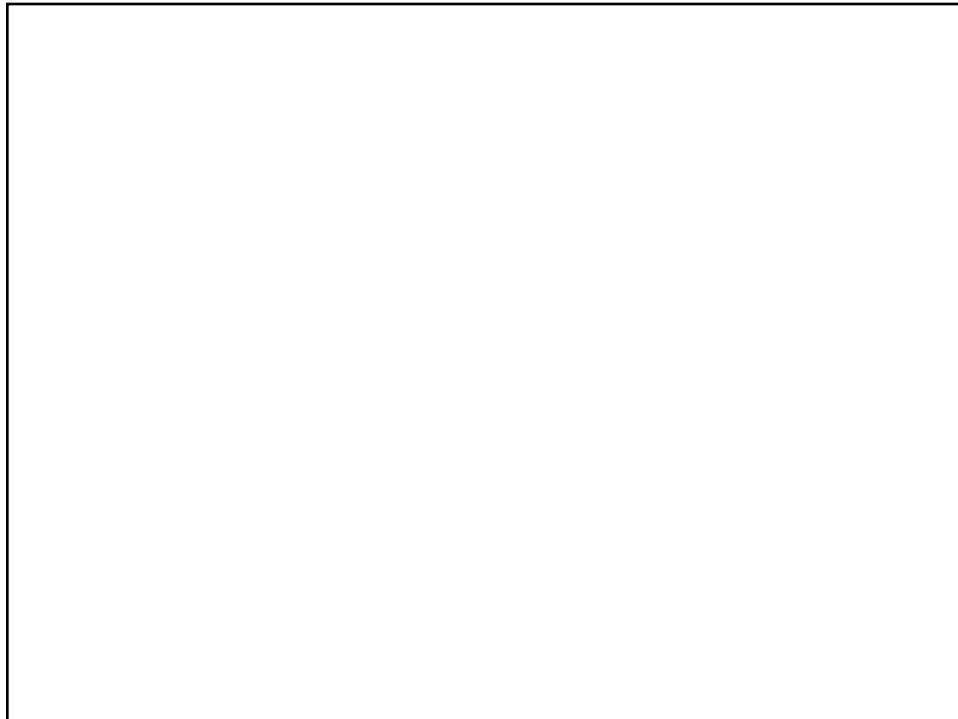



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- https://ballotpedia.org/2026_ballot_measures
- <https://www.multistate.us/elections/ballot-measures-2026>
- <https://www.ncsl.org/elections-and-campaigns/statewide-ballot-measures-database>
- [AdImpact Updated Political Projection Report 2025-2026.pdf](#)
- [Ballot measures related to income and wealth taxes, 2026 - Ballotpedia](#)
- <https://powersearch.sos.ca.gov/advanced.php>
- <https://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Measures/>

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Proposition 1:
The Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act
of 2026

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PROPOSITION 1

Veterans & Affordable Housing Bond

Total California bond authorization

\$11.25 BILLION

WHAT IT FUNDS

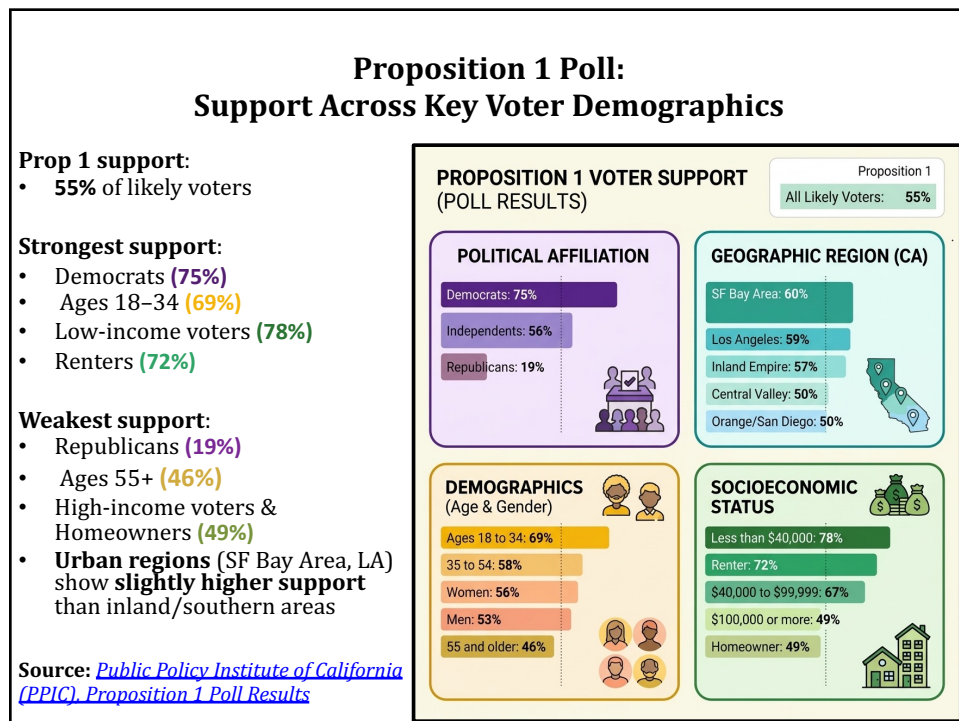
- \$10 billion for affordable-housing programs.
- \$1.25 billion for CalVet home loans.
- Affordable rental housing construction and preservation.
- Homeownership, farmworker housing, youth housing, and related programs.

HOW IT IS REPAID

- About \$500–\$600 million per year for roughly 25 years.
- Payments include principal and interest.
- Annual cost is about 0.25% of the state General Fund.
- Participating veterans' payments are expected to repay the CalVet loan portion

California receives the housing funds upfront and repays the affordable-housing bonds over time.

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Editorial Board Positions: CA Prop 1 (2026)

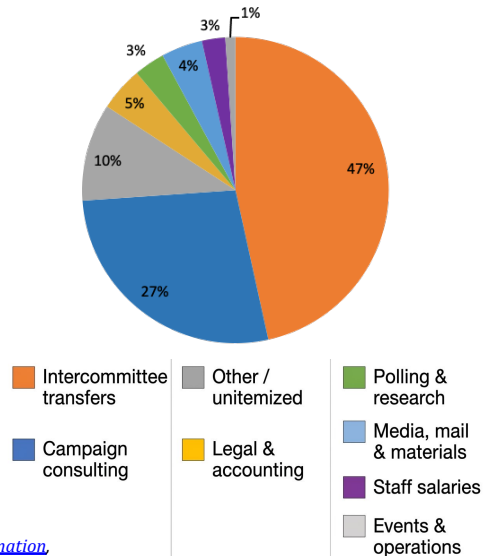
Newspaper	Position	Board Opinion
SF Chronicle	Y	"The need for affordable housing is too desperate to wait" (San Francisco Chronicle, 2026).
Sacramento Bee (McClatchy)	Y	"Prop 1 gives California the opportunity to do better" (Sacramento Bee, 2026).
San Diego Union-Tribune	N	Costly propositions create an illusion of progress (San Diego Union-Tribune, 2026).
OC Register	N	Prop 1 squanders billions to buy political support (Orange County Register, 2026).

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Who is for Prop. 1?

- **Governor Newsom & Democrats in the legislature**
- **Airbnb, Inc. (\$1,000,000)**
- **Western States Regional Council of Carpenters Issues Committee (\$1,000,000)**
- **Building a Better California (\$1,000,000)**
- **North Coast States Regional Council of Carpenters Issues PAC (\$1,000,000)**

Top 3 Committee's Expenditures for Supporters



Sources:

[CA Secretary of State Prop. 1 Campaign Finance information](#),
[Fair Political Practices Commission](#)

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Top Individual Supporters: The Billionaires Behind the Curtain

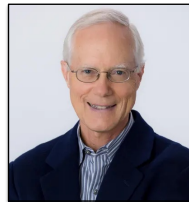
- **Sergey Brin; L.** (Building A better California) Google co-founder
- **John Doer, III** (Building A better California) Investor and venture capitalist at Kleiner Perkins
- **Scott D. Cook** (Multiple Committee's) Intuit co-founder, also a director of eBay and Procter & Gamble
- **H. Signe Ostby** (Multiple Committee's) Philanthropist and Scott Cook's wife



Sergey Brin



John Doer, III



Scott D. Cook



H. Signe Ostby

Source: [Fair Political Practices Commission](#)

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Opposition to Proposition 1

- Proposition 1 has no reported campaign finance spending in opposition.
- [The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association](#) argues that bonds double taxpayer costs and mostly fund non-veteran programs—an expensive way to pay for routine housing assistance.
- [State Asm. David Tangipa](#) contends that borrowing through bonds is unnecessary when the state already has record revenue; California's housing problem stems from regulatory barriers and debt, not affordability.

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- <https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/propositions/1/>
- <https://vig.cdn.sos.ca.gov/2026/general/pdf/prop1.pdf>
- <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures>
- <https://calmatters.org/california-voter-guide-2026/proposition-1-housing-bond/>
- [https://ballotpedia.org/California Proposition 1, Veteran and Housing Assistance Programs Bond Measure \(2026\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_1_Veteran_and_Housing_Assistance_Programs_Bond_Measure_(2026))
- <https://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Measures/Detail.aspx?id=1492870&session=2025>

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Proposition 2:
Save California's Future Act

A California State Constitutional Amendment

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PROPOSITION 2
"Increases Sates Rainy Day Fund"

- Placed on the ballot by the Legislature through ACA 20
- November 2026 California ballot
- Would raise the Rainy-Day Fund cap from 10% to 20% of the State's budget
- Backstory: California's boom-and-bust budget cycle impacts the budget

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Why Prop 2 is on the Ballot

- California's boom-and-bust budget cycle
- California tax revenue can swing sharply, income and capital-gains taxes.
- The Rainy-Day Fund created in 2014 hit its 10% constitutional cap in four fiscal years.
- Recent deficits brought up the question of whether California should save more in strong revenue years.
- Because the cap is in the Constitution, voters must approve the change.

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What Prop. 2 Would Change

Reserves, debt payments, and the Gann Limit.

- Raises the Rainy-Day Fund cap from 10% to 20% of General Fund tax revenues.
- Sets aside more money during strong capital-gains years.
- Extends required debt payments through 2039-40 and expands what debts can be paid.
- Changes [Gann Limit](#) timing so reserve deposits count when withdrawn, not when deposited.

What it does not do:

It does not change [Prop. 98 \(1988\)](#) education funding guarantees or the basic Rainy-Day Fund withdrawal rules.

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People, Entities & Money

Less campaign money than many citizen initiatives.

Support

- [Yes, on Proposition 2 committee](#) controlled by [Jesse Gabriel](#)
- [SEIU California](#) State Council Small Contributor Committee
- [Brook Byers](#)
- [California Democratic Party](#) cash and in-kind support
- Named supporters include: Newsom, Gabriel, LA Chamber and Becerra

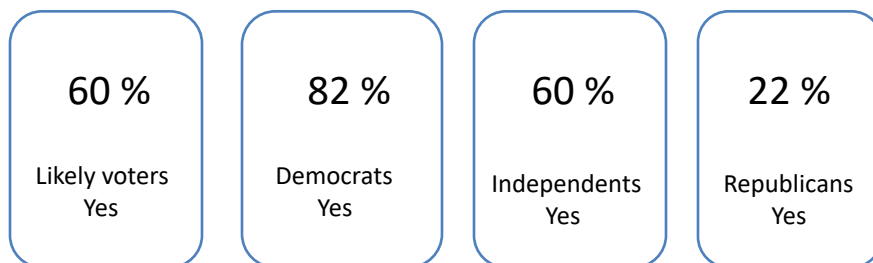
Opposition

- Official voter guide listed “Opponents: None submitted” for the summary
- Assemblymember [David Tangipa](#) authored the opposition argument
- [Reform California](#) and legislative Republicans oppose it
- No organized opposition spending was found in the sources reviewed

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Polling & Public Attention

Majority support, but very little attention.



Only 1 % said Prop 2 was the ballot measure they were most interested in.

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Endorsements, Opposition & Editorials

The disagreement is about control over the reserves.

Supporters

- Larger reserves help protect services during downturns.
- Supporters include Newsom, Jesse Gabriel, California
- Professional Firefighters, LA Chamber, and Xavier Becerra.
- The idea is to save more during strong revenue years.

Opponents

- Prop. 2 could weaken the Gann Limit pressure to return excess revenue to taxpayers.
- David Tangipa, Reform California, and legislative Republicans oppose it.
- [SF Standard opinion](#): a larger fund does not fix concerns about the withdrawal rules.

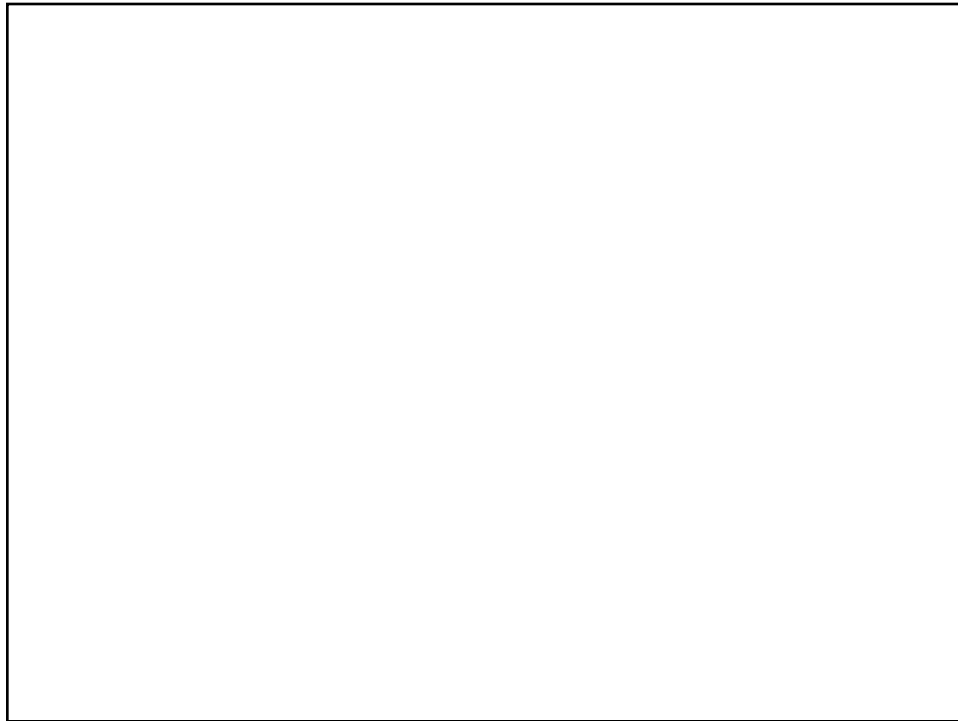
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More Information

- California Secretary of State
Official ballot language and formal pro/con arguments
<https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/propositions/2/index.htm>
- California Budget & Policy Center
Detailed budget policy analysis
<https://calbudgetcenter.org/resources/should-voters-approve-proposition-2-how-californias-rainy-day-fund-would-be-updated/>
- California Policy Center
Conservative voter guide and Prop. 2 critique
<https://californiapolicycenter.org/cpcs-2026-voter-information-guide/>

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Proposition 3:
 “Provides Permanent Funding for Schools and
 Healthcare by Extending Existing Tax on High
 Incomes”

An Initiative Constitutional Amendment

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What is Prop 3?



- Extension of temporary 2012/2016 income tax increase on the top 2% of state earners (Prop 30/Prop 55)
- Locks the increase in as a permanent measure, as opposed to the current track of expiration in 2031
- Existing tax accounts for 5-15 billion in state revenue yearly, with 40% going to the school system and the remainder going to other public services

Figure 1

Personal Income Tax Rates Under Proposition 3

Single Filer's Income	Joint Filers' Income	Now Through 2030	Marginal Tax Rate	
			After 2030, if This Proposal Is...	
			Approved	Rejected
\$0 to \$11k	\$0 to \$22k	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
\$11k to \$26k	\$22k to \$53k	2.0	2.0	2.0
\$26k to \$41k	\$53k to \$83k	4.0	4.0	4.0
\$41k to \$58k	\$83 to \$115k	6.0	6.0	6.0
\$58k to \$73k	\$115k to \$145k	8.0	8.0	8.0
\$73k to \$371k	\$145k to \$743k	9.3	9.3	9.3
\$371k to \$446k	\$743k to \$892k	10.3%	10.3%	9.3%
\$446k to \$743k	\$892k to \$1.5 million	11.3%	11.3%	9.3%
Above \$743k	Above \$1.5 million	12.3%	12.3%	9.3%

Sourced from [Proposition 3 \[Ballot\]](#)

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Key Element – Not a Tax Hike!

- Only serves to extend existing high-income taxes, rather than impose new ones on top of the existing system (technically a Gann Limit bypass)
- Solely applies to the most affluent echelons of California Society, particularly the top 1% of earners
- Funding primarily benefits the bottom 95%, due to excess revenue going to the state General Fund which public services like Medi-Cal rely on

Most Californians in the Richest 1% Would Get a Large Tax Cut if Voter-Approved Top Tax Rates Expire

Some Californians in the Next Richest 4% Would Also See Tax Cuts

	Share of Group With a Tax Cut	Average Tax Cut	Share of Total Tax Cut
Top 1%	98%	\$58,866	97.5%
Next 4%	15.4%	\$2,382	2.5%

Note: The estimated tax cut amounts are averages across the tax filers in each income group that would receive a tax cut. Estimates are based on projected 2027 income, although the Prop. 55 tax rates would not expire until after 2030.

Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy • [Download image](#)

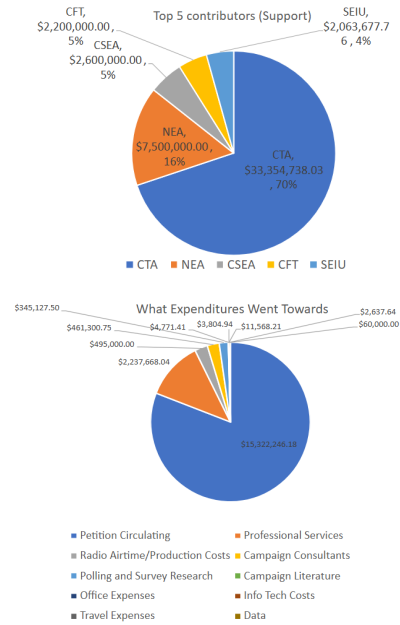


Sourced from [Should Voters Approve Prop. 3? How Top Tax Rates Have Helped Californians - California Budget & Policy Center](#)

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Supporters of Prop 3

- California Teachers Association ([CTA](#)): \$33,354,738
- National Education Association ([NEA](#)): \$7,500,000
- California School Employees Association ([CSEA](#)): \$2,600,000
- California Federation of Teachers ([CFT](#)): \$2,200,000
- Service Employees International Union ([SEIU](#)): \$2,063,678
- Highly union-focused, particularly teaching unions

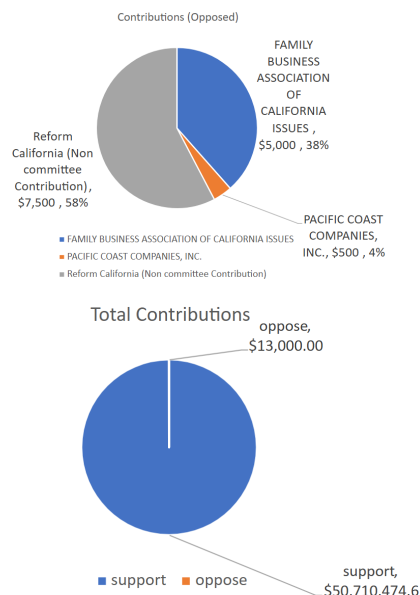


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Opponents of Prop 3

- Reform California ([RC](#)): \$7,500
- Family Business Association of California ([FBA](#)): \$5,000
- Pacific Coast Companies ([PCC](#)): \$500
- California Taxpayers Association ([CTA](#)): \$0
- Notable spending gap here, potentially a choice made in preparation for post-election litigation efforts



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- [California Secretary of State - CalAccess - Campaign Finance](#)
- [What to know about Prop. 3, a tax on CA high-income earners](#)
- [Should Voters Approve Prop. 3? How Top Tax Rates Have Helped Californians - California Budget & Policy Center](#)
- [Yes on Proposition 3 - California Teachers Association](#)
- [Reform California Voter Guide • CA Statewide Voter Guide](#)
- [PPIC Statewide Survey: Californians and Their Government - Public Policy Institute of California](#)

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Proposition 4:

Repeals Prohibition Against Public Funding of Election Campaigns

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PROPOSITION 4



“Through State Sen. Tom Umberg’s eyes”

- Prop. 4 would repeal California's prohibition on public funding of candidate campaigns.
- It would allow state and local governments to create public campaign-financing programs.
- It does **not** automatically create a statewide program.
- Future programs would have rules and spending limits.
- Public funds could **not be used for legal defense, fines, or repayment of personal loans**
- A **Yes vote** allows governments to establish public campaign-financing programs
- A **No vote** keeps the existing restrictions on using public funds for election campaigns
- Proposition 4 was placed on the ballot through **SB 42**, authored by Senator Tom Umberg

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Table from
<https://www.hoover.org/proposition-lab-proposition-4>

Figure 2.
Public Campaign Financing: Current Law vs. Proposition 4

Topic	Current Law	Under Proposition 4
Public campaign financing	State and local governments are generally prohibited from using public funds to finance candidate election campaigns.	State and local governments may establish public campaign-financing programs.
Automatic statewide program?	No.	No. Proposition 4 only permits governments to create programs; it does not itself create one statewide.
Candidate requirements	Existing prohibition means no public-financing eligibility system under state/local program authority.	Publicly funded candidates must meet qualifying criteria and comply with expenditure limits.
Spending limits	No Prop 4 public-financing program under the current prohibition.	Programs can require participating candidates to follow expenditure limits.
Prohibited uses of public funds	Public financing of candidate campaigns is prohibited.	Public funds cannot be used for legal defense, fines, or repayment of personal loans.
Main effect of a YES vote	—	Gives state and local governments authority to create public campaign-financing programs.
Main effect of a NO vote	Keeps existing prohibition.	Existing restrictions remain in place.

California Proposition 4, California Fair Elections Act of 2026. Source: California Secretary of State Voter Information Guide and SB 42.

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Who is for Prop.4?

- **League of Women Voters of California**
- **Movement Voter PAC**
- **California Nurses Association**
- **Mental Health Advocacy Services**
- **Social Security Works**
- **Consumer Watchdog**
- **California Common Cause**
- **California Democratic Party**
- **California Labor Federation**
- **SEIU California**
- **Sierra Club California**

Movement Voter PAC Supporting Prop 4 registered in support of Proposition 4. It reported \$235,157.07 in contributions. No committee has registered in opposition to the measure.^[12]

	Cash Contributions	In-Kind Contributions	Total Contributions	Cash Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Support	\$235,157.07	\$0.00	\$235,157.07	\$1,090,000.00	\$1,090,000.00
Oppose	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$235,157.07	\$0.00	\$235,157.07	\$1,090,000.00	\$1,090,000.00

Support

The following table includes contribution and expenditure totals for the committee in support of the ballot measure.^[12]

Committees in support of Proposition 4					
Committee	Cash Contributions	In-Kind Contributions	Total Contributions	Cash Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Movement Voter PAC Supporting Prop 4	\$235,157.07	\$0.00	\$235,157.07	\$1,090,000.00	\$1,090,000.00
Total	\$235,157.07	\$0.00	\$235,157.07	\$1,090,000.00	\$1,090,000.00

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Opposition to Prop.4? Who is against Prop. 4?:

- **California Taxpayers Association**
- **Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association**
- **Family Business Association of California**
- **United Latinos Action**
- **Former Fair Political Practices Commission officials**, including Dan Schnur and Colleen McAndrews, are also identified in the official opposition argument.
- **California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce**, represented by President Julian Canete, is also listed in the opposition argument.

Figure 3.
Organizations Opposed to Proposition 4
Key groups and individuals officially listed as opponents in the California Voter Information Guide (2026).

Organization / Group	Type	Main Concern
California Taxpayers Association	Taxpayer advocacy group	Could lead to increased government spending and use of taxpayer money for political campaigns.
Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association	Taxpayer advocacy group	Opposes using public funds for campaigns concerned about higher taxes.
Family Business Association of California	Business association	Believes the measure could increase government spending and create more regulation for businesses.
United Latinos Action	Community organization	Concerns about unintended consequences and the potential for political influence by special interests.
Former FPCC officials (Dan Schnur and Colleen McAndrews)	Former state officials	Argue the measure is unnecessary and could weaken existing campaign finance rules.
California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce	Business organization	Worries about the potential for increased costs and government control over campaigns.

Source: California Secretary of State, Voter Information Guide – Proposition 4 (2026).
<https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/propositions/4/>

Per “the official California Voter Information Guide”

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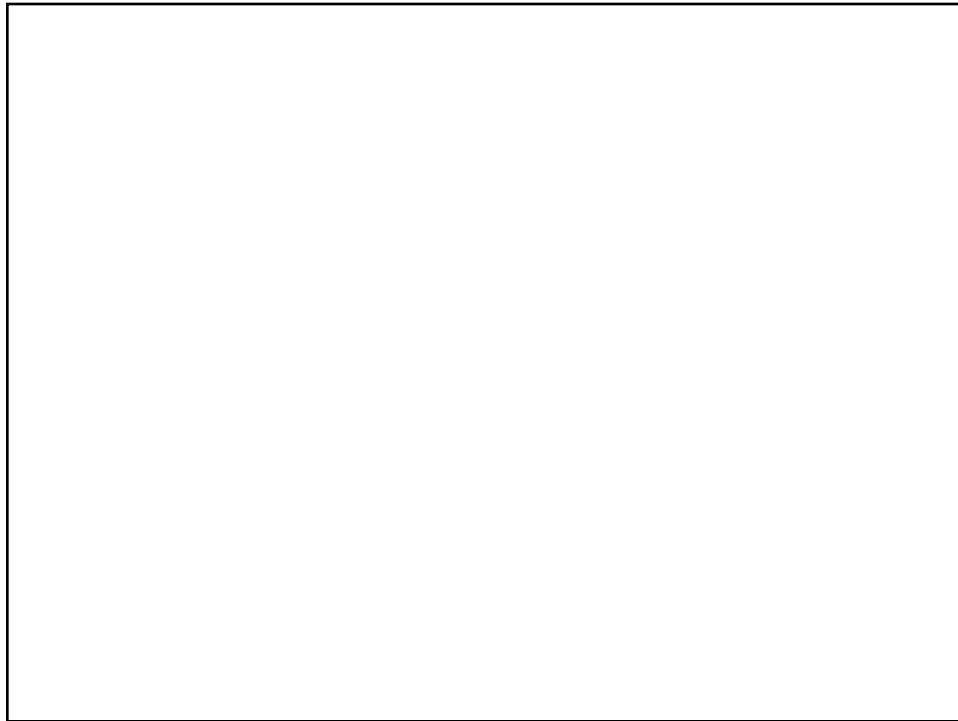


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- <https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/propositions/4/arguments-rebuttals.htm>
- <https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/propositions/4/index.htm>

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Proposition 5

Eliminate State Officer Recall Successor Elections Amendment

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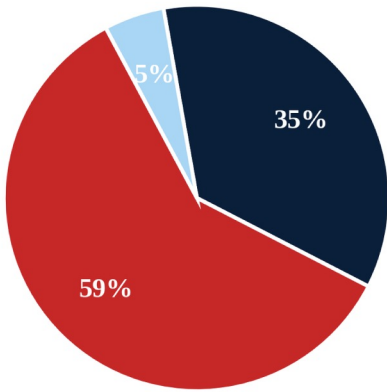
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What is Prop 5?

- Under current law: voters pick a replacement at the same time as the recall.
- Prop 5 removes that second question. Vacancy is filled later by special election or appointment, depending office and timing.
- The recalled officer can run in that later election.
- If Governor is recalled: lieutenant governor serves until new governor is elected.

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Proposition 5
Changes Recall Election Process for Statewide Officers
California Likely Voters — September 2026



Response	Percentage
Yes	35%
No	59%
Don't Know / Undecided	5%

Source: PPIC Statewide Survey, September 2026

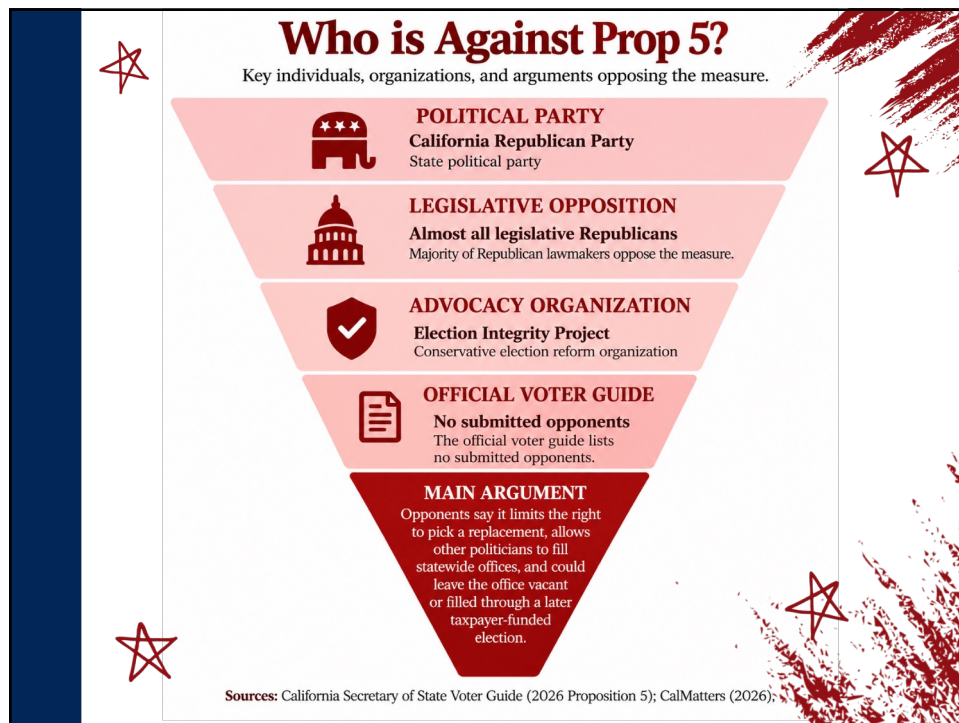
- It was put on the ballot in August 2024
- By the time it passed legislation, the urgency was gone.
- A September PPIC poll showed 35 percent support.
- No campaign committee to pass it.
- No financial backing

What is Slowing The Reform?

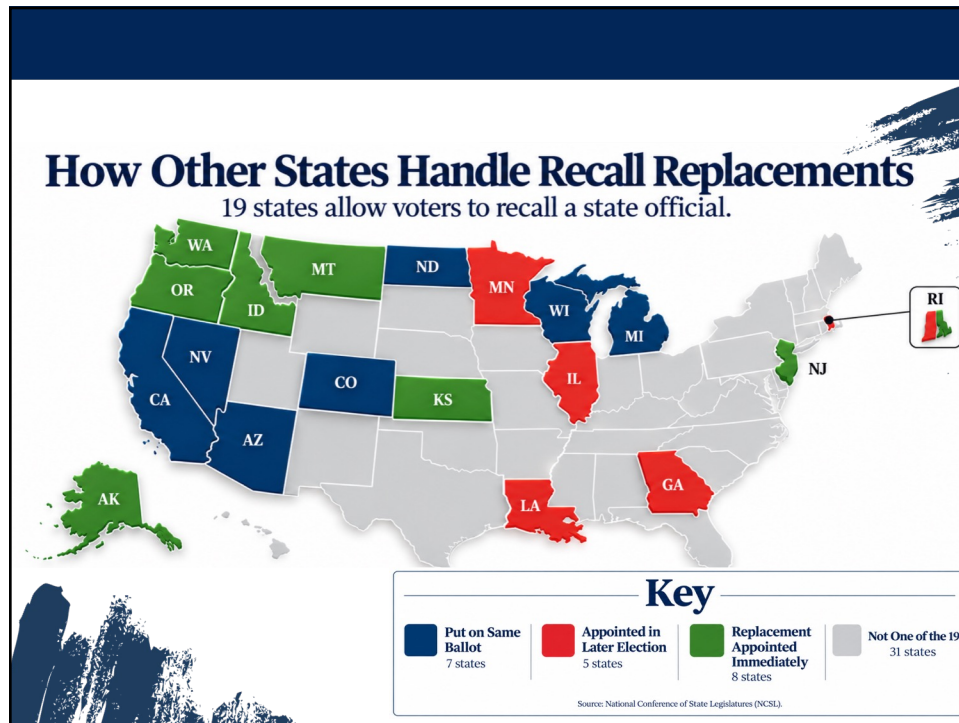
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Main Takeaway

Should removing an official and replacing them happen in the same election?

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Proposition 37:
**CREATES LOAN PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE-INCOME BUYERS OF QUALIFIED
 NEW HOMES - INITIATIVE STATUTE**

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Proposition 37

- Loan program to help middle-income Californians afford down payment on newly constructed homes
- \$25 billion in revenue bonds finances the program
- Eligible buyers could receive a loan covering up to 17% of the home's purchase price, contributing only a 3% down-payment themselves
- To qualify, applicants must have lived in California for at least one year, occupy the home, earn less than 200% of area median income, and purchase a qualifying new home
- The assistance is a loan rather than a grant; homeowners' mortgage payments would repay the bonds rather than state taxpayers directly
- Qualifying homes would generally need to fall below roughly \$1 million-\$1.5 million
- 61% of likely voters would vote yes on Prop 37 according to [PPIC polling](#)

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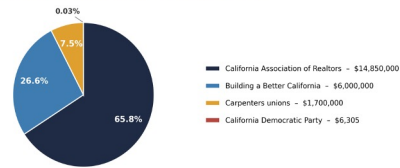
Prop. 37 Supporters/Contributions

Donor group	Contributor(s)	# of contributions	Total	Share
California Association of Realtors	Homeownership for Families, sponsored by CAR (\$8.85M); CAR Issues Mobilization PAC (IMPAC) (\$6.0M)	7	\$14,850,000	65.8%
Building a Better California	Building a Better California	1	\$6,000,000	26.6%
Carpenters unions	United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America (\$800K); Western States Regional Council of Carpenters Issues Committee (\$450K); Northern California Carpenters Regional Council Issues PAC (\$450K)	7	\$1,700,000	7.5%
California Democratic Party	Non-monetary (in-kind) contributions only	68	\$6,305.29	0.03%
Total		83	\$22,556,305.29	100%

Prominent Supporters:

- [Bob Hertzberg](#), former state Senate Majority Leader
- [Xavier Becerra](#), Democratic nominee for CA governor
- [California Democratic Party](#)

Yes on 37: Contributions by Donor Group



Data from <https://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Committees/Detail.aspx?id=1481256&session=2025&view=received> (as of 10/7/26)

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Yes on 37 Committee Expenditures

Category	Main Payees	Amount	% of Total
Petition circulating (signature gathering)	PCI Campaigns, Inc. (22 payments)	\$9,173,341	64.2%
Digital media / advertising	Nuckels Media Partners, Inc.	\$3,324,100	23.3%
Campaign consultants	Golden Insight & Advocacy (\$260,000); JPM&M (\$230,000); Callahan Public Affairs (\$96,666); Sempervirent Strategies (\$67,500); Nick Gaines (\$53,000)	\$800,594	5.6%
Campaign literature, walk pieces and mailers	The Monaco Group (\$219,301); Nuckels Media Partners (\$69,000); Election Digest (\$52,500)	\$342,285	2.4%
Polling and survey research	Tulchin Research (\$177,015); Data Direct Solutions (\$145,000)	\$334,315	2.3%
Legal and accounting	Olson Remcho (\$125,189); Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe (\$54,025); Deane & Company (\$34,759)	\$214,498	1.5%
Other (fundraising, travel, IT, office)	Law Offices of Robert M. Hertzberg; Daniel C. Weitzman, LLC; Line Honors Strategy Group	\$88,744	0.6%
Total		\$14,277,876	100%

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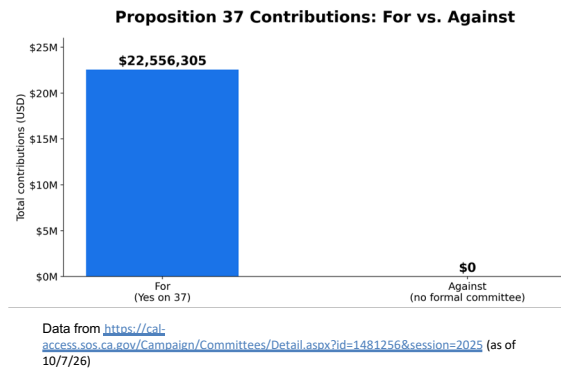
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Prop. 37 Opposition

- No official opposition committee

Notable opponents:

- [Reform California](#)
- [Republican Assemblymember Carl DeMaio](#)
- [League of Women Voters](#)



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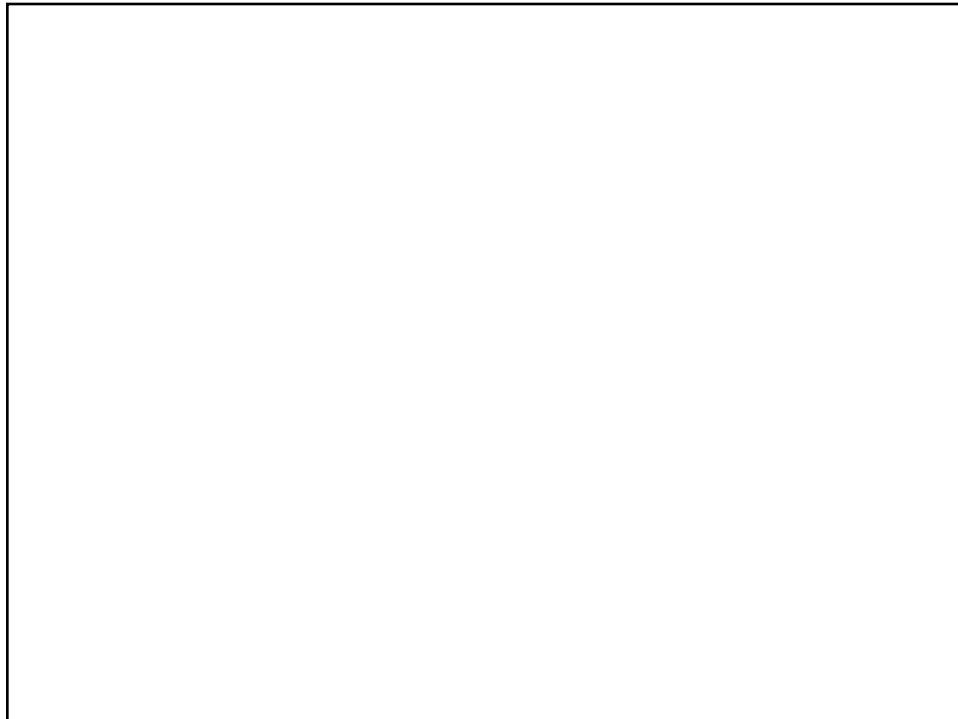


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More Information

- voterguide.sos.ca.gov
- lao.ca.gov/BallotAnalysis
- calmatters.org
- cayimby.org

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Proposition 38:
**AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR IMMUNOLOGY
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PROPOSITION 38

"AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR IMMUNOLOGY RESEARCH. INITIATIVE STATUS."

- An initiated state statute that aims to dramatically expand medical research in California.
- Would authorize \$8.4 billion in general obligation bonds to fund immunology and immunotherapy research.
- At least \$4.2 billion must be explicitly dedicated to finding cures and treatments for Cancer, Heart Disease, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's.
- The initiative mandates that any resulting treatments must be offered at a 20% discount to Californians, and 10% of commercial revenue from these discoveries must be paid back into the state's General Fund.

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50/50 Split

- 50% (\$4.2 billion) will be allocated to a single specialized nonprofit research institute affiliated with the University of California chosen by the department of public health.
- 50% (\$4.2 billion) will be distributed via competitive grants to California-based public and nonprofit universities and medical research institutes.

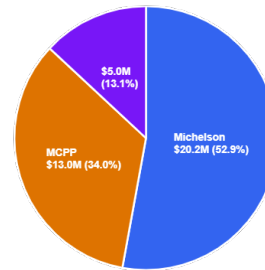
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Who is for Prop. 38?

- Gary Karlin Michelson, MD (\$ 20,200,000)
- Michelson Center for Public Policy (Yes on 38) ((\$13,000,000))
- Meyer Luskin (\$5,000,000)
- California Democratic Party

Top 3 Contributors for Support.

Gary Karlin Michelson, MD (Michelson) : 52.9%
 Michelson Center for Public Policy (Yes on 38) (MCPP) : 34.0% Meyer Luskin : 13.1%



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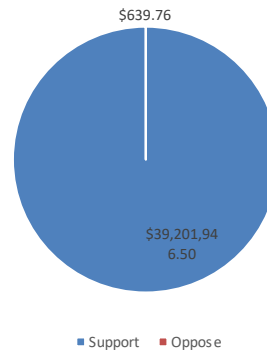
Opposition to Prop. 38?

Contribution to campaigns, supporters and opponents.
 Around \$39.2 million dollars raised.

Who is against Prop. 38:

- League of Women Voters of California
- Laurence Lang (\$250)
- California Health Policy Strategies LLC (\$389.76)
- San Francisco Chronicle
- GrowSF
- Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Monetary Contributions



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For More Information, please go to the following sources:

- <http://www.yesonprop38.com>
- <http://www.noonprop38.com>
- <https://votenooprop38.org>
- <https://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Measures/Detail.aspx?id=1492878&session=2025>
- <https://lao.ca.gov/BallotAnalysis/Proposition?number=38&year=2026>

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Proposition 39:

**Prohibits Citizens From Voting Unless They Present
Government-Issued Identification.**

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Description provided by the California Voter Information Guide

PROPOSITION 39

"Required Identification For Voting"

- Prohibits voting by mail unless voter designates a government-issued identification number for their voter registration.
- Invalidates mail ballots if envelope does not include last four digits of a government-issued identification number matching the number designated in the voter's registration.
- Prohibits voting in person without presenting government-issued identification.
- Requires elections officials to annually report percentage of each county's voters whose citizenship status they have verified.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S ESTIMATE OF NET STATE AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL IMPACT:**

- State and local government costs of between tens of millions of dollars and low hundreds of millions of dollars each year to implement new voting requirements. Costs depend on future

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Who Supports Prop 39?

Total Contributions: \$36,315,766.31

Total Expenditures: \$8,552,633.14

Top 5 Contributors

Richard Uihlein	\$17,000,000
Joe Gebbia	\$8,000,000
Steven Bray *	\$3,300,000
Reform California With Carl De Maio Ballot Measure Committee	\$3,103,479
Cameron & Tyler Winklevoss	\$500,000

Top 5 Expenditure Categories

Petition Circulating	\$7,094,407.85
Campaign Literature and Mailings	\$297,400.00
Advertising	\$294,130.67
Campaign Consultants	\$249,629.94
Professional Services (Legal, Accounting)	\$173,648.94

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Who Opposes Prop 39?

Total Contributions: \$15,766,744.42

Total Expenditures: \$7,423,687.31

Top 5 Contributors

California Democratic Party	\$5,463,270
The Tribal Council Of The Federated Indians Of Graton Rancheria	\$2,000,000
M Quinn Delaney	\$1,500,000
Patty Quillin	\$1,500,000
Seiu California State Council For Working People	\$1,017,500

Top 5 Expenditure Categories

Advertising	\$6,301,247.00
Campaign Consultants	\$392,435.00
Polling and Survey Research	\$237,500.00
Fundraising Events	\$230,000.00
Professional Services (Legal, Accounting)	\$81,073.77

Sources: [Cal Matters](#)
[Cal Access](#)

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Polling Data

Comparing likely voter preferences on **Proposition 39** to prohibit citizens from voting unless they present government-issued identification
(mid-September vs. early August)

	Mid-September			Early August		
	Voting Yes %	Voting No %	Undecided %	Voting Yes %	Voting No %	Undecided %
Total likely voters	39	52	9	42	51	7
Party registration						
Democrats	10	80	10	12	80	8
Republicans	92	5	4	93	4	3
No Party Preference/other	37	51	11	36	54	10
Age						
18-29	27	58	14	28	60	12
30-39	34	57	9	35	59	6
40-49	39	52	9	46	44	10
50-64	46	46	8	46	48	6
65 or older	40	53	7	43	50	7
Gender						
Male	43	50	7	47	47	6
Female	35	54	11	37	54	9
Race/ethnicity						
White non-Hispanic	39	55	6	43	49	8
Latino	41	50	9	42	52	6
Asian/Pacific Islander	37	51	12	40	52	8
Black	25	56	19	31	59	10
Education						
High school graduate or less	47	40	13	43	46	11
Some college/trade school	46	45	8	49	44	6
College graduate (BA)	34	57	9	40	52	8
Post graduate work	29	65	6	31	62	7

Data Provided by [Berkeley IGS Poll](#)

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What's the Story?

- State Assembly member [Carl DeMaio](#) Spearheading Prop 39 through Reform California.
 - Pushing Trump narrative of mass voter fraud and insecurity.
- Supported by out-of-state Billionaires such as [Richard Uihlein](#), [Joe Gebbia](#) and the [Winklevoss](#) twins.
 - Billionaire support may indicate interest in replicating Voter ID measures like Prop 39 in other states.
- Plays into DNC 'Democracy under Threat' messaging.
 - Prop 39 is a "Long War" measure; effects 2028 and beyond.
- Both Support and Oppose are currently holding on to funds.
 - Saving for either litigation or roll-over.

Sources: [Cal Matters](#)
[politics](#)

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Editorial Endorsements

- [The Sacramento Bee](#): NO
- [San Francisco Chronicle](#): NO
- [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#): NO
- [Courage California](#): NO
- [The Bay Area Reporter](#): NO
- [Reform California](#): YES
- [California Federation of Labor Unions](#): NO
- [Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association](#): YES

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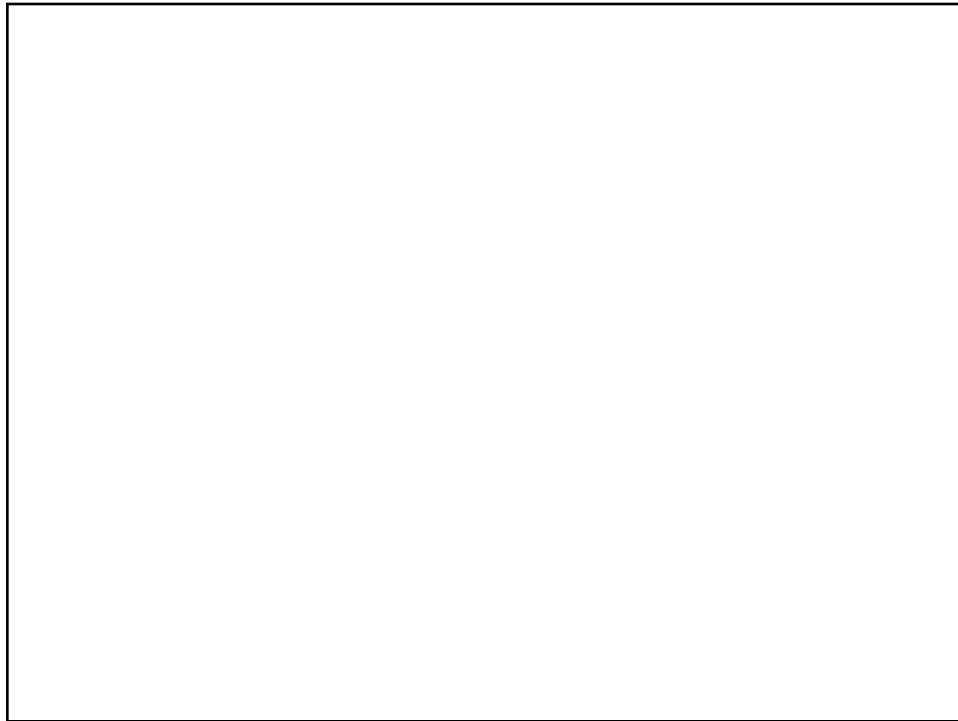



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For More Information, please go to the following sources:

- [NO on 39](#) (Online Digital Advertising)
- [NO on Prop 39](#) (LWVC)
- [Reform California](#)
- [ACLU](#)
- [California Budget and Policy Center](#)
- [ABC10 article on Gavin Newsom's positions](#)
- [California Post article on Joe Gebbia Donation](#)

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Proposition 40:

IMPOSES ONE-TIME TAX ON CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS AND TRUSTS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE.

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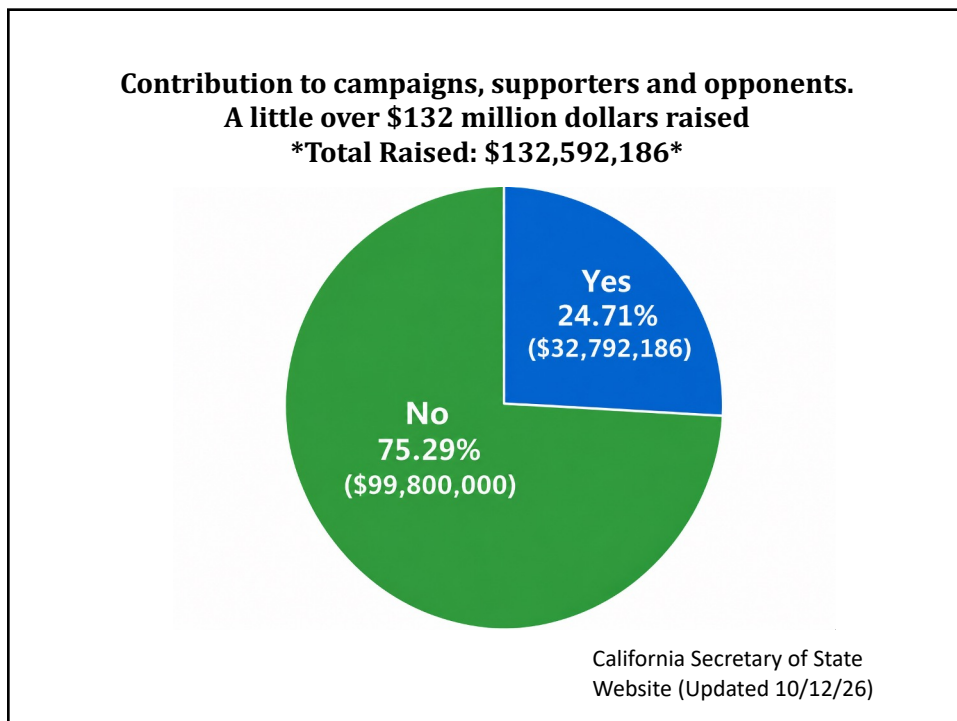
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PROPOSITION 40

The 2026 Billionaire Tax Act

- Imposes a one-time wealth tax of 5% on Californians that are residents as of January 1, 2026 and had more than \$1 billion in assets.
- The measure states around 200 California billionaires could be affected.
- The tax would cover assets such as stocks, businesses, art, and intellectual property, while excluding personal real estate and certain retirement assets.
- Revenue would go into a separate state fund and could not be used for unrelated general spending.
- 90% of revenue would fund public healthcare services while remaining 10% would support education and food assistance.
- Prop 40 reached the ballot through citizen initiative process after supporters gathered enough signatures.

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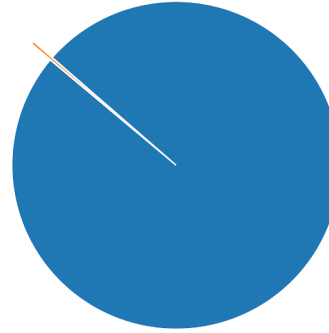


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Who is for Prop 40?

- CA Democratic Party
- U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders
- Service Employees International Union, United Healthcare Workers West Nonprofit 501(C)(5): \$24,007,898
- Alan Davis: \$275,000
- Hilary Perkins: \$100,000
- Ross Boucher: \$50,000

Top 3 Expenditures for Supporters



Expense Categories		
PETITION CIRCULATING:	\$19,915,281.00	(99.698%)
CAMPAIGN LITERATURE AND MAILINGS:	\$57,718.91	(0.289%)
OFFICE EXPENSES:	\$2,577.83	(0.013%)

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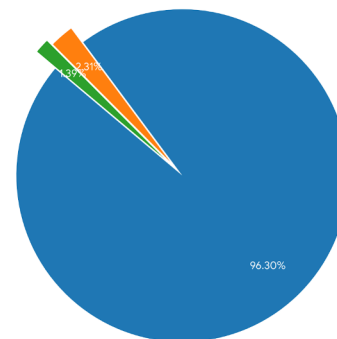
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Who is against Prop. 40?

- Governor Newsom
- California Teachers Association
- Building a Better California: \$88,500,00*
- Chris Larsen: \$5,000,000
- Ripple Labs: \$5,000,000
- California Business Roundtable Issues Pac: \$695,00

*Building a Better California has raised \$296.6M but it is split between No 40, Yes 41, Yes 42, Yes 45, Yes, 37, Yes 1

Top 3 Expenditures for Opposed



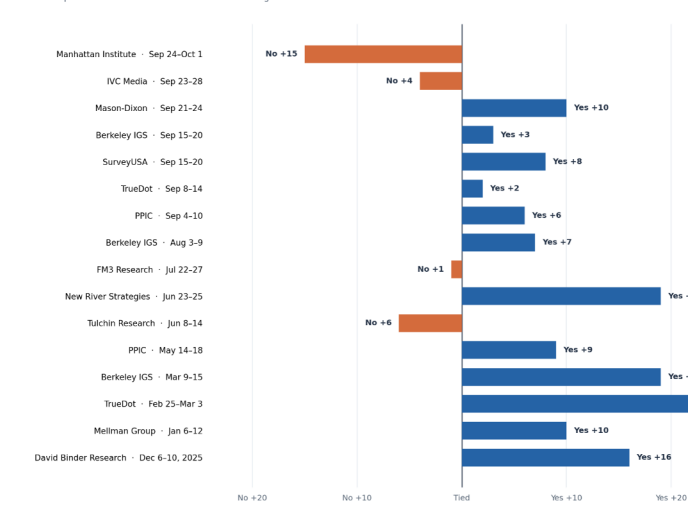
Categories	
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Campaign Consultants	
Professional Services (Legal, Accounting)	

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Polling on Proposition 40

California Proposition 40 | Polling margins



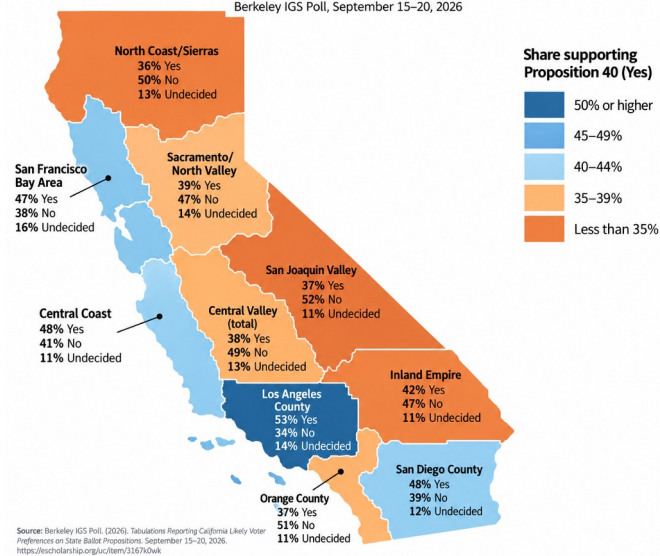
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Yes: 45% No: 42% Undecided: 13%

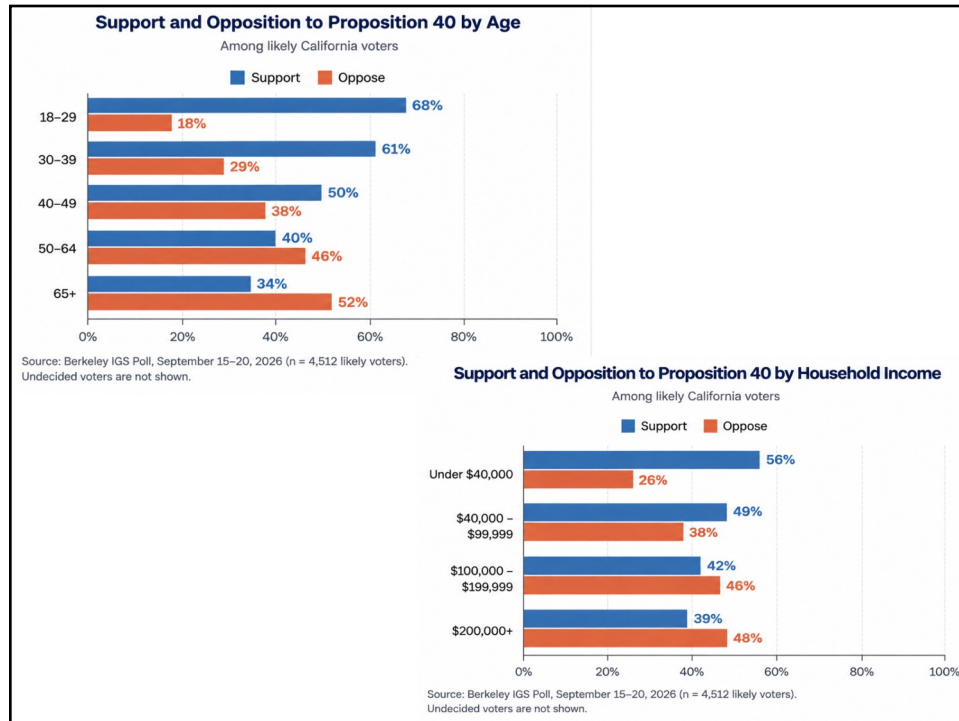
Support for Proposition 40 by Region

Share of likely California voters who support or oppose Proposition 40

Berkeley IGS Poll, September 15–20, 2026



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Recent News

- Could the prop be amended after it is passed? Yes, to an extent, so long as it furthers the purposes of the prop. Expanding the tax would require another ballot vote([Cal matters](#))
- Newsom is for a national tax but is against the state measure([ABC](#))
- Massive advertising war is taking place to sway voters the No side([New York Post](#))
- Important organizations in the healthcare industry are against the prop such as Planned Parenthood and CA Children's Hospital Association([Secretary of State](#))

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- <https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article317240033.html>
- <https://calmatters.org/california-voter-guide-2026/proposition-40-billionaire-tax/>
- <https://escholarship.org/content/qt3167k0wk/qt3167k0wk.pdf>
- <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/polls/california-wealth-tax-polls-2026.html>

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Proposition 41 & 42

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PROPOSITION 41

“Tax Audit”

- Nullifies state taxes enacted after January 1, 2026.
- Requires pre-election and recurring audits of programs funded by new special taxes.
- Would nullify Proposition 40 if passed and it outvotes.

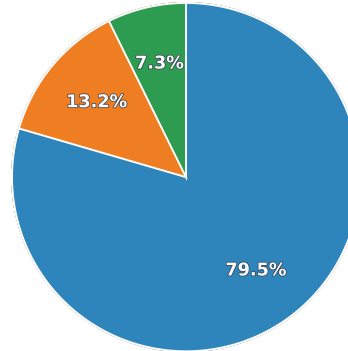
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Who is for Prop. 41?

Top Expenditures by yes committee as of 9/19

Top Supporters

- YES ON 41
 - [Building a Better California](#)
 - [Reform California with Carl De Maio](#)
 - [Reform Local Government PAC](#)
- Many other Organizations in support (no visible money)
 - California Taxpayers Association



■ Petition circulation
■ Campaign literature and mailings
■ Postage and delivery

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PROPOSITION 42

“Tax Protection”

- Amends the state Constitution to prohibit taxes on the ownership of certain assets and on certain retroactive taxes.
- Prohibits Prop 40 from going into effect if passed and it outvotes.

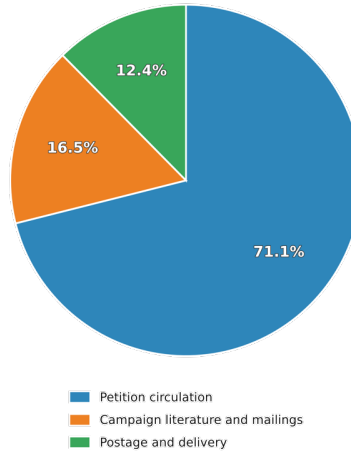
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Who is for Prop. 42?

Top Expenditures by yes committee as of 9/19

Top Supporters

- YES ON 42
 - [Building a Better California](#)
 - [Reform California with Carl De Maio](#)
 - [Reform Local Government PAC](#)
- Many other Organizations in support (no visible money)
 - California Taxpayers Association



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Prop 41 Polls

Date (Poll Ended)	Pollster	Results	Margin
Sept. 23, 2026	IVC Media	49% Yes – 36% No	Yes +13
Sept. 15, 2026	University of California Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies	37% Yes – 33% No	Yes +4
Sept. 4, 2026	Public Policy Institute of California	51% Yes – 44% No	Yes +7
Aug. 3, 2026	University of California Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies	37% No – 35% Yes	No +2

Prop 42 Polls

Date (Poll Ended)	Pollster	Results	Margin
Sept. 23, 2026	IVC Media	48% Yes – 24% No	Yes +24
Sept. 15, 2026	University of California Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies	43% Yes – 34% No	Yes +9
Sept. 4, 2026	Public Policy Institute of California	54% Yes – 43% No	Yes +11
Aug. 3, 2026	University of California Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies	40% Yes – 37% No	Yes +3

[Prop 41 polls captured by NY Times](#) [Prop 42 polls captured by NY Times](#)

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Voter reactions to Propositions 41 and 42, the two counter initiatives to the Billionaire Tax initiative <i>(among likely voters in the November general election)</i>						
Group	Proposition 41			Proposition 42		
	Voting Yes %	Voting No %	Undecided %	Voting Yes %	Voting No %	Undecided %
Total likely voters	35	37	28	40	37	23
Party registration						
Democrats	15	53	32	18	53	29
Republicans	71	11	18	79	9	12
NPP/others	29	41	30	34	40	26
Household income						
Less than \$40,000	27	44	29	33	42	25
\$40,000–\$99,999	34	39	27	39	38	23
\$100,000–\$199,999	37	36	27	41	36	23
\$200,000 or more	39	35	26	45	34	21
Prior awareness						
Yes, have heard	51	35	14	56	33	11
No, haven't heard/not sure	30	38	32	35	38	27

[Berkely IGS Poll August 14th, 2026](#)



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Proposition 41 Tax Audits Initiative		
Prohibits new state taxes that exclude revenues from the state spending limit and requires audits of programs funded by new state special taxes.		
Likely Voter Group	Yes	No
All Likely Voters	51%	44%
Political Party		
Republicans	75%	22%
Independents	51%	41%
Democrats	38%	59%

[From PPIC poll](#)


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Proposition 42 Prohibits New State Personal Property Taxes		
Proposition 42 would prohibit new state taxes imposed on the ownership of personal property other than real estate.		
Likely Voter Group	Yes	No
All Likely Voters	54%	43%
Political Party		
Republicans	74%	—
Independents	61%	—
Democrats	39%	—
Region		
San Francisco Bay Area	45%	—
Household Income		
Under \$40,000	43%	—
Housing Status		
Renters	41%	—
Age		
Ages 18–34	36%	—
From PPIC poll		

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Editorials

Endorsement on Prop 41 *San Francisco Chronicle*

[SF Chronicle: NO](#)

[Sacramento Bee: NO](#)

[Press Democrat: NO](#)

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Endorsement on Prop 42

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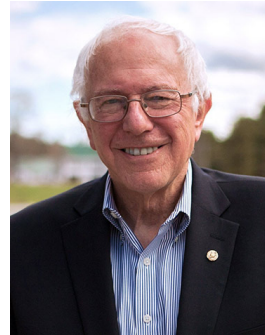
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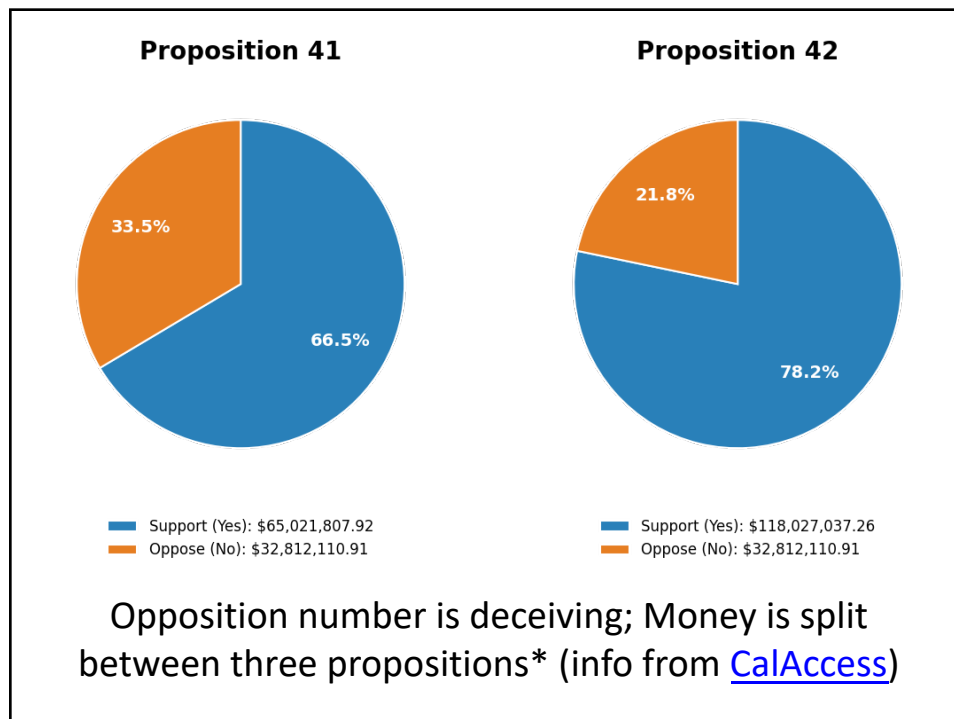
Opposition to Prop. 41 and 42

Top Opponents

- [TAX THE ULTRA-RICH NOW, YES ON 3 & 40, NO ON 41 & 42](#)
- [YES ON 40 - BILLIONAIRE TAX NOW - NO ON 41 & 42](#)
- [SEIU](#)
- [Senator Bernie Sanders](#)



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- <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/polls/california-prop-42-personal-property-tax-polls-2026.html>
- <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/polls/california-prop-41-tax-audits-polls-2026.html>
- <https://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Measures/Detail.aspx?id=1492882&session=2025>
- <https://www.ppic.org/publication/ppic-statewide-survey-californians-and-their-government-september-2026/>
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PROPOSITION 43: LIMITS VOTERS' ABILITY TO RAISE REVENUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

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What Proposition 43 Would Do

- A change to the voting threshold for voter-proposed local special taxes: 50%+ → $\frac{2}{3}$
- Beginning January 1, 2027, voter-proposed local special taxes would need two-thirds approval instead of a simple majority.
- The rule applies to new, increased, or extended local special taxes proposed through the voter initiative process.
- A YES vote establishes the two-thirds requirement; a NO vote keeps the current majority-vote path for these voter-proposed taxes.
- The Legislative Analyst says local tax revenues could be lower in the future than they otherwise would be; the exact impact is unknown.
- Source: California Secretary of State, Official Voter Information Guide (2026).

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The Main Story: Local Control vs. Fiscal Accountability

LOCAL CONTROL

Opponents argue communities should retain the ability to approve voter-proposed special taxes by majority vote. Their framing emphasizes funding and flexibility for local services.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Supporters argue special taxes should require broader voter agreement through a two-thirds threshold. Their framing emphasizes taxpayer protections and limits on tax increases.

Framing summarized from the submitted Prop 43 brief and the official voter guide arguments.

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Campaign Finance Snapshot — Updated (SOS / Cal-Access)

- Latest FPPC disclosure data via Cal-Access (cal-access.sos.ca.gov) — last modified October 1, 2026
- Current Totals:
 - SUPPORT: \$13,973,217.78
 - OPPOSE: \$5,390,000.01
- Support has \$8,583,217.77 more in reported committee contributions.
- Sources: California Secretary of State (sos.ca.gov), Cal-Access, and November 2026 General Election Top Contributor Donations.

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Who Supports Proposition 43?

Supporters emphasize taxpayer protections and a higher approval threshold:

- California Business Roundtable Issues PAC — \$9,850,000.
- Protect Prop. 13 / Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association — \$1,038,217.78.
- Kilroy Realty, LP — \$1,000,000.
- Douglas Emmett Properties, LP and affiliated entities — \$1,000,000.
- 1800 Capital, Inc. — \$500,000.

The current FPPC top-contributor total for the primary Yes committee is \$13,973,217.78. Sources: Official Voter Information Guide; cal-access.sos.ca.gov.

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Who Opposes Proposition 43?

Opponents emphasize majority rule and local flexibility:

- SEIU California State Council for Working People — \$1,500,000.
- SEIU Local 1021 Issues PAC — \$500,000.
- SEIU Local 721 CTW, CLC Issues & Initiatives — \$500,000.
- Western States Regional Council of Carpenters Issues Committee — \$500,000.
- California Professional Firefighters Ballot Issues Committee — \$250,500.
- California Federation of Teachers — \$250,000.

The current FPPC aggregate opposition total is \$5,390,000.01. Sources: Official Voter Information Guide; cal-access.sos.ca.gov.

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Why Proposition 43 Matters Now

- A Constitutional Rule: Prop 43 changes the voting threshold applying to future voter-proposed local special taxes.
- A Real Tradeoff: Supporters emphasize fiscal accountability and taxpayer protection; opponents emphasize local control and community services.
- Why the Fight Is Now: Voters are deciding the rule before future tax measures arise, setting the balance between majority rule and a higher approval bar.
- Bottom line: Proposition 43 asks Californians to decide what level of voter agreement should be required before certain local special taxes can pass.
- Sources: California Secretary of State (sos.ca.gov); PPIC; Ross Cashman, 'Prop 43 Update'.

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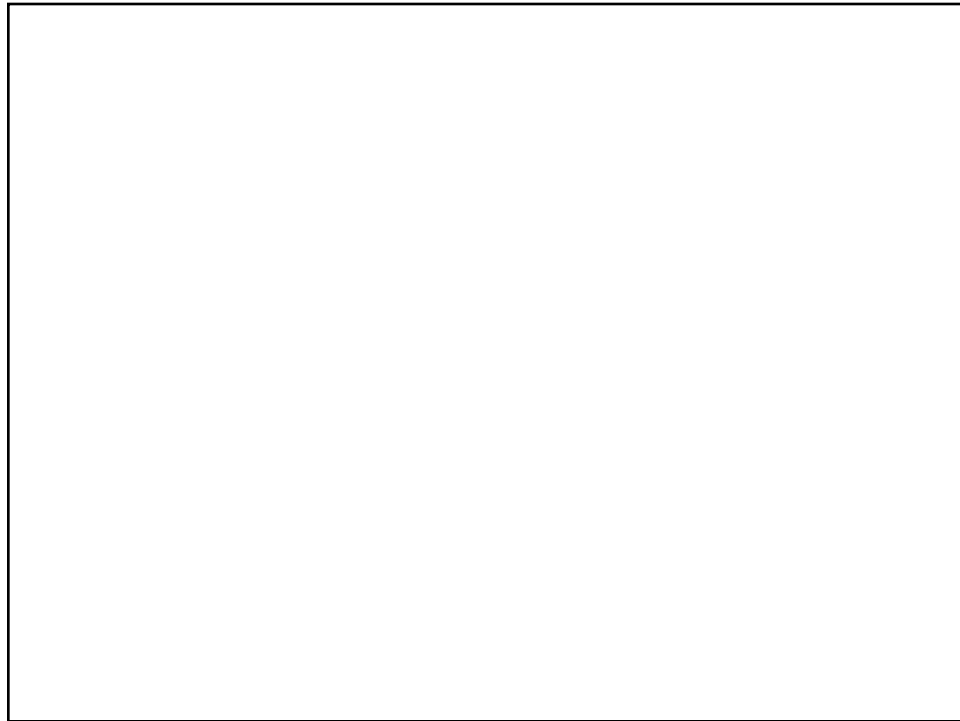
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Sources & Data Notes

- California Secretary of State (sos.ca.gov) — Official Voter Information Guide & Power Search / campaign-finance reporting.
- Cal-Access (cal-access.sos.ca.gov) — Campaign finance contributions database.
- Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) (ppic.ca.gov) — Statewide public opinion research.
- Nest.org & Ballotpedia — Ballot-measure and campaign tracking.
- Ross Cashman, 'Prop 43 Update' — Campaign-finance figures and presentation framing used in this deck.
- Data note: Campaign-finance totals and polling can change as new reports are filed; figures in the presentation are identified by their stated data reference.

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PROPOSITION 44

"The Clinic Funding, Accountability, and Transparency Act"

- Will require federally qualified health centers to spend 90% of revenue on "mission-related expenditures" (patient care, supplies, services).
- Clinics will now be required to publicly report how their funds are being spent; this data will appear on the California attorney general's (AG) website. Audits may also be conducted by the AG's office. Clinics that come into compliance and work with the AG to create a spending plan will have their fines reimbursed.
- Clinics that don't meet their spending requirements will be fined. These funds will go into the new Mission Spend Ratio Penalty Account. After five years, the legislature can appropriate these funds for clinic worker training and retention initiatives.
- Clinics that come into compliance and work with the attorney general to create a spending plan will have their fines reimbursed.

[Via CA Attorney General](#)

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Key Arguments:

A healthcare and finance issue, as well as a political, labor conflict.

- Prop 44 would prevent excessive salaries, unnecessary events, and middle management / payroll bloat.
- Prop 44 enables the general public to have a better understanding of how their taxes are being spent.
- Prop 44 would reduce the impact of The Big Beautiful Bill's funding cuts.

- The poor wording of the measure creates spending roadblocks for some essentials like: translation services, mammogram machines, and nurse managers.
- 88% of clinics would operate at a loss, and \$1.7 billion would be cut in year 1 alone.
- Inevitable closures would increase the time it takes to be seen, crowding emergency rooms more than they already are.

[Via California Voters Guide](#)

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The Catalyst - H.R. 1

H.R. 1 aka "The One Big Beautiful Bill" cuts Medicaid funding by **\$907.5 billion** over the next 10 years. Rural clinics rely on this funding to keep their operation running because most of the patients they serve do not have private health insurance nor the means to pay. In direct response to this cut funding, Sean Fleming and Shawna Brown (initiative coordinators at the SEIU) first proposed Prop 44 in July of last year aiming to extract the most value for patients out of what funds remain. Pictured are all of the hospitals in California at risk of closure because of H.R. 1.

[Via United States Senate](#)

[Via Congress.gov](#)

28	ADVENTIST HEALTH ST. HELENA	ST. HELENA	CA-04
	MAD RIVER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	ARCATA	CA-02
	OROVILLE HOSPITAL	OROVILLE	CA-01
	ST ELIZABETH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	RED BLUFF	CA-01
	ADVENTIST HEALTH REEDLEY	REEDLEY	CA-21
	HI - DESERT MEDICAL CENTER	JOSHUA TREE	CA-23
	BARSTOW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	BARSTOW	CA-23
	ADVENTIST HEALTH UKIAH VALLEY	UKIAH	CA-02
	PIONEERS MEM. HOSPITAL	BRAWLEY	CA-25
	MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - LOS BANOS	LOS BANOS	CA-13
	EASTERN PLUMAS HEALTH CARE	PORTOLA	CA-03
	ADVENTIST HEALTH TEHACHAPI VALLEY	TEHACHAPI	CA-20
	SOUTHERN INYO HOSPITAL	LONE PINE	CA-03
	JOHN C. FREMONT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT	MARIPOSA	CA-05
	MAYERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	FALL RIVER MILLS	CA-01
	JEROLD PHELPS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	GARBERVILLE	CA-02
	BIGGS-GRIDLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	GRIDLEY	CA-01
	MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	LAKE ARROWHEAD	CA-23
	KERN VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT	LAKE ISABELLA	CA-20
	TRINITY HOSPITAL	WEAVERVILLE	CA-02
	FAIRCHILD MEDICAL CENTER	YREKA	CA-01
	ADVENTIST HEALTH CLEARLAKE	CLEARLAKE	CA-04
	SUTTER LAKESIDE HOSPITAL	LAKEPORT	CA-04
	MODOC MEDICAL CENTER	ALTURAS	CA-01
	BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	BIG BEAR	CA-23
	MEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	KING CITY	CA-18
	HAZEL HAWKINS MEM. HOSPITAL	HOLLISTER	CA-18
	COALINGA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	COALINGA	CA-13
6	DELTA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	DELTA	CO-03

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Support for Prop. 44

Who is for Prop 44?

- Service Employee International Union (SEIU) - United Healthcare Workers West
- They have pushed initiatives in **every midterm** since 2018 that would damage the two corporations that own most of the hospitals in CA to further their organizing efforts.

Timeline

- July 15, 2025: An initiative statute is initiated by coordinators Shawna Brown & Sean Fleming of the SEIU.
- October 8, 2025: Prop 44 is cleared for signature gathering.
- May 18, 2026: Prop 44 is officially deemed as qualified for the ballot by the secretary of state.

[Via Ballotpedia](#)

Total Contributions:

\$16,923,633.88

SEIU Contributions:

\$16,923,633.88



[Sean Fleming](#)

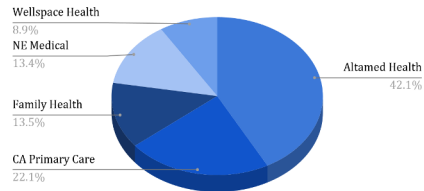
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Opposition to Prop. 44

- On April 30, 2026 California Primary Care Association (CPCA) sued the SEIU and CA Secretary of State Shirley Weber.
- Argued that Prop 44 contradicted existing federal spending requirements, violating the supremacy clause of the constitution.
- The case was dismissed in August because the ballot may not even pass.
- The case can be reopened in the future (dismissed without prejudice)

[Via Case 3:26-cv-03837](#)

Top 5 Donors Against Prop 44



[Total Contributions: \\$38,768,300](#)

On September 18, a new lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California against the SEIU and its president, Dave Regan, by the CPCA and five other clinics alleging racketeering and intimidation.

[Via JUSTIA](#)

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Expenditures

YES Committee

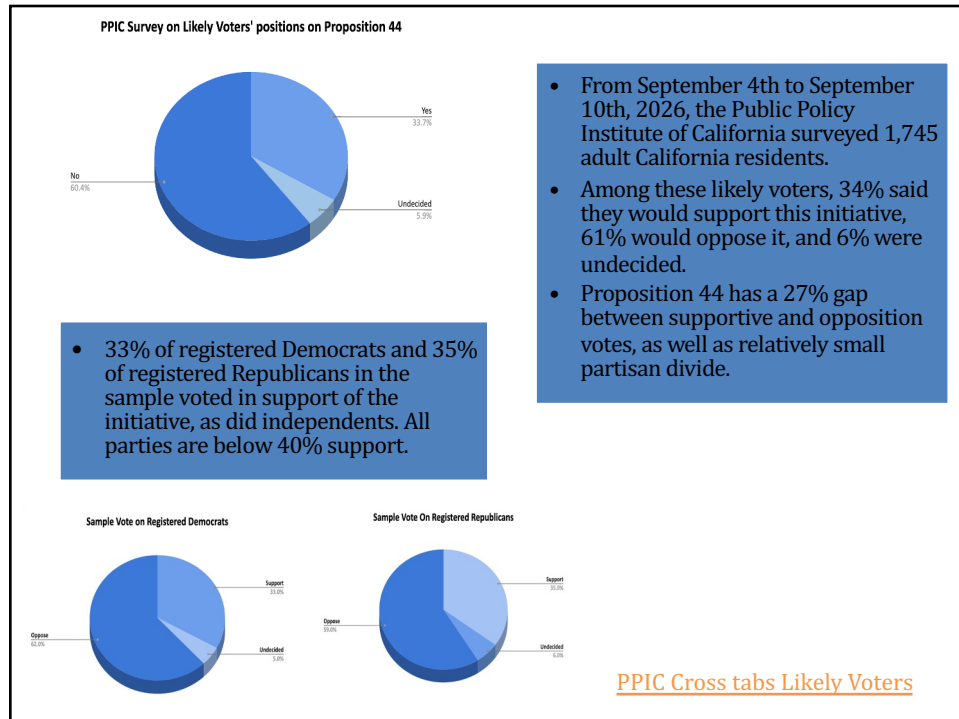
All of the committee's expenditures are listed here, including independent expenditures made to support or oppose candidates or ballot propositions.
No Expenditures Found.

EXPENDITURES FROM THIS PERIOD	\$20,748.66
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1/1/2026 - 09/19/2026	\$11,060,269.12

No Committee

1	Outreach, Consulting, Advertising, Campaign Literature	\$32,419,954
2	Polling And Survey Research	\$641,119
3	Professional Services	\$126,757
4	IT Costs	\$114,022
5	Misc	\$8,361

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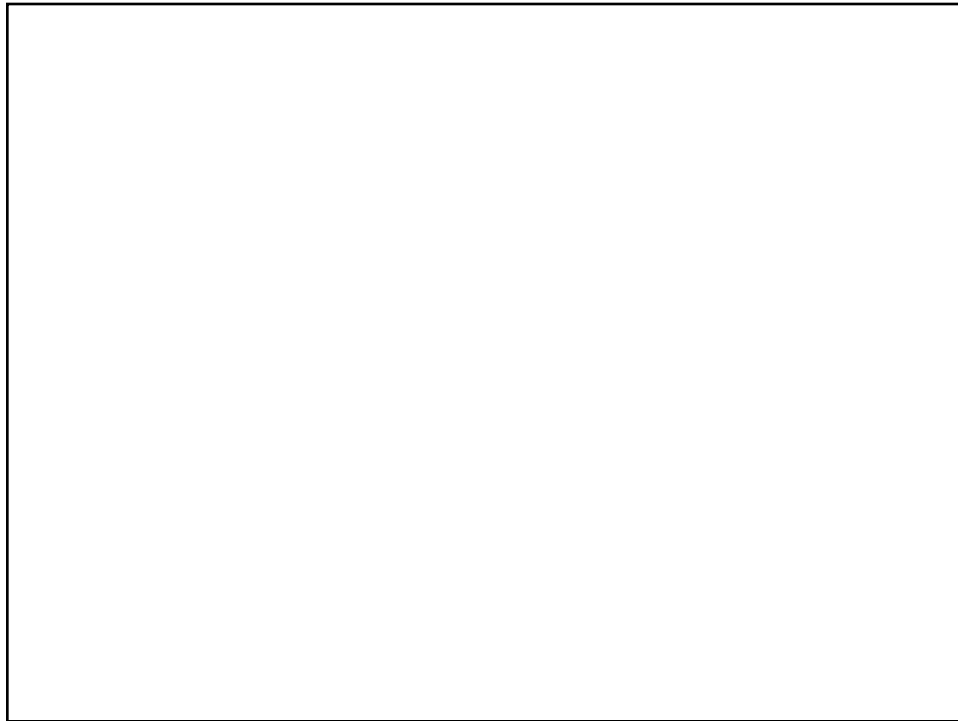


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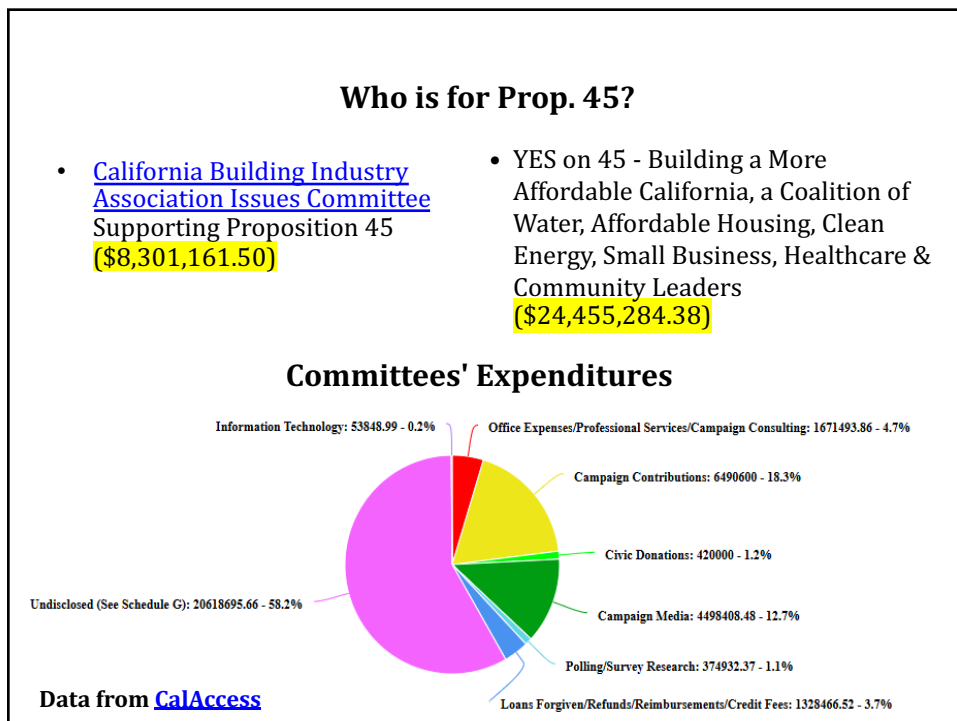
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PROPOSITION 45

"Changing CEQA Review for Essential Projects"

- Amends the [California Environmental Quality Act \(CEQA\)](#) and the [Permit Streamlining Act](#)
- Shortens environmental review periods for specific new developments
- Agencies would have 30 days to review an application's compliance with environmental law, permitting, and the courts, before the application is automatically approved
- Under CEQA, multiple alternative project proposals must be submitted for environmental review. After passing this measure, only one environmentally conscious alternative would need to be proposed

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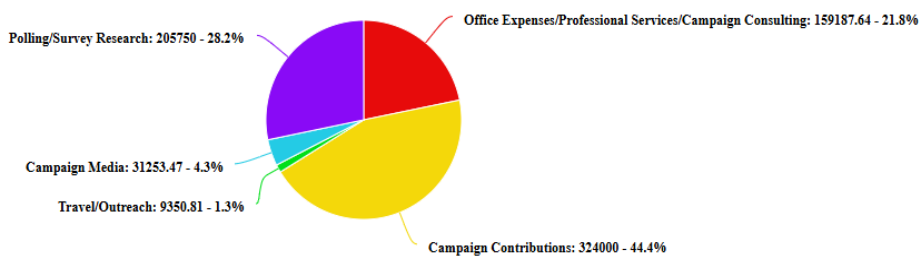


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Who is against Prop. 45?

- One Voice for California, Sponsored by Labor, Health and Environmental Organizations
(\$636,168.05)
- Campaign for People Over Polluters, NO on Prop. 45, Sponsored by Environmental & Healthcare Organizations
(\$93,373.87)

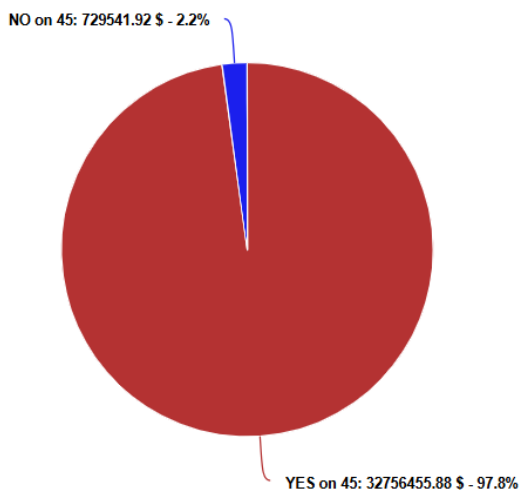
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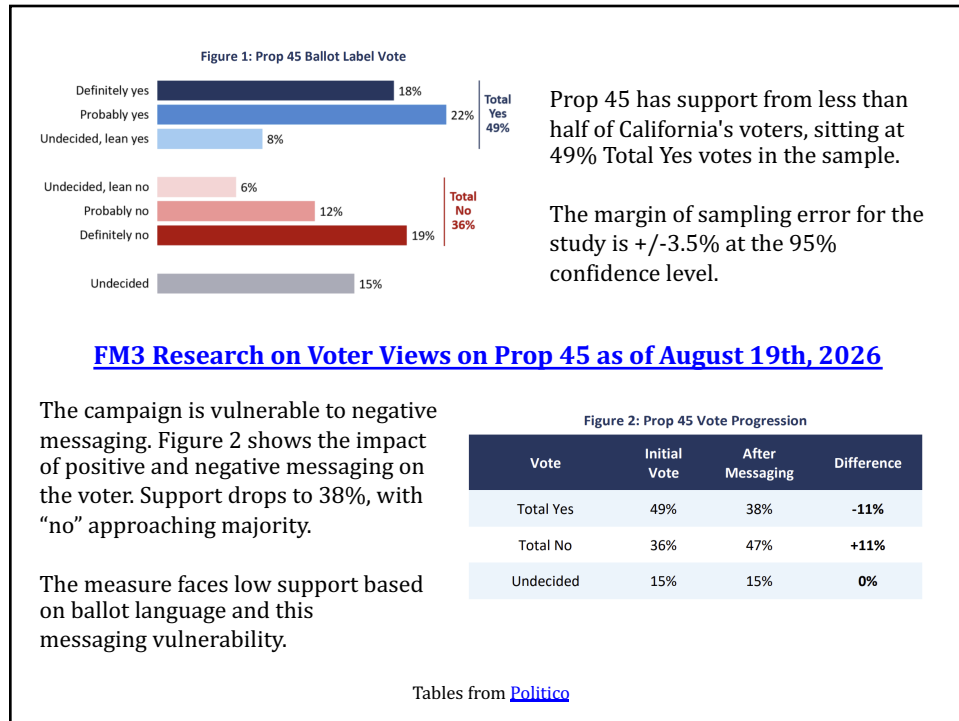
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The Measure in Media:

■ OPINION

Opinion: Prop. 45 will gut public review for data centers and other big projects

by Pamela Heatherington Oct. 3, 2026, 10:02 a.m.

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Will Prop. 45 Fix California's Housing Crisis or Roll Back a Valuable Environmental Law?

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Letters: How Prop 45's CEQA 'reforms' would destroy environmental protections in California

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Democratic leaders criticize Prop. 45 campaign for donations to CA GOP, DeMaio

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