

SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT MEASURES

Proposition	DEM	REP	LAB	LWV
PROP 14: <i>Authorizes Bonds to Continue Funding Stem Cell Research.</i> Since 2004, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) has provided billions of dollars of funding for stem cell research that has significantly transformed medical science. Prop 14 permits the selling of \$5.5 billion in state bonds to continue stem cell research, training and therapy, as well as patient treatment, administrative costs and facility maintenance. Restricts funds for administrative purposes and targets specific treatments for certain diseases, such as neuro-degenerative diseases, including Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s.	Yes	No	—	—
PROP 15: <i>Increases Funding for Public Schools, Community Colleges and Local Government Services by Changing Tax Assessment of Commercial and Industrial Property.</i> Repeals the property tax protections of Prop 13 for commercial properties while protecting those of residential owners. Prop 15 requires commercial and industrial property to be reassessed on a regular basis and that businesses pay their fair share of property taxes depending on annual income. Residential and agricultural properties, and owners of commercial and industrial properties valued at \$3 million or less, are exempt, as is the first \$500,000 worth of personal property for small businesses.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
PROP 16: <i>Allows Diversity in Public Employment, Education and Contracting Decisions.</i> Repeals the changes to the California Constitution made in 1996 by Prop 209, thus ending the ban on affirmative action and allowing for more diversity in public employment, education and contracting decisions. Allows state and local entities to establish more policies and programs (e.g., support, outreach) that are in accordance with state and federal laws regarding equal protection rights.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
PROP 17: <i>Free the Vote; Grants the Right to Vote to People on Parole.</i> Amends the California Constitution to allow voting rights to individuals who have completed their prison sentence and are currently on parole. Encourages individuals on parole to reenter society and participate in community affairs. Prop 17 will continue to prohibit the right to vote for individuals currently serving a prison sentence.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
PROP 18: <i>Allows 17-Year-Olds the Right to Vote If They Will Be 18 Years of Age by the General Election.</i> Amends the California Constitution to allow voting rights to 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the time of the general election. Allows 17-year-olds to participate in primaries, vote for propositions appearing on the primary ballot and file to run for office if they will be 18 and meet other requirements by the general election.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
PROP 19: <i>Changes Certain Property Tax Rules to Allow for Property Tax Breaks and Wildfire Funds.</i> Protects homeowners from property tax increases as long as they own the property. Individuals who are older than 55, have disabilities or have lost their homes due to natural disaster would be allowed, under Prop 19, a once-in-a-lifetime transfer of the taxable value of their home to a different home of equal or lesser value. Allows for the use of state tax revenue for wildfire relief.	Yes	—	Yes	No
PROP 20: <i>Restricts Parole for Certain Offenses Currently Considered to be Nonviolent. Authorizes Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses Currently Treated Only as Misdemeanors.</i> Previous legislation and propositions (e.g., Props 47 and 57) have realigned nonviolent crimes as misdemeanors rather than felonies, such that some incarcerated persons may qualify for release from prison. Prop 20 would allow courts to redefine certain nonviolent crimes as violent based on the value of items stolen or damage caused, requiring these inmates to serve full sentences. It also increases the information the inmate must provide while on parole.	No	Yes	No	No

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PROP 21: <i>Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property.</i> Rent is high in California because of the cost of living. Prop 21 allows cities and counties to have greater say in rent control, keeping rents stabilized and restricting property owners from raising prices. Rent control could be applied to properties more than 15 years old, although single-family homes owned by landlords with only one or two rentals would be exempt. Requirements to allow landlords a fair rate of return on their properties are included.	Yes	No	—	—
PROP 22: <i>Exempts App-Based Transportation and Delivery Companies from Providing Employee Benefits to Certain Drivers.</i> Under current California law, ride-share and delivery drivers for companies like Uber and Lyft are considered employees rather than independent contractors. As such, the employers must provide these employees with protection and benefits (e.g., minimum wage, overtime, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation). Prop 22 changes the law so that ride-share and delivery companies can hire employees as independent contractors, although specified alternative benefits would be provided.	No	Yes	No	—
PROP 23: <i>Establishes State Requirements for Kidney Dialysis Clinics. Requires Onsite Medical Professionals.</i> Necessary kidney dialysis treatments for end-stage renal disease are typically covered by Medicare and Medi-Cal with fixed rates, while private insurance is accepted with often exceptionally higher rates than these government programs. Prop 23 requires that rates be kept consistent and that the same level of care is provided for all individuals regardless of insurance. Requires that a physician, nurse practitioner or nurse's assistant be available at all times. Requires clinics to provide more information regarding patient infections to the public health department and to notify the state health department before making service reductions or closing completely.	Yes	No	Yes	—
PROP 24: <i>Stronger Consumer Privacy Laws.</i> Provides greater restrictions on companies, targeting those whose greatest profit margins come from selling consumer data. Allows for greater fines for companies that do not comply with restrictions. Creates a new agency, the California Private Protection Agency, to further increase compliance.	—	No	—	No
PROP 25: <i>End Cash Bail.</i> Replaces the cash bail system with a risk-assessment system. Allows courts to decide if a person who is detained is safe to be released before their trial. The assessment levels are low risk (posing no threat to public safety and/or is not a flight risk), medium risk (posing some threat to public safety and/or is a potential flight risk) and high risk (posing a high threat to public safety and/or is a definite flight risk). Released persons could be subject to supervision requirements including checking in with probation officers or electronic monitoring, depending on the risk assessment.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

DEM: California Democratic Party; REP: California Republican Party; LAB: California Labor Federation; LWV: League of Women Voters.

Note: Information compiled from publicly available online sources.