

2026 CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION VOTER GUIDE

November 3, 2026 General Election

Mobilizing grassroots political power to win for the climate

350 Bay Area Action have taken positions on eight key statewide propositions affecting everyday Californians, including education, health care, voting rights, social justice, and the environment. Here is why we are recommending each vote.

PROP	PROPOSITION	WHAT IT DOES / WHY IT MATTERS	350 BAA / 350 CCA
3	Permanent High-Earner Tax	Makes permanent the high-earner taxes set to expire in 2031; 89% of revenue goes to K-12 public schools and the remainder to community colleges. WHY YES: Keeps high earners contributing at current rates and protects an important source of funding for public schools and community colleges, while supporting the state's capacity to fund other public priorities.	VOTE YES
4	Public Financing of Election Campaigns	Allows state and local governments to provide qualifying candidates with public campaign funds under spending limits and eligibility rules. WHY YES: Reduces candidates' dependence on wealthy donors and can give a wider range of candidates and community voices a fairer chance to compete in elections.	VOTE YES
39	Voter Identification	Requires ID for in-person voting or a unique four-digit government identification number for voting by mail, plus additional voter-roll requirements. WHY NO: Adds new requirements to voting that could create barriers for eligible voters, particularly in disadvantaged communities. Broad and accessible participation is essential to a representative democracy.	VOTE NO
40	One-Time Wealth Tax	Levies a one-time 5% tax on billionaires' accumulated wealth, with revenue primarily supporting health care and other public services. WHY YES: As federal cuts put pressure on essential services, the measure asks the wealthiest Californians to contribute more to help protect health care, food assistance and public education.	VOTE YES
41	Taxes Subject to State Spending Limit	Requires new state taxes to comply with California's existing state spending limit and requires audits of programs funded by new state special taxes. WHY NO: Prop 41 could nullify Prop 40, which excludes the revenue raised by its one-time wealth tax from the state spending limit.	VOTE NO
42	Prohibit New Taxes on Personal Assets	Prohibits new state taxes on personal assets and could conflict with the one-time wealth tax proposed by Proposition 40. WHY NO: Would restrict California's future ability to tax personal wealth, undermining Prop 40.	VOTE NO
43	Two-Thirds Vote for Local Special Tax Initiatives	Requires a two-thirds supermajority for citizen-initiated local special tax measures, rather than a simple majority. WHY NO: Makes it harder for communities to raise local revenue for services and projects they choose to support. A little over one-third of voters could block a measure supported by nearly two-thirds.	VOTE NO
45	Changes to Environmental Review Process	Changes the CEQA review process for a broad range of projects, including housing, data centers, industrial facilities and infrastructure. WHY NO: Gives developers greater control over the permitting process, including the right to sue if the project isn't approved. It could also limit communities' ability to fully examine impacts on public health, air, water and neighborhoods before projects move forward.	VOTE NO
Measure RTM	Regional Transit Measure	Funds public transit through a half cent sales tax in Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, and San Mateo counties, and a one cent tax in San Francisco. WHY YES: It avoids catastrophic service cuts for AC Transit (16%), BART (70%), Caltrain, SamTrans, SF Muni (50%), and VTA.	VOTE YES

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