

SCCAR Reference Guide to California 2020 Ballot Propositions



Title	Type	Who put it there?	What it would do
Prop. 14 Borrowing for stem cell research	Bond	Signatures via an effort mostly funded by Robert Klein, JDRF International and Open Philanthropy.	Borrow \$5.5 billion to fund stem cell research Full version
Prop. 15 Split roll	Constitutional amendment	Citizens. Campaign largely funded by the California Teachers Association, SEIU California and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative.	Tax some commercial property based on its market value, rather than the price at which it was purchased. This would raise property taxes on many large businesses across the state, increasing funding for schools and local government. Full version
Prop. 16 Ending the ban on affirmative action	Constitutional amendment	The Legislature, via a bill by San Diego Democrat Assemblymember Shirley Weber	Allow schools and public agencies to take race and other immutable characteristics into account when making admission, hiring or contracting decisions Full version
Prop. 17 Restoring the right to vote to people on parole	Constitutional amendment	The Legislature, via a bill by Sacramento Democrat Assemblymember Kevin McCarty.	Allow Californians who are currently on parole to vote. Full version
Prop. 18 Letting (some) 17-year old's vote (some of the time)	Constitutional amendment	The Legislature, with a bill introduced by San Mateo Democrat Assemblymember Kevin Mullin.	Allow 17-year-old U.S. citizens to vote in a primary and special election as long as they will turn 18 by the subsequent general election. Full version

<p>Prop. 19 Property tax breaks and closing the “Lebowski loophole” CAR: SUPPORTED yeson19.vote</p>	Constitutional amendment	The Legislature, via a bill by San Mateo Democrat Assemblymember Kevin Mullin, but sponsored by the California Realtors.	Allow homeowners who are over 55, disabled or victims of natural disaster to take a portion of their property tax base with them when they sell their home and buy a new one. It would also limit the ability of new homeowners who inherit properties to keep their parents’ or grandparents’ low property tax payments. Most of the additional money raised would go into a state fire response fund. Full version
<p>Prop. 20 Rolling back Brown-era “leniency”</p>	Constitutional amendment	Signatures, via a campaign largely funded by law enforcement agencies.	Allow prosecutors to charge repeat or organized petty theft as a felony, require probation officers to seek tougher penalties for those who violate the term of their parole three times, and exclude those who have been convicted of domestic violence and certain nonviolent crimes from early parole consideration. Full version
<p>Prop. 21 Rent Control (Again)</p>	Statute	Signatures, collected via an effort mostly funded by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation.	Allow cities to introduce new rent control laws or expand existing ones. Despite a 20-percentage point, 56-out-of-58 county defeat in 2018, a statewide rent control measure is back on the ballot. Full version
<p>Prop. 22 Self-employment for ride-hail and other app-drivers</p>	Statute	Signatures, via a campaign mostly funded by Lyft, Uber and Doordash	Turn “app-based” drivers into independent contractors, exempting companies such as Lyft and Uber from standard wage and hour restrictions. It would also guarantee these drivers an earnings floor, a stipend to purchase health insurance and other minimum benefits. Full version
<p>Prop. 23 Regulating dialysis clinics</p>	Statute	Signatures, via an effort funded entirely by the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West.	Require dialysis clinics to have at least one physician on site at all times and to report patient infection data to California health officials. Full version

<p>Prop. 24 Stronger consumer privacy laws (again)</p>	<p>Statute</p>	<p>Signatures, via a campaign funded entirely by Alastair and Celine Mactaggart.</p>	<p>Strengthen California’s already strongest-in-the-nation consumer privacy law and establish a California Privacy Protection Agency Full version</p>
<p>Prop. 25 Ditch or keep cash bail</p>	<p>Referendum</p>	<p>Signatures, via a campaign largely funded by the bail bond industry.</p>	<p>Ask voters to either approve or strike down a state law that banished money bail from the state criminal justice system. Full version</p>