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November 3, 2020 Election
Justice Ballot Measures

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November 3, 2020 Election - Propositions

- The California November 3, 2020 election will have 12 statewide ballot measures that seek to:
  - raise taxes or lower them
  - regulate some industries or ban others
  - expand voting rights
  - reform and increase criminal sentencing
  - resurrect affirmative action

- LA County will have 1 ballot measure to dedicate funding for services.

- Dozens of cities have local ballot measures on various governance issues.
Justice Related Ballot Measures

- Proposition 16 – Restore Affirmative Action
- Proposition 17 – Restore Voting Rights for People on Parole
- Proposition 20 – Increase Criminal Penalties/ Dismantle Props 47&57
- Proposition 25 – End Cash Bail
- Measure J – Dedicate County Funding for Services
Proposition 16: Restore Affirmative Action

✓ Repeals Prop 209 from 1996 which banned affirmative action
✓ Will be allowed to set goals for contracts, enrollment, etc.
✓ Will be allowed to specifically seek to hire someone of a race or gender
✓ Does NOT allow for quotas
✓ LARRP has endorsed a “Yes on Prop 16” position

Watch: https://calmatters.org/election-2020-guide/proposition-16-affirmative-action/
Proposition 17: Restore Voting Rights

✓ Allows people on parole to vote (and run for office)
✓ 16 other states + DC already allow
✓ Supported by ARC, CSJ, Gov. Newsom, League of Women Voters
✓ LARRP has endorsed a “Yes on Prop 17” position

Watch: https://calmatters.org/election-2020-guide/proposition-17-parole-vote/
Proposition 20: Increase Criminal Penalties

✓ Dismantle parts of Props 47 and 57
✓ Increases penalties for parole violation
✓ Increases penalties for property crimes over $250, allows charging them as felonies (undoes Prop 47)
✓ Allows DNA collection for Prop 47 misdemeanors
✓ Doubles the number of felonies that prevent early releases consideration
✓ “No” supporters: Newsom, CDP, CPOC, CSJ
✓ LARRP has endorsed a “No on Prop 20” position

Watch: https://calmatters.org/election-2020-guide/proposition-20-crime/
Proposition 25: End Cash Bail

✓ Upholds a 2018 law (SB 10) that sought to eliminate cash bail and replace it with an algorithm to assess a person’s risk
✓ People would either be released automatically or based on their assessed risk of committing another crime or not appearing in court if released.
✓ No one would be charged fees as a condition of release
✓ Pro: SEIU, CDP, Newsom, CA Medical Assoc
✓ Con: CA Bail Agents, HRW, CA NAACP, CPOA
✓ LARRP has not made any endorsement on Prop 25

Watch: https://calmatters.org/election-2020-guide/proposition-25-cash-bail/
Measure J: Community Investment and ATI

✓ Allocates a minimum of (10%) of the County’s existing locally-controlled revenues to be directed to community investment and alternatives to incarceration
✓ Growing close to $1B once fully phased in
✓ Targeting the disproportionate impact of racial injustice
✓ Prohibiting using funds for carceral systems and law enforcement agencies
✓ Pro: Supervisors, all the justice groups, some unions
✓ Opposed: DA and Sheriff unions and county employee unions
✓ LARRP has endorsed a “Yes on Measure J” position

Watch: https://twitter.com/i/status/1305947126468
Resources
More Ballot Measure Info

- Ballotpedia
  https://ballotpedia.org/November_3,_2020_ballot_measures_in_California

- Cal Matters
  https://calmatters.org/election-2020-guide/

- LA Vote
  https://www.lavote.net/docs/rrcc/election-info/11032020_measures-appearing-on-the-ballot.pdf?v=11

- LAO
  https://lao.ca.gov/BallotAnalysis/Propositions?date=11%2F3%2F2020