

LATINOS+THE 2018 MIDTERM ELECTIONS

On November 6th, **YOU** can help set the California Latino Agenda by electing leaders who represent your values. Vote on the propositions that will strengthen the state. With over 7 million eligible Latino voters in the state, we need to make our voices heard! The Latino Community Foundation is committed to mobilizing the Latino vote and have designed this Voter Guide for you.

Latinos are the
**LARGEST
VOTING BLOC**
in California with
7 million eligible
voters

Every
30 SECONDS
a Latino in the U.S.
turns 18 years old and
becomes eligible to
vote

WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THIS GUIDE

1
Learn the
basics of
voting

2
Understand
the roles of
each statewide
position and
view the
candidates

3
Learn about the
propositions
and how they
affect the Latino
community

About Latino Community Foundation: The Latino Community Foundation has the largest network of Latino philanthropists in the country and has invested millions of dollars to improve the livelihood of Latino families. Its mission is to unleash the power of Latinos in California by investing in Latino-led organizations dedicated to the transformation of their communities. It is the only statewide foundation solely focused on investing in Latino youth and families in California.

VOTING 101

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHEN IS THE ELECTION?

Tuesday
November
6

WHERE CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

Visit the CA Secretary of State's website:
registertovote.ca.gov

Deadline to register:
October 22nd

WHEN ARE POLLS OPEN?

7:00 a.m.
↓
8:00 p.m.

HOW CAN I APPLY TO VOTE BY MAIL?

Visit the CA Secretary of State's website:
registertovote.ca.gov

Submit by:
October 30th

WHERE CAN I VOTE?

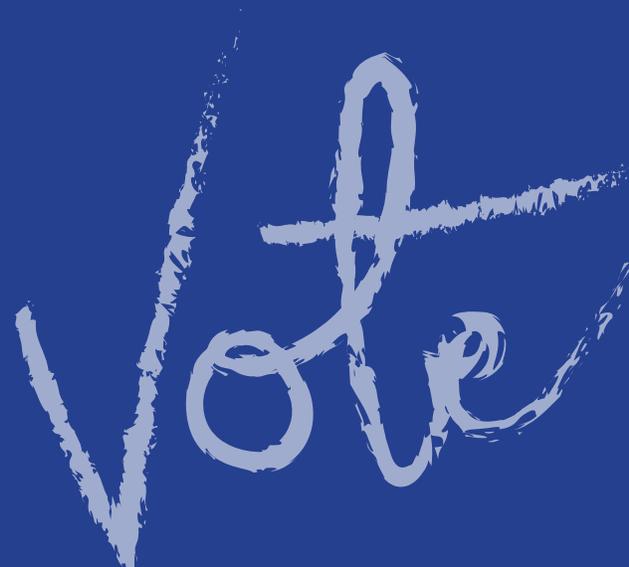
Find your polling place below or contact your County Elections office.

[Find your Polling Place](#)

KEY VOTING RIGHTS

- You can vote if you are in line by 8:00 pm
- You can request your ballot in another language
- You can vote even if your name is not on the voter list (ask for provisional ballot)

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CANDIDATE DESCRIPTIONS

GOVERNOR

The Governor of California serves as the head of State to shape the future of California. In this four-year position, the Governor is responsible for signing and approving (or rejecting) proposed legislation from the Legislature, proposing the yearly budget, commanding the National Guard and appointing over 400 individuals to various statewide offices, boards and agencies. Through this position, the Governor is also able to set statewide policy goals to address important issues such as immigration and healthcare.

Candidates



Gavin Newsom,
Democrat,
Lieutenant Governor



John Cox,
Republican,
Businessman

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

The Lieutenant Governor serves as the Vice Executive of California. In the absence of the Governor, the Lt. Governor becomes acting Governor and holds the duties until the return of the Governor. The main duties include breaking ties in the State Senate, and sitting on various boards including the Board of Regents of the University of California, Board of Trustees of the California State University System, and the California Commission for Economic Development.

Candidates



Ed Hernandez,
Democrat, State Senator,
CA State Legislature



Eleni Kounalakis,
Democrat, Former U.S.
Ambassador to Hungary

ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General is California's top law enforcement officer at California's Department of Justice and is responsible for ensuring California's laws are equally enforced. In this position, the Attorney General represents California as Chief Counsel in any litigation pertaining to the State and is expected to oversee and support local law enforcement through various programs. The Attorney General is also required to write the titles and summaries to ballot measures.

Candidates



**Xavier Becerra,
Democrat,
Attorney General**



**Steven Bailey,
Republican,
Retired California Judge**

SECRETARY OF STATE

The Secretary of State is the Chief Clerk and Chief Elections Officer in the state. This position oversees the majority of the election process including the publication of campaign finance reports, maintenance of the registered voter database and storage of all election-related data for recordkeeping. In this role, the Secretary of State is also responsible for the registration of lobbyists and corporation filings.

Candidates



**Alex Padilla,
Democrat,
Secretary of State**



**Mark Meuser,
Republican,
Lawyer**

CANDIDATE DESCRIPTIONS

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

The Insurance Commissioner oversees the licensure and regulation of healthcare, automobiles, property and life insurance throughout California. In this position, the Insurance Commissioner investigates complaints from consumers relating to insurance actions. Their regulatory power allows for the approval of premium rate increases and requires them to ensure that insurance companies are setting aside necessary funds to cover emergencies. It is their duty to invest for the State and administer the sale of state bonds.

Candidates



Ricardo Lara,
Democrat,
State Senator,
CA State Legislature



Steve Poizner,
Independent,
Businessman and former
Insurance Commissioner

TREASURER

The State Treasurer is the banker of California. It is their duty is to invest for the State and administer the sale of state bonds. The treasurer also serves on various commissions relating to the bond market.

Candidates



Fiona Ma,
Democrat, Board of
Equalization Member



Greg Conlon,
Republican,
Businessman

CANDIDATE DESCRIPTIONS

CONTROLLER

The State Controller is the accountant and bookkeeper. They keep track of California's public funds and can audit various areas of the government to ensure State money is being used appropriately. As the accountant, they oversee and administer the payroll system for public employees. It is the responsibility of the Controller to serve on 76 boards and commissions on the state's finances.

Candidates



Betty Yee,
Democrat,
Controller



Konstantinos Roditis,
Republican,
Businessman

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

The Superintendent of Public Instruction is the leader of California's public-school system. The Superintendent is the executive officer of the California Department of Education and is in charge of executing policy set by the Board of Education. The Superintendent is also responsible for licensing teachers and maintaining school property.

Candidates



Tony Thurmond,
Democrat, Assemblyman,
CA State Legislature



Marshall Tuck,
Democrat,
Former Educator

U.S. SENATOR

The U.S. Senator for California is responsible for serving California's interests at the federal level for a six-year term. A U.S. Senator is in charge of proposing and voting on legislation and sits on various committees. It is also the role of a Senator to vet and vote on presidential appointees like Supreme Court justices.

Candidates



Kevin de León,
Democrat,
State Senator,
CA State Legislature



Dianne Feinstein,
Democrat,
U.S. Senator

CANDIDATE DESCRIPTIONS

BALLOT MEASURES 2018

PROP 1

Affordable Housing Assistance for California's Most Vulnerable Residents



WHAT IT MEANS

Authorize a \$4 billion-dollar general-obligation bond for affordable housing programs that include support for veterans, low-income homebuyers, and agricultural workers.

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR LATINOS

Affordable housing is a big topic of concern for the Latino community in California. There are currently 1.7 million veterans in California, and [17% of these veterans are Latino](#). In addition, only [43 percent](#) of Latinos own a home compared to 59% of non-Latinos. Home ownership is key to economic security. Lastly, according to a Department of Labor Agricultural Workers Survey, Latino immigrants make up close to [90%](#) of the agricultural workforce.

YES VOTE

You approve the State to borrow \$4 billion dollars to pay for these housing programs.



SUPPORTERS

Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom (Democratic Candidate for Governor)
California Democratic Party
California Federation of Labor
California League of Conservation Voters

NO VOTE

You do not approve the State to borrow \$4 billion dollars to pay for these housing programs.



OPPOSITION

John Cox (Republican Candidate for Governor)
California Republican Party

PROP 2

Housing Assistance for Homeless Individuals with Mental Illness



WHAT IT MEANS

Authorize the state to borrow \$2 billion to fund affordable housing programs that are aimed at people with mental illness. It would redirect \$120 million per year from Prop. 63 funds, which raises income taxes on millionaires to expand mental health services at the county level, to help pay back this money.

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR LATINOS

In California, there are currently over [130,000 individuals](#) that are homeless. The League of California Cities attributes mental health illnesses as [one of the top five causes of homelessness](#) in California. In Los Angeles County, there are over 55,000 homeless individuals, with [Latinos making up 35% of the homeless population](#). In San Joaquin County, Latinos account for 38% of the homeless population, of which [23% have a mental health issue](#).

YES VOTE

The State will be allowed to take money allocated towards Prop. 63 to create housing programs/assistance for the mentally ill homeless population.



SUPPORTERS

California Democratic Party
Steinberg Institute
California State Association of Counties
League of California Cities

NO VOTE

The State cannot move funds from Prop. 63 to create housing programs/assistance for the mentally ill homeless population.



OPPOSITION

National Alliance on Mental Illness, Contra Costa

BALLOT MEASURES 2018

PROP 3

Improving Water Infrastructure

WHAT IT MEANS

Authorize \$8.8 billion dollars in general-obligation bonds to fund improvements in California's water infrastructure. This includes dam repairs, protection of water habitats, and groundwater/surface water repairs and storage.



WHY THIS MATTERS FOR LATINOS

Millions of California's Latinos are affected by unsafe drinking water every year. In the San Joaquin Valley, where over 2 million Latinos reside, [432 public water systems](#) were found to be unsafe as they did not meet the standards for clean drinking water. Drinking and using unsafe water can negatively affect health and economic outcomes for the Latino community in the state.



YES VOTE

Allow the State to borrow \$8.8 billion to fund water projects.

SUPPORTERS

League of California Cities
California Chamber of Commerce
Western Growers Association



NO VOTE

Do not approve the State to borrow \$8.8 billion to fund water projects.

OPPOSITION

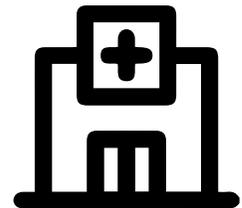
Sierra Club of California

PROP 4

Children's Hospital Expansion Funds

WHAT IT MEANS

Authorize \$1.5 billion dollars in bonds to renovate and expand California's children's hospitals. The money is aimed to improve the health and wellbeing of the state's children by ensuring that children's hospitals can purchase necessary medical equipment and make improvements to their facilities.



WHY THIS MATTERS FOR LATINOS

There are currently 5.2 million Latino children under 19 in California. Many children's hospitals across the state often serve low-income, Latino communities. Valley Children's Hospital, located in Madera County, is the Central Valley's only children's hospital. Nearly three out of four children in Madera County are Latino. Moreover, [65%](#) of patients at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles are Latino.



YES VOTE

Approve the State to borrow \$1.5 billion to fund improvements in children's hospitals.

SUPPORTERS

California Children's Hospital Association
California Teachers Association
California Democratic Party
Mercury News and East Bay Times Editorial Boards



NO VOTE

Do not approve the State to borrow \$1.5 billion to fund improvements in children's hospitals.

OPPOSITION

California Republican Party
Betty Yee, California Controller

BALLOT MEASURES 2018

PROP 5

WHAT IT MEANS

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR LATINOS

Tax Breaks for Older Adults and Severely Disabled Homeowners

Allow Californians over the age of 55 or those that are severely disabled to obtain tax savings when they move to a new home.

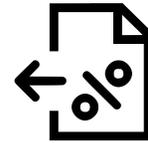
Property taxes are one way how local cities and schools receive funding. If a 60-year-old Latino purchases a new home that is more expensive than their old home, that person would no longer get taxed at the new home's market value. Rather, the taxable difference between the new home and the old home would be the new tax amount. Because of this switch, cities and school districts would lose \$1 billion per year because of lost tax revenue according to the Legislative Analyst Office. By 2035, [one out three Latinos](#) in California will be a senior (age 60+).

SUPPORTERS

California Association of Realtors
California Republican Party
California Chamber of Commerce
Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

OPPOSITION

California State Association of Counties
California Teachers Association
California Democratic Party



YES VOTE

Allow homeowners over 55 or the severely disabled to become eligible for tax savings when they move to a new home.



NO VOTE

Do not allow homeowners over 55 or the severely disabled to become eligible for tax savings when they move to a new home.

PROP 6

WHAT IT MEANS

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR LATINOS

Transportation Funding Repeal ("Gas Tax Repeal")

Repeal of the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 that increased taxes on gas and other fuel and car fees to help fund transportation projections in the state. It would also require a majority voter approval from the Legislature to raise any further fuel taxes or vehicle fees.

The average price of gas in California is \$3.68. This gas tax repeal would reduce funding for transportation programs by more than \$5 billion. Latinos, overall, [spend more than 5%](#) of their income on gas. According to 2011 PPIC poll, [88% of Latinos](#) stated that high gas prices caused financial hardship.

SUPPORTERS

John Cox (Republican Candidate for Governor)
California Republican Party
Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

OPPOSITION

Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom (Democratic Candidate for Governor)
California Democratic Party
Sierra Club California
California Chamber of Commerce
California Labor Federation
League of Women Voters of California
League of California Cities



YES VOTE

Taxes on fuel and vehicles would be eliminated, and funding for transportation projections would need to come from other sources of revenue. The Legislature would also need a majority approval to approve future increases in taxes on gas and vehicles.



NO VOTE

Taxes on fuel and vehicles would remain, and funding for transportation projections would continue from this source of revenue. The Legislature would not need a majority approval to approve future increases in taxes on gas and vehicles.

BALLOT MEASURES 2018

PROP 7

WHAT IT MEANS

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR LATINOS

SUPPORTERS

OPPOSITION

Permanent Daylight Savings

Allow the California legislature to repeal daylight savings time with a two-thirds vote, provided that the federal government permits it.

Repealing daylight savings could affect the Latino community in several ways. It could affect energy consumption patterns and sleep with sunrises and sunsets occurring one hour later between November and March. Because Latinos are overrepresented in careers that involve outside work (i.e. construction and agriculture), it could also affect work hours.

California Democratic Party
Assemblyman Kansen Chu
Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez

State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
State Senator Jim Nielsen
Sacramento Bee Editorial Board
East Bay Times Editorial Board



YES VOTE

The Legislature can vote to repeal daylight savings if the federal government also approves.



NO VOTE

The Legislature cannot vote to repeal daylight savings.

PROP 8

WHAT IT MEANS

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR LATINOS

SUPPORTERS

OPPOSITION

Capping Dialysis Clinic Profits

Dialysis clinics will be required to refund revenue above 115 percent of costs back to insurance companies.

Currently more than [140,000 Californians](#) require treatment at a dialysis center every year. Latinos are [1.5 times](#) more likely to require these services as our community is more likely to suffer from kidney failure. Dialysis clinics would be disincentivized from charging more than what is necessary for dialysis treatment.

California Democratic Party
Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers
California Labor Federation

California Republican Party
Fresenius Medical Care and DaVita
California Medical Association
National Kidney Foundation
Mercury News and East Bay Times Editorial Boards



YES VOTE

Dialysis companies will have their profits capped at 15% after clinical expenses. This would encourage the use of extra funds into better equipment, more staff, and cleaner facilities and possible insurance rebates.



NO VOTE

Dialysis companies will continue to function as for-profit businesses. They are not required to return profits into their facilities and there is no cap on how much profit can be collected.

BALLOT MEASURES 2018

PROP 10

WHAT IT MEANS

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR LATINOS

SUPPORTERS

OPPOSITION

Rent Control

Repeal the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act which places limits on local governments on what rent control policies they can pursue. The repeal of this act would allow local governments to pass their own rent control policies within their own jurisdiction.

In California, the cost of rental housing is increasingly becoming more expensive. 61% of Latino renters in California face high rental costs. A Latino earning minimum wage in Alameda County (\$11), for example, would need to work 130 hours a week to afford a one-bedroom apartment. Because of rent control limitations, cities with significant Latino populations (i.e. San Jose, San Francisco) cannot cap rent increases to apartments built after 1979.

California Democratic Party
California Teachers Association
AIDS Healthcare Foundation
California Nurses Association
State Senator Kevin De León

California Republican Party
California Apartment Association
California Chamber of Commerce
State Building and Construction Trades Council of California



YES VOTE

The Costa-Hawkins Act is repealed, and local governments can implement rent control policies over their jurisdiction as they see fit.



NO VOTE

The Costa-Hawkins Act will continue, and local governments will be limited in their ability to pass rent control policies within their jurisdiction.

PROP 11

WHAT IT MEANS

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR LATINOS

SUPPORTERS

OPPOSITION

Emergency Private Ambulance Employees

Private ambulance providers can ask their workers to remain on-call during breaks and meals in case of emergencies. It will also provide these workers with access to mental health benefits and health care, as well as an additional hour of pay in exchange for being on duty during breaks.

Emergencies often occur, and the response time is critical for Latino families. According to the UCLA and UC Berkeley Labor Centers, [Latinos make up 25% of EMTs](#) and paramedics in the private ambulance sector. The staffing ratio for emergencies could alter if employees are asked to be on-call during their breaks.

American Medical Response
California Republican Party
Mercury News and East Bay Times Editorial Boards

California Democratic Party
California Teachers Association



YES VOTE

Private ambulance workers will be required to stay on-call during their breaks and meals, as well as require private paramedic employers to provide EMT trainings and paid mental health services to their employees.



NO VOTE

Private ambulance workers would not be required to remain on-call during their meals and breaks.

BALLOT MEASURES 2018

PROP 12

WHAT IT MEANS

Farm Animal Confinement

Ban the sale of meats and eggs from animals that are not kept in specific enclosure requirements. Additionally, it would prevent the sale of meat and products from other states if they do not meet the requirements.



WHY THIS MATTERS FOR LATINOS

The space requirements for the sale of animal meat can have some effect on consumers as the overall price of eggs, pork and veal could increase. Producers would have to spend money to meet the space requirements for animals. Latinos could be affected significantly, as [eggs](#) are found more often on the table during breakfast in Latino homes than in non-Latino homes across the U.S.



YES VOTE

All meat sold in California, even if from other states, must adhere to specific space requirements.

SUPPORTERS

Humane Society of the United States
Mercy for Animals
Central Valley Eggs
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
California Democratic Party
United Farm Workers



NO VOTE

Set standards and conditions with farmed animals would remain the same, and there would be no restrictions on where animal products come from.

OPPOSITION

California Republican Party
California Pork Producers Association
Association of California Egg Farmers
Humane Farming Association
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)
Friends of Animals

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TAKE ACTION

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

With the 2018 Midterm Election less than a month away, Latinos can make the difference in these elections. We have a historic opportunity to change the course of this state and Nation! We must be heard, we must mobilize, and we must vote! Between now and election day, there are plenty of ways to get involved to create change within your community. Below are some steps you can take:

REGISTER TO VOTE

- Register to vote and ensure your voice is heard on Election Day. Deadline is Monday October 22nd! [Register here.](#)
- If you are already registered, help register your neighbor, your co-worker, your tío, your tía, and everyone in between. It only takes a few minutes, but the impact is long lasting!

GET LOCAL & VOLUNTEER

- Get involved in your community by volunteering! Check out volunteer opportunities from the [Dolores Huerta Foundation](#), [Mi Familia Vota](#), [Power California](#), and [Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network \(SIREN\)](#).
- Contact your county election office to work as a poll worker on Election Day. This will allow you to gain great experience on the voting process. [More information here.](#)

THROW A BALLOT PARTY

- Invite your friends and family to discuss the election! LCF has put together a voter guide and a toolkit to help facilitate the process.

WRITE BLOG + SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- Share your story on why you will vote and how it affects your community. You can send submissions to civicengagement.fellow@latinocf.org. Take to social media to also spread the word about the importance of the Latino vote! #LatinosVote2018 @LatinoCommFdn

VOTE!

- Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM!
- Find your polling place [here](#).

