An illustration featuring three stylized, light gray hands placing orange rectangular ballots into three ballot boxes. The boxes are arranged in a row, with the middle one being the tallest and the two flanking ones being shorter. The boxes have a pink top surface and a dark blue body. The background is a vibrant teal with white diagonal lines. The overall style is modern and graphic.

LATINO VOTER GUIDE

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LATINOS+THE 2020 CALIFORNIA PRIMARY

On **Tuesday, March 3rd**, **YOU** can help set the California Latino Agenda by voting for leaders who represent your values. Vote on the propositions that will strengthen the state. With 7.9 million eligible Latino voters in California, we need to make our voices heard! The Latino Community Foundation is committed to mobilizing the Latino vote and have designed this Latino Voter Guide for you.

FACTS

Latinos are the **LARGEST VOTING BLOC** in California with **7.9 million** eligible voters.

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

According to a recent poll commissioned by the Latino Community Foundation, **74% of Latinos in California plan to vote** in the California Primary on March 3rd.

Lowering the costs of healthcare, affordable housing and improving wages are the top three issues facing Latinos going into the March California Primary Election.

In 2018, **69% of eligible California Latino voters** were registered to vote.

WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THIS GUIDE

Learn the basics of voting:

Where, when, and how to vote.

Understand the roles of key positions.

Learn about the propositions on the March ballot and how they will affect the Latino community.



VOTING 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHERE CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

Visit the California's Secretary of State's website:

registertovote.ca.gov

Deadline to register: Tuesday, February 18th, 2020

Note: After the deadline, eligible voters can still register to vote at their county elections office, polling place, or vote center before and on Election Day. Their ballots will be processed and counted once the county elections office has completed the voter registration verification process.

HOW CAN I APPLY TO VOTE BY MAIL?

Visit the California's Secretary of State's website:

registertovote.ca.gov

Submit by: Tuesday, February 25th, 2020

WHAT IS THE VOTER'S CHOICE ACT?

If you are a registered voter that lives in the following 15 counties, you will receive a ballot 28 days before Election Day:

Amador	El Dorado	Madera	Nevada	San Mateo
Butte	Fresno	Mariposa	Orange	Santa Clara
Calaveras	Los Angeles*	Napa	Sacramento	Tuolumne

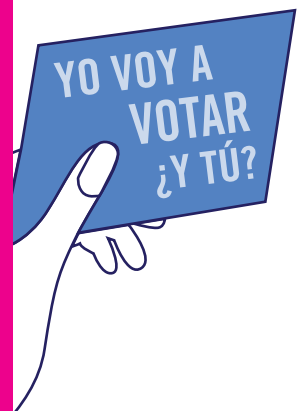
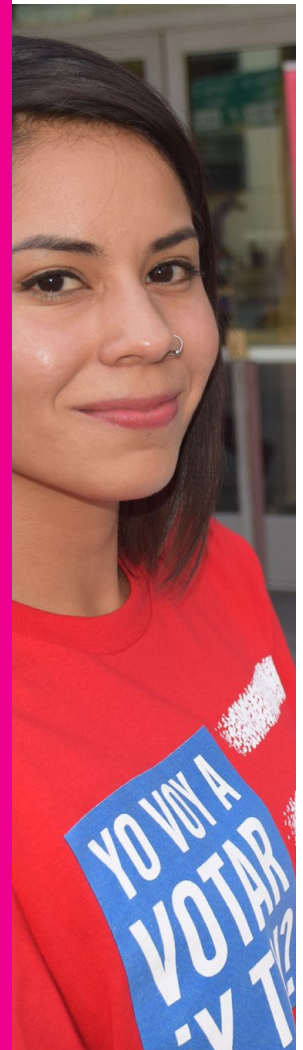
*You will only receive a ballot in the mail if you requested one.

Registered voters in these counties have three options to cast their ballots:

1. Mail the ballot (No stamp required!)
2. Drop the ballot in a secure [county ballot drop box](#); or
3. Visit any vote center in the county and drop off your ballot

If you lose your ballot or make a mistake, you can visit a voting center and request a new one. For more information on the Voters Choice Act, you can visit:

<http://www.voterschoice.org>



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VOTING 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHEN IS THE ELECTION?

California's Primary Election is
Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020

WHEN ARE POLLS OPEN?

7:00 AM → 8:00 PM

WHERE CAN I VOTE?

Find your polling place below or contact
your county elections office.

www.sos.ca.gov/elections/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)
- You can **vote even if you miss the deadline to register to vote** or update your voter information—you can register to vote in-person at any polling location in the state. Finding your polling location [here](#).

VOTING FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN THE PRIMARY

If you are registered **with a political party**, presidential candidates from that party will appear on your ballot.

If you registered to vote **without a political party** (“No Party Preference”), there are still ways for you to vote:

- If you **vote-by-mail**, your county elections official will send you a postcard that will allow you to request an American Independent, Democratic, or Libertarian Party ballot. Once you make your selection, return it in the mail.
- If you **prefer to vote in-person**, you can ask your poll worker for an American Independent, Democratic, or Libertarian Party ballot.
- If you **would like to vote on the presidential candidates in the Green, Peace & Freedom, or Republican Party**, then you must re-register to vote, and select that party. You can re-register to vote online at registertovote.ca.gov. If you need to re-register after the February 18 vote-by-mail deadline, you may need to do so in person at a polling place, vote center, or your county elections office.

If you're not sure whether you are registered with a political party, you can check your voter registration status here: voterstatus.sos.ca.gov

WHICH CANDIDATES WILL APPEAR ON YOUR BALLOT?

Your ballot will feature candidates running to represent the following offices:

- Presidential Candidates*
- U.S. House of Representatives
- California Legislature
- Other Local offices

For more information on the specific candidates that will be on your ballot, you can visit the Secretary of State Website: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/presidential-primary-election-march-3-2020>

**The presidential candidates that will appear on your ballot will depend on the party you're registered with. See page 2 for more information (section “Voting for a Presidential Candidate in the Primary”).*



HOW WE ELECT THE PRESIDENT

MARCH 3RD, 2020 PRIMARY

Voters will vote for their top candidate from one of the many political parties on the ballot.

NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

The top winners from each political party will run against each other. Voters will select their top candidate.

3 REASONS WHY THE PRESIDENCY MATTERS TO LATINOS

MILITARY ACTION

As commander-in-chief of the armed forces, **the president can direct and supervise military operations**, including sending troops to combat, and crafting military policy with the Department of Defense and Homeland Security. 12% of the military is Latino.

APPOINTMENTS

Presidents nominates federal judges, such as members of the U.S. court of appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court, when there are openings. These judges make decisions on important issues affecting the lives of millions of Americans like voting rights, healthcare and immigration. Currently, there are more than 900 judges with lifetime appointments serving on lower federal courts.

EXECUTIVE POWERS

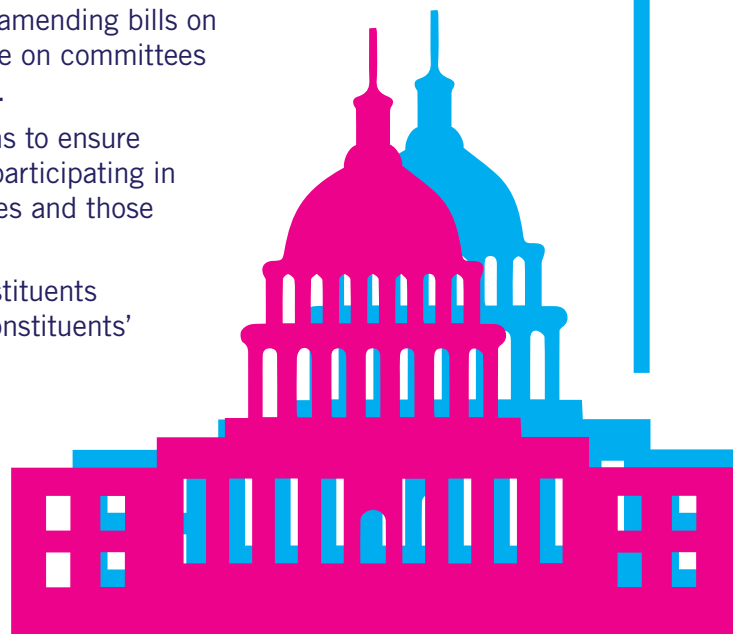
The president can enforce laws, treaties, and court rulings; develop federal policies; and prepare the national budget. They also approve or veto acts of Congress and grant pardons. The next president will determine the future of the DACA program, which provides eligible undocumented youth with deferred action from deportation.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each of the 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives is elected to serve a two-year term to represent the people of their congressional district. Their rights and responsibilities include:

- **Making the Laws!** This includes introducing, debating, and amending bills on local, national, or international policy issues. Members serve on committees and fight for issues that are of interest to their constituents.
- **Ensuring that Laws are Working:** They conduct investigations to ensure that laws are being implemented as intended. This means participating in hearings, studies, and informal communication with agencies and those affected by a program or policy.
- **Serving the People:** Managing casework to ensure that constituents can access federal benefits like social security or solving constituents' problems with agencies.

You can find your U.S. House representative [here](#).



BALLOT MEASURE 2020

PROPOSITION 13

School and College Facilities Bond

WHAT IS IT?

Proposition 13 would allow California to allocate \$15 billion to help build and repair school and university/college facilities in the state. This can increase funds for items like student housing, new facilities, and making campus buildings safer. How the funds will be allocated:

- \$9 billion for preschool and K-12 schools
- \$4 billion for universities
- \$2 billion for community colleges
- \$100 million for charter and technical schools

On average, [the state would spend \\$740 million](#) every year (including interest) over the next 35 years to repay bonds issued to fund renovation, modernization and repairs of education facilities.

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR LATINOS

Latinos make up a significant percentage of the overall student population within California's public education system:

- [Over half \(54 percent\)](#) of the K-12 public school population is Latino
- At the California State University system and University of California system, Latinos make up 42 and 27 percent, respectively, of the overall student population
- [Nearly half \(45 percent\) of the 1.2 million students](#) in California's community colleges are Latino

[Latinos are more highly concentrated in high-poverty schools than any other student group.](#) That means Latinos have less access to resources that create educational opportunity including modern facilities, libraries, and other key resources. A recent report shows that nearly 600 structures on California colleges, including classrooms, libraries, and research labs, are [seismically deficient and need to be renovated before a major earthquake hits.](#)

SUPPORTERS

Gov. Gavin Newsom
California Business Roundtable
California State Parent Teacher Association
League of Women Voters of California

OPPOSITION

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

YES

A "Yes" vote supports this measure to authorize \$15 billion in general obligation bonds* for school and college facilities, including \$9 billion for preschool and K-12 schools, \$4 billion for universities, and \$2 billion for community colleges.

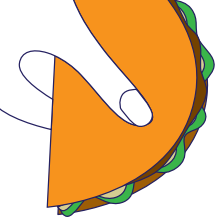
NO

A "No" vote opposes this measure to authorize \$15 billion in general obligation bonds for school and college facilities.

***WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?**

General Obligation Bond (GBO):

A loan that can be issued to local governments to finance the construction of things like highways, bridges or schools. GBOs are issued with the belief that the borrower—in this case the state of California—will be able to repay its debt through taxation or revenue from projects.



BALLOT PARTY 101

A ballot party is a fun way to get together with friends and family to decide how you will vote in the upcoming election. It can take place anytime the week before Election Day. You can host the party at your home, or at a local restaurant, bar, or coffeehouse.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

Sample ballots (guests with mail-in ballots can bring them)

Pens and clipboards

Copies of a **Voter Guide**

Wi-Fi (and password readily available) to look up information on candidates and propositions

Tacos (optional)

STEP 1

Gather a group of friends and family ready to make a change!

Review voting information, as well as candidates and propositions that are on your ballot.

Begin thinking about your key issues and interest areas. What do you care about? What has to change and who can change it?

STEP 2

Gather information on each candidate and proposition.

The **LCF Latino Voter Guide** provides **explanations** of the roles of major elected offices as well as outlines this year's propositions.

Research the candidates and propositions. You can assign your guests to do some research on a specific candidate or proposition and they can present to the group with the information they found.

Review the information as a group and discuss:

- + Which candidate best addresses your key issues?
- + Who provides solutions to issues in your community?
- + How will voting for someone/something affect your community?

STEP 3

Write down your choices and get ready to vote!

If you have a **mail-in ballot**, fill it in at the party and submit. You can mail it in, [drop it off at a designated drop box](#), or drop it off at a polling place on election day—no postage stamp required!

If you **vote at the polls**, write down your choices and appear at your polling place on election day!

For more information on how to vote, visit the California Secretary of State's website: registertovote.ca.gov

STEP 4

Spread the word!

Share pictures of your ballot parties on social media to spread the word on voting. You can tag **@LatinoCommFdn** on Twitter and use the hashtag **#LatinosVote2020** **#YoVoyAVotarYTú**

Write a blog to share your voting experiences and encourage others to vote.

Submissions can be sent to egarcia@latinocf.org

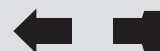


TAKE ACTION: HOW TO GET INVOLVED

With the California Primary right around the corner, 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 Tuesday February 18, 2020!** Register here: registertovote.ca.gov
- 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!



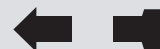
GET LOCAL AND VOLUNTEER

- Get involved in your community by **volunteering!**
- 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.](#)



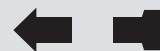
THROW A BALLOT PARTY

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



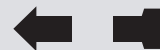
WRITE BLOG + SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Share your story** on why you will vote and how it affects your community. You can send submissions to egarcia@latinocf.org. Take to social media to also spread the word about the importance of the Latino vote! **#LatinosVote2020 #YoVoyAVotarYTú @LatinoCommFdn**

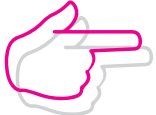
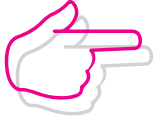


VOTE!

- Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM!
- Find your polling place here: sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place



ABOUT



LATINO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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

WHAT WE DO

BUILDING A PHILANTHROPIC MOVEMENT

LCF has established the largest network of Latino philanthropists in the country. Our Latino Giving Circle Network® unites people with a shared sense of justice and generosity. With 500 members and 24 Giving Circles across the state, these individuals have pooled their collective resources, time, and talents to invest in Latino nonprofits working on the frontlines of social change. Since inception, the Giving Circles have invested over \$1,000,000 into 75 Latino nonprofits across California, with a focus on grassroots organizations that are traditionally overlooked by mainstream philanthropy.

INVESTING IN THE LATINO NONPROFIT SECTOR

We believe in our community's ability to lead change. That is why we invest in Latino-led nonprofits who are changing the game. Our grantees have the entrepreneurial vision and passion to transform their communities. We stand beside them to get it done. Through core operating grants and capacity-building efforts, LCF unleashes the power of grassroots nonprofits to become anchor institutions across California. LCF's latest initiative, the first- ever Latino NonProfit Accelerator, a 16-month fundraising, and marketing incubator is inspired by tech but infused with love, community, and culture.

INCREASING LATINO CIVIC AND POLITICAL POWER

It's time to unleash our civic and political power for social change. LCF is deeply invested in civic engagement and has mobilized thousands to vote through our multi-media campaigns. In 2019, LCF has shared the California Latino Agenda, a policy platform, with Governor Newsom and is taking on a leadership role to ensure an accurate count for the 2020 Census. In 2018, LCF hosted the first televised Latino-focused Gubernatorial Forum moderated by Jorge Ramos. Our Latino Policy Summit brings together more than 300 community leaders to discuss policy solutions and participate in legislative visits in Sacramento.



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