

CALIFORNIA VOTER GUIDE

Public Health is on the Ballot!



Protecting public health means strengthening the foundations that support our communities' health. Based on a vision of health for all Californians, we support the following 2020 ballot measure positions:



PROP 15- YES

Prop 15 will raise \$12 billion per year to invest in our schools and local communities by closing commercial property tax loopholes that allow wealthy corporations to avoid paying their fair share. It's critical that we invest in the social, economic, and environmental conditions that keep us healthy, like quality education and social services, to support thriving communities.



PROP 16- YES

Prop 16 will reinstate affirmative action practices in public employment, public contracting, and public education and allow for equity-oriented decisions that consider how gender- and race-based systemic discrimination have severely limited access to health-supporting educational and economic opportunities, particularly for BIPOC communities.



PROP 17- YES

Prop 17 will return voting rights to over 50,000 Californians on parole. Racial justice means reckoning with the fact that disenfranchisement is a project of structural racism. And voting is a form of power that directly affects community wellness — we know, for example, that people have better self-rated health in states with more equality in voting participation.



PROP 20 - NO

Prop 20 would roll back recent criminal legal system reform successes by restricting early parole, expanding felony charges for minor offenses, and mandating collection of people's sensitive health data. The harms of policing, incarceration, and surveillance makes it clear: we need to protect and build toward a world that prioritizes health instead of punishment.



PROP 21 - YES

Prop 21 will allow local jurisdictions to adopt rent control on housing units and expand housing stock that can be covered under rent control measures. It's a much-needed public health measure to keep people housed, stem the ever-growing tide of evictions and displacement across the state, help slow the spread of COVID-19, and affirm housing as a human right.



PROP 22 - NO

Prop 22 would deny app-based drivers for Lyft and Uber paid sick leave and disability insurance, and reduce drivers' guaranteed wages to only \$5.64 an hour. Prop 22 would require these essential workers to accept below-minimum wages, which would have far reaching negative implications for the health and wellbeing of drivers, their families, and our broader communities.