

Alliance   
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Community



2020 VOTER GUIDE  
FOR LOS ANGELES LATINOS

#LALatinosVote

**25%** of California's registered voters live in Los Angeles and Latinos account for more than **1.7 million of those votes.** **TOGETHER WE ARE** a powerful voice.

Alliance for a Better Community (ABC) is committed to informing and encouraging all Latino voters in the Los Angeles region to use their ballot **to be heard.** By doing so, we can advocate for a **VIBRANT FUTURE** where Latinos **fully participate in and benefit from** a **PROSPEROUS, MULTI-ETHNIC COMMUNITY** with improved quality of life in **EDUCATION, HEALTH, HOUSING, and civic participation.**

**YOUR VOTE MATTERS.** ABC's voter guide is here to help you understand your ballot and support local and statewide initiatives that **uplift** and **expand opportunities** for all communities.

# YES ON PROP 15

Prop. 15 would generate \$12 billion in new funding to go directly to California K-12 schools, community colleges, and local municipalities each year by closing a tax loophole that affects the wealthiest corporations. This means that homeowners, renters, small businesses, and agricultural lands are protected. Prop. 15 requires commercial and industrial properties to be taxed on their market value, rather than the property's price. The top 10% of California's wealthiest commercial property owners will pay 92% of new revenues. **Vote YES to put our schools and communities first!**

**i!** In California's K-12 schools, Latinos are more highly concentrated in high-poverty schools than any other student group. These high poverty schools have less access to resources that create educational opportunity including the most experienced teachers, modern facilities, libraries, and other key resources. The pandemic has now made this situation worse for low-income Black and Latino communities in Los Angeles. In the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), 73% of students identify as Latino. Prop. 15 would provide \$3.74 billion annually in education and local services in Los Angeles County, including \$360 million for the LAUSD.

# YES ON PROP 16

Prop. 16 would end a 25-year-old ban on affirmative action. Restoring affirmative action would allow universities and government offices to factor in race, gender, or ethnicity in making hiring, spending, and admissions decisions. Prop. 16 fights gender and racial discrimination and levels the playing field to ensure everyone has access to opportunities in public universities, public contracts, and hiring. **Vote YES to combat systemic racism and gender discrimination so everyone has the opportunity to succeed.**

**i!** A recent study found that California's ban on affirmative action has harmed Black and Hispanic students. Within the University of California, Black and Latino enrollment decreased while odds of finishing college, going to graduate school, and earning a high salary were reduced.

# YES ON PROP 17

Prop. 17 would restore the right to vote for those who were convicted of a felony and are on parole. **Vote YES to support over 50,000 Californians who have completed their prison sentences to vote and participate in our democracy.**

**i!** Los Angeles County has the largest jail system in the world with an average of 17,500 prisoners on any given day. Latinos make up 50% of this jail population.

**i!** Refer to this symbol to learn how each measure directly affects Latinos in Los Angeles County.

## YES ON PROP 18

Prop. 18 would allow 17-year-olds to vote in a primary and special election as long as they will turn 18 by the following general election. **Vote YES to encourage young people to be civically involved and build a habit of voting among youth.**

**i!** Latinos make up the majority of the under 18 population in Los Angeles County at 55%. Engaging Latinos in civic participation at a lower age will form voting habits and help amplify their voices.

## NO ON PROP 19

Prop. 19 would expand the inequities in California's property tax system by allowing homeowners who are over the age of 55, and other qualified groups, to take a portion of their property tax base with them when they move anywhere in the state, up to three times, and buy a new home. The Prop. also limits the ability of Californians who inherit properties to keep low property tax payments. **Vote NO to stop special interest from creating a market-distorting tax break.**

**i!** Latino and lower-income families own homes at lower rates. In Los Angeles, White households are more likely to be homeowners at 68% compared to Latinos at 51%. Prop. 19 would further perpetuate inequities in our state's tax system and make homeownership even harder for low-income families.

## NO ON PROP 20

Prop. 20 would roll back progress made in criminal justice reforms by authorizing judges to impose felony charges on certain theft or fraud crimes currently chargeable only as misdemeanors. **Vote NO to making changes for petty theft to be charged as a serious felony and wasting tens of millions of tax dollars on prison spending.**

**i!** Racial disparities exist in the Los Angeles County jail system. Between 2010 and 2016, 50% of jail bookings were Latinos which mirrored the County's Latino population. However, White jail bookings were 18% but they made up 27% of the County population. Latinos are already disproportionately harmed by the correctional system and Prop. 20 would make it worse.


## YES ON PROP 21

Prop. 21 would allow cities to pass stronger limits on rent increases to protect California families. This will prevent displacement of low-income renters, protect local tenants, guarantee landlords a fair profit, and keep families in their homes especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Vote YES to strengthen control needed by middle-income tenants and keep low-income tenants under shelter and off the street.**

**i!** Latinos make up nearly half of Californians burdened with unaffordable housing costs. This can also lead to negative health outcomes since less money is available for essential needs, such as quality food and healthcare. Enforcing limits on increased rent helps to prevent financial stress and the possibility of homelessness for families.


## NO ON PROP 22

Prop. 22 would consider app-based drivers to be independent contractors and not employees or agents of rideshare companies. Prop. 22 would not protect drivers from discrimination based on citizenship, primary language, or immigration status. Drivers would be denied minimum wage, paid sick leave, unemployment and workers' compensation. Prop. 22 weakens these protections and makes it harder to hold companies accountable. **Vote NO to protect progress made in employee rights and protections.**

 At Uber, the largest rideshare company, as many as 1 in 5 drivers are Latino.


## YES ON PROP 25

Prop. 25 would replace the money bail system with the use of pretrial risk assessment tools. This gives judges the authority to assess and determine whether someone should be released while awaiting trial, based on the potential risk they pose to themselves or others. It is estimated that almost 46,000 Californians, a disproportionate number of whom are Black and Latino, are being held in jail but not yet sentenced. **Vote YES for a jail system that prioritizes safety not profits.**

 Today, rich Californians can afford cash bail, while poorer people either pay bail bond companies or wait for trial in jail. Between 2012 and 2016, disproportionately bearing the burden of the actual dollars paid for bail bonds were namely Black and Latino women. In this same time frame, the total amount in bail bonds paid by Latinos was \$92.1 million.


## YES ON MEASURE RR

Measure RR would generate \$7 billion to retrofit, upgrade, modernize, and replace school buildings, update technology, make facilities accessible under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), expand early childhood programs, build new wellness clinics, and address inequities in Los Angeles schools. This is an extension of a current bond that is set to expire. In LAUSD, the nation's second largest school district, over 70% of schools were built over 50 years ago and nearly 100 have are upwards of a century old. **Vote YES to invest in our Los Angeles schools and education.**

 With 73% of LAUSD students identifying as Latino, continuing to complete much needed improvements to our local schools will help set our students up for success.

## YES ON MEASURE J

Measure J would designate 10% of local unrestricted County tax revenue to spend on programs that invest in communities through job training, youth services, mental health services, rent assistance, and provide alternatives to incarceration. **Vote YES on Measure J to dismantle systemic racism by investing in health, housing, and jobs.**

 Measure J directly impacts low-income and underserved communities. In Los Angeles County, the median Latino household income is \$46,850 compared to the Los Angeles County median of \$59,135. Furthermore, 18.5% of Los Angeles County Latino families live in poverty.