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EDITOR'S NOTE: This edition of our guide is focused on the election coming up on November 6th, 2018. Voters will cast their ballots all over our nation to decide the future of our government at the local, state, and national level. This is when we, the people, get to elect representatives who stand for our values. If you've felt powerless, now is the time to roll up your sleeves, get involved, and help get out the vote. People talk about a possible Blue Wave this November. But let's be crystal clear: The Blue Wave is **us**. We can change the direction things are going - if we work for it.

We've put together a bunch of resources to get you started.

This may be the most important election of our lifetimes. Let's do this.

IN THIS GUIDE:

- > Voter registration instructions and information
- > How to get involved in the upcoming election
- > Nearby districts where you can make a difference

IMPORTANT DATES:

- OCTOBER 22nd: Deadline to Register to Vote**
- OCTOBER 30th: Request Mail-in Ballot**
- NOVEMBER 6th: Election Day**

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for more info and to see past issues:
www.TheConstituentsLA.com

THE CONSTITUENTS' MANIFESTO

WE BELIEVE that democracy works when we do.

WE BELIEVE that the time is now for concerned citizens to raise their voices and organize to create positive change.

WE KNOW that American democracy has always been shaped by its citizens, and that participation in civic life year-round is an act of patriotism and love of country.

WE CARE about the future of our nation. We believe in civil rights, human rights, and equal rights for all.

WE BELIEVE in the freedom of the press, freedom of expression, and freedom of assembly. We believe in lifting the less fortunate, and that America is stronger when we help each other.

WE IMAGINE a country where civic participation is a regular way of life, and where that collective participation leads to a more thriving, inclusive democracy.

This is a critical time in America's history.

We believe taking action has never been more important.



ELECTION Nov. 6: Why the midterms matter

As you may have heard, the midterm elections are quickly approaching. With increasing political tensions, it should be easy to see why it's so important. But without the drama of a presidential election, midterms have a historically low voter turnout. "If I'm not voting for president," you might say, "what is the purpose of voting? Why do midterms matter?"

In the midterm elections, we elect Senators, Members of Congress, Governors, state legislators, judges -- all the way down to city councilmembers. While they are not as flashy as the general election, midterms play a huge role in determining the political landscape of this country.

We cannot overstate the importance of voting this election cycle. It may sound hyperbolic, but this could be one of the most important elections of our lifetimes. Right now, with the Republicans controlling the White House, and both houses of Congress, civil and human rights are on the line. Migrant children are being held in cages, separated from their parents. A man with credible assault allegations against him was elevated to the Supreme Court - even though his testimony was overtly partisan and divisive.

While it will not change the leadership in the executive branch of government (that is to say, we are stuck with this administration until 2020), flipping the House and the Senate could reverse -- and prevent -- the passage of disastrous policies that affect us all. In such dark and turbulent times, it's easy to feel powerless to make change. Now more than ever is the time to vote -- and to phone bank and canvass to make sure your friends, family, and neighbors do, too.

Here are a few important things to consider when it comes to this year's midterms that will affect all of us:

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS)

Having already appointed two judges to the Court, Trump has created the most conservative court we've seen in decades. But with a slim majority of Republicans in the Senate, (51 Republican Senators to 49 Democrats), we can stop him from appointing another judge in the case of another vacancy. What can you do if you have Democratic Senators already? Find a contentious Senate campaign (like Beto O'Rourke vs incumbent Ted Cruz) to support with your resources, whether they be time or money.

The United States House of Representatives

Democrats stand a significant chance of taking back the House of Representatives this fall. What does that mean? It means the creation of policies that better represent the interests of Americans rather than special interest groups -- think increased access to healthcare. Also, the Speaker of the House is the 3rd in line to be president, which is something to consider... It's easy to think of California as a blue state, but in reality, we have ten Republican Members of Congress, and eight of those are considered tight races where Democrats could win. Five of those close races are practically next door. See p. 11 for swing districts nearby.

Ballot Measures

Here in California, the State Legislature determines our laws and policies, but so do ballot measures and propositions. Gay marriage? That was banned because of a ballot proposition here in CA, before it was finally legalized nationwide. The legalization of marijuana? A ballot proposition. More locally, we passed Measures H and HHH to build housing for the rapidly increasing homeless population. And this year we're voting on a measure that would restore rent control to LA County! So many important policies that affect your daily life are instituted because of decisions made in the voting booth. Educate yourself as best you can, and come prepared. See p. 20 for more.



Woman's suffrage parade, Washington, D.C., March 1913, courtesy Library of Congress



African-American demonstrators outside the White House, protesting brutality and demanding the right to vote, March 12, 1965, photograph by Warren K. Leffler, courtesy Library of Congress

Why Vote?

Because history matters.

There are many reasons to get to the polls to cast your vote for who you want to see elected. Among those reasons could be: A sense of civic duty, a belief in the democratic process, making sure your voice is heard.

But here are a few more historic reasons why your vote is powerful.

When the United States was founded in 1776, not every American was given the right to vote. In fact, it took many years, many fights, and the changing of laws for every American to be able to vote.

People have died, been beaten, and brutalized fighting for the right to vote. It was a serious struggle for many to gain this right so we all should cherish the fact that we get to vote today. Voting is a way of honoring those who made it possible.

There are still significant challenges for voters, and, sadly, people still work to suppress the vote. From voter ID laws to gerrymandering, the disenfranchisement of felons even after they've served their time, and voter roll purges, there are still challenges to our most basic right to vote. We should never take it for granted.

1848

Seneca Falls Convention + Women's Suffrage

A group of activists—mostly women, and some men—gathered in Seneca Falls, New York to discuss the lack of women's rights. Specifically, they discussed a woman's right to vote. Many consider this to be the beginning of Women's Suffrage or the women's movement that advocated for a woman's right to vote in the United States.

1861

Civil War

The Civil War in the United States began in 1861, after decades of simmering tensions between northern and southern states over slavery. This directly relates to voters' rights because later amendments to the Constitution would be passed to establish former slaves as citizens of the United States who had a right to vote in elections.

1868

14th Amendment

The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified in 1868, granted citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States—including former slaves—and guaranteed all citizens “equal protection of the laws.” It was one of three amendments passed during the Reconstruction Era to abolish slavery and establish civil and legal rights for Black Americans.

1870

15th Amendment

The Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibited the federal and state governments from denying a citizen the right to vote based on that citizen’s “race, color, or previous condition of servitude”.

It was ratified on February 3, 1870, as the third and last of the Reconstruction Amendments (after the Civil War). This ensured that African American men were allowed to vote by law.

1920

19th Amendment

The Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote in the United States on the basis of sex. This amendment gave women the right to vote. It was adopted on August 18, 1920.

This means that American women have had the right to vote for less than 100 years.

The Women’s Suffrage Movement preceded the 19th Amendment — it was a decades-long fight to win the right to vote for women in the United States, and it took activists and reformers nearly 100 years to win that right.

1950 - 1960s

The Civil Rights Movement

The Civil Rights Movement was a struggle for social justice that took place mainly during the 1950s and 1960s for Black Americans to gain equal rights under the law in the United States. The Civil War had officially abolished slavery, but it didn’t end discrimination against African-Americans, and they continued to endure the devastating effects of racism.

Spearheaded by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and many others, the movement made the nation reconsider how all people were treated in the eyes of the law and by fellow citizens.

1957

Civil Rights Act of 1957

Even though all Americans had gained the right to vote, many southern states still made it difficult for Black Americans to vote. They often required them to take voter literacy tests that were confusing, misleading, and sometimes impossible to pass. In September of 1957, President Eisenhower signed the Civil Rights Act of 1957 into law, which allowed for the federal prosecution of anyone who tried to prevent someone from voting, and also created a commission to investigate voter fraud. This was the first major civil rights legislation since the Reconstruction Era.

1965

Voting Rights Act of 1965

Signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was a landmark piece of federal legislation in the United States that prohibits racial discrimination in voting.

It was aimed at overcoming legal barriers at the state and local levels that prevented African Americans from exercising their right to vote as guaranteed under the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Though the 15th Amendment, signed into the Constitution in 1870, had guaranteed African American men the right to vote, discrimination at the polls persisted in many parts of the United States through Jim Crow laws that enforced racial segregation, and other restrictions including poll taxes and literacy tests. The Voting Rights Act was signed into law to overcome this racial discrimination around voting, ensuring that African-American men and women could vote without being harassed, or being erased from the voter rolls entirely.

Today

Many believe that voter discrimination still happens today in many states — making it harder for some people to cast their ballot in various elections.

The Supreme Court overturned the Voting Rights Act in 2013. Since then, over a thousand polling places have been closed, many in Southern black communities.

The fight for equality and universal suffrage is not over.

THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF CAMPAIGNS

Volunteers are the driving force of campaigns, and are crucial to getting supporters to the polls in November. This election's outcome is going to be determined by the work we do – talking to voters by phone and door-to-door.

--> So how does it all work?

WHAT IS PHONE BANKING?

Phone banking is a super important part of the work volunteers do on campaigns. Every campaign starts with a list of voters in their district. Volunteers make calls at events organized by the campaign or other volunteers, and can also make calls from home.

FINDING SUPPORTERS: Figuring out which voters are likely to vote for the candidate (yay!), which definitely won't (cross that name off!), and which might be persuadable is critical to campaign strategy.

CLEANING UP THE LISTS: Phone banking also cleans up those lists of voters. Since the list is usually from the last election and folks may have moved, at the start of a campaign there will be lots of wrong numbers. But the good news is that every wrong number a volunteer reaches means a cleaner list moving forward as we work to get out the vote.

GETTING READY TO GET OUT THE VOTE: A better list means better voter turnout for our candidates. The last four days of the campaign is called GOTV (Get Out the Vote) when volunteers knock doors and try to get every single voter out to the polls on election day. The better the list, the more votes we get out on election day.

Don't be intimidated! Phone banking is a great way to find community, meet other like-minded volunteers, break some bread and share some camaraderie as we make the blue wave a reality in November.

WHAT IS CANVASSING?

Canvassing is the most effective way for volunteers to make contact with voters. Canvassing is when volunteers walk the neighborhoods of a district and knock on doors to talk to potential voters. Studies show that in-person conversations are the most effective way to identify supporters, persuade voters, and get them to the polls on election day. In the final countdown to November 6th, canvasses are being led in every swing district every day and they always need more folks to hit the pavement.

WHAT IS GOTV?

The last four days of the campaign is called GOTV - Get Out The Vote. All the phonebanking and canvassing up until this point has hopefully laser-focused our list of voters, so that we're able to call and knock on the doors of our identified supporters and get them to the polls on November 6th. This is the final push and scores of volunteers will be needed to make sure every number gets called and every door gets knocked, so that every voter makes it to their polling place on election day or mails in their ballot if they vote by mail.

Find a campaign near you, go to their website, or call them and tell them you want to help out!

Sign up to volunteer in nearby swing districts with Swing Left:
www.swingleft.com

Go to the California Democratic Party's website to find upcoming volunteer events - there are plenty!
www.cadem.org

**TURN THE PAGE TO FIND SOME LOCAL
CAMPAIGNS YOU CAN VOLUNTEER WITH**



FLIP THE HOUSE: SoCal SWING DISTRICTS NEAR YOU

Right now, Republicans control the Senate, the House of Representatives and are loading the courts with conservative judges. Democrats need to win 23 seats to win back control of the House of Representatives. This is crucial to put a check on the extreme actions and policies of this administration.

A swing district is one where the race could go either way. These traditionally-Republican districts have recently gotten close enough to qualify as swing districts. Democrats have a real chance to flip these congressional seats in November - if we work for it!

Volunteers on campaigns call voters, knock doors and register new voters. These 5 campaigns are practically next door. Sign up at TheLastWeekend.org to get involved. Let's flip the House!

1. 49th District - Open seat (Rep. Darrell Issa retiring)

Diane Harkey (R) vs. Mike Levin (D)

Southern Orange County and Northern San Diego

In the last election, current Rep. Issa won by only 1,621 votes (less than 1%). This district supported Hillary Clinton by a whopping 8%!

Republican Diane Harkey represents the 4th district on the CA Board of Equalization and before that served in the CA Assembly for 5 years. With 30 years in the banking and finance industry, she is focused on the CA job market, deregulation, and lower taxes. She earned an "A" rating from the NRA.

Democrat Mike Levin is an attorney focused on environmental policy and has served as Executive Director of the Democratic Party of Orange County. He is endorsed by the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters. He supports Medicare for All, environmental protections, affordable Higher education, protecting Social Security, a woman's right to choose, and a \$15 federal minimum wage.

2. 25th District - Steve Knight (R) vs. Katie Hill (D)

Northern LA County and Simi Valley

Rep. Knight won this district by only 6.3% in 2016, and the district supported Hillary Clinton by 6%. The latest polls show Knight and Hill neck-and-neck.

Republican Steven Knight is serving his second term as representative in CA-25. A committed conservative, he voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act, wants to restructure Social Security, and roll back environmental, labor and employment protections. He is anti-abortion with no exceptions and in favor of defunding Planned Parenthood. He opposes any new restrictions on gun ownership.

Democrat Katie Hill is a first-time candidate who served as the Executive Director of PATH (People Assisting The Homeless) and helped pass Measure H and Prop HHH which fund housing and homeless services. Deeply tied to her community, she was born and raised in the district and lives on a farm in Agua Dulce.

She advocates for Universal Health Care, women's reproductive rights, protection of Social Security, care for veterans, environmental protections, criminal justice reform, and common sense gun reform. She is openly bisexual and a strong advocate for LGBTQ rights.



3. 48th District - Dana Rohrabacher (R) vs. Harley Rouda (D) Coastal Orange County

This district voted for Hillary Clinton by 2%. Rohrabacher won by 16% in 2016, but polls are showing this to be a very tight race.

Republican Dana Rohrabacher has represented various Southern California districts (including 42, 45, 46) since 1989. He has served CA-48 since 2013, and won re-election by 16 points in 2016. His voting record shows him to be extremely socially conservative: Anti-civil rights, anti-LGBTQ rights, and anti-choice. He is also robustly anti-immigration. Nicknamed “Putin’s favorite Congressman,” he holds what are considered to be fringe, pro-Russia views and has come up in connection to key figures and events in the current Russia investigation.

Democrat Harley Rouda is a philanthropist, attorney, and tech entrepreneur from Laguna Beach. A one-time Republican and Independent, he registered as a Democrat after the 2016 election. His platform includes common sense gun reform, closing tax loopholes that benefit the wealthy, affordable college, funding for early childhood education, expanding the Affordable Care Act and Medicare for All. He also believes in reproductive freedom and equal pay for women. He opposes offshore drilling and is endorsed by the Sierra Club.

4. 39th District - Open seat (incumbent Ed Royce retiring) Young Kim (R) vs. Gil Cisneros (D) Northeast Orange County, eastern LA County, part of San Bernardino County

Hillary Clinton won this district by 9%. With Ed Royce retiring, this district is a toss-up.

Republican Rep. Ed Royce endorsed his Director of Community Operations Young Kim when she announced her candidacy in January. She has spent her career in politics and worked in the CA-39 district office for 23 years. She served in the CA Assembly for a term from 2014-2016 when she lost to the Democrat she had beaten two years before. She earned an “A” from Gun Owners of California, and a 0% from the Sierra Club for consistently voting against conservation measures.

Democrat Gil Cisneros served as a Naval Officer for ten years, and then as manager at Frito-Lay before he won the California Mega Millions lottery and used his winnings to pursue his passion for education. He and his wife founded The Gilbert and Jacki Cisneros Foundation, an organization committed to increasing opportunity in education. He also supports the Affordable Care Act, bringing down healthcare costs, passing the DREAM Act, and stricter gun control laws.

5. 45th District - Mimi Walters (R) vs. Katie Porter (D) Inland Orange County including Irvine

Hillary Clinton won this district in 2016 by 3%. 24% of the registered voters there didn’t vote, so there is a huge opportunity to increase turnout in November and flip this seat blue.

Republican Mimi Walters has served in Congress since 2015. She also served in the City Council of Laguna Niguel (1996-2004), briefly as mayor in 2000, as CA State Assemblymember from 2005-2008, and as a member of the State Senate from 2009 until she was elected to U.S. Congress. Previously she worked for several investment banks. She has consistently voted party line including opposing a woman’s right to choose, climate change, same-sex marriage and LGBTQ protections. She has voted with Trump 98% of the time.

Democrat Katie Porter is a consumer protection attorney who fought for California families when she won \$18 billion from big banks after the mortgage crisis under the appointment of then California Attorney General Kamala Harris. Currently a UCI Law professor, she was a student of Elizabeth Warren at Harvard and went on to write several books with the Senator. She is endorsed by End Citizens United for refusing PAC and special interest money. She believes in Medicare for All, protecting the environment, and advocates for common sense gun safety laws.

**FIND YOUR CLOSEST
SWING DISTRICT:
www.SwingLeft.org**

TWO SWING DISTRICTS UP NORTH:

1. 10th District - Jeff Denham (R) vs. Josh Harder (D)

Central Valley including Modesto

In 2016 current Rep. Denham won by 3.4%. Hillary won by the same margin.

Republican Jeff Denham is an Air Force veteran, former farmer, and staunch fiscal conservative and vehemently opposes the Affordable Care Act.

Democrat Josh Harder teaches business at Modesto Junior College. He supports Medicare for All, the DREAM Act, and affordable higher education.

2. 21st District - David Valadao (R) vs. TJ Cox (D)

Central Valley, part of Bakersfield

Hillary Clinton won this district by 15%. 92,000 registered voters didn't vote in the last election and we only need 20% of those to flip this district in November.

Republican David Valadao voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act, opposes a woman's right to choose, gay marriage, and greenhouse gas regulations.

Democrat TJ Cox is an engineer, and businessman. He supports expanding access to healthcare, protection of DACA recipients, and expanding funding for education.

3 LONGSHOT CA ELECTIONS TO WATCH:

1. 50th District - Duncan Hunter (R) vs. Ammar Campa-Najjar (D)

Inland San Diego County

In August of 2018 Rep. Duncan Hunter and his wife were indicted for misusing \$250,000 for personal expenses giving challenger Campa-Najjar a shot at this race.

2. 22nd District - Devin Nunes (R) vs. Andrew Janz (D)

Fresno and Tulare counties

Andrew Janz is giving Trump loyalist Nunes a run for his money with a robust fundraising and social media campaign.

3. 4th District - Tom McClintock (R) vs. Jessica Morse (D)

East Sacramento suburbs, central Sierra mountains

A long-shot for Democrat challenger Jessica Morse, this district supported Trump in 2016, but Morse's successful fundraising makes it worth keeping an eye on.

*Sourced from Swing Left (www.swingleft.org) and The Los Angeles Times

Want to do more than just vote?

QUICK START GUIDE

Doing your part to win the midterms

1) KNOW YOUR POWER // Every ounce of volunteer effort you can put in between now and election day really can make an impact the course of history. Whether you are registering voters, phonebanking or door-knocking for a candidate – every individual action combined is what makes a campaign successful. Remember that your dollars are power, too, and investing in a candidate helps them secure the resources they need to win.

2) FIND YOUR PEOPLE // Check candidate websites to see if their priorities match yours. Some issue-based organizations and unions make endorsements and you can get involved or donate through them.

3) SHOW UP // Once you find a candidate you like, follow the instructions on their website or swing by their campaign office. Sign up for as many volunteer shifts as you can & invite your friends. Go watch candidate debates live. Tweet about it. There are so many ways to help spread the word.

4) DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS // Practice makes perfect, so volunteer as much as you can. You can also cheat and go to ResistanceSchool.com where you will find a complete digital training course for civic engagement and community organizing. Learn practical skills from leading experts in the comfort of your own home. It's a brave new world.

Visit
TheLastWeekend.org
and
VoteSaveAmerica.org
to get started.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Are you already registered?

Check your voter status here: www.voterstatus.sos.ca.gov

REGISTER BY MAIL - POSTMARK BY OCTOBER 22

You can pick up a paper voter registration application at:

- > Your county elections office --> 12400 Imperial Hwy. Norwalk, CA 90650 // Hours M-F 8-5pm
- > Department of Motor Vehicles offices, public libraries and post offices.
- > Request an application by calling 1-800-345--VOTE (8663)

REGISTER ONLINE - BY OCTOBER 22

www.registertovote.ca.gov

To register online you will need:

- > Your California driver license or California identification card number
- > The last four digits of your Social Security Number
- > Your date of birth

If you move, you should update your address by re-registering online or by submitting a paper voter registration application. Changing your address with the DMV will also update your voter registration, but it's always a good idea to double-check: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/> It's important to update your address to make sure you're on the voter rolls in your precinct!

--> **DID YOU KNOW** that teens can pre-register to vote?

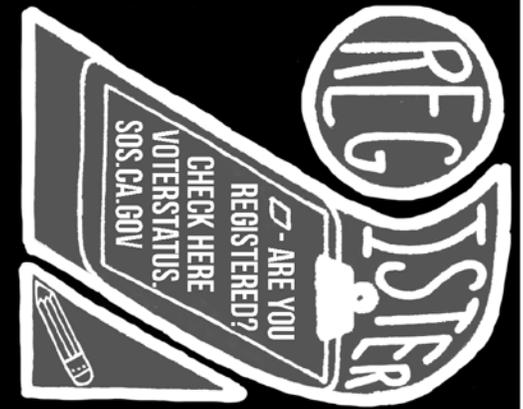
To pre-register to vote in California, you must:

- > Be 16 or 17 years old, and
- > Meet all of the other eligibility requirements to vote
- > Once pre-registered, you will automatically be registered to vote on your 18th birthday

--> **ALSO** Courts have ruled that a homeless person may register to vote at a location they state is the place where they spend most of their time. The person must provide a description of the location that is clear enough for the elections official to establish that person's right to vote in a particular precinct; for instance, an intersection of two streets.

MOST IMPORTANTLY REMEMBER TO VOTE!

WHAT IS YOUR ELECTION DAY PLAN? MAKE YOURS ON THE NEXT PAGE! →



OCT 22 last day to register to vote
OCT 30 last day to request vote-by-mail
NOV 6 general election!



PREPARING TO VOTE + PREPARING TO VOTE + PREPARING TO VOTE

Visualize Your Vote

Make a Plan: Research shows that voters who make a specific plan before election day are more likely to remember to vote.

I am voting in person by mail
on _____,
at _____:_____ am / pm

I am going to the polls before _____ /
or after _____ (i.e. before work,
after school.)

I will be alone with _____

I will go by foot car bicycle public transit
 rideshare* other _____

*****Election day is Tuesday, November 6th*****

Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office no later than 3 days after Election Day.

If you are not sure your vote-by-mail ballot will arrive in time if mailed, **bring it to any polling place** in your county between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

*The rideshare service Lyft has announced they will offer free & reduced rate rides on election day.



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www.registertovote.ca.gov

Check your registration:
voterstatus.sos.ca.gov

Request a Voter Information Guide from the Secretary of State: 1-800-345-VOTE (8683)

More resources: www.VoteSaveAmerica.com

BALLOT MEASURES:

Eleven propositions will be on the ballot in November.
The following organizations have weighed in with their endorsements.

About ballot propositions:

- Can be used to change an existing law, add a new law, get approval to collect a special tax or issue a bond (i.e. raise money to fund a project or other measure)
- Can be statewide or local – covering a school district, city, county, or a special tax district
- Can be introduced by the legislature, or by any constituent by collecting a certain number of signatures of registered voters

	PROP 1	PROP 2	PROP 3	PROP 4	PROP 5	PROP 6	PROP 7	PROP 8	PROP 10	PROP 11	PROP 12
ACLU SoCal	Yes	Yes			No	No			Yes		
League of Of Women Voters	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No			Yes		
Sierra Club	Yes		No			No			Yes		Yes
LA Times	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Democratic Party	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Green Party	Yes		No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Republican Party	No	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No

Prop 1: Issues \$4 billion in bonds for housing programs and veterans' home loans. (Y / N)

Prop 2: Authorizes state to use mental health funding towards housing for those with mental illness who are homeless. (Y / N)

Prop 3: Issues \$8.877 billion in bonds for water-related infrastructure and environmental projects. (Y / N)

Prop 4: Issues \$1.5 billion in bonds for children's hospitals. (Y / N)

Prop 5: Revises process for some older and other homebuyers to transfer their property tax assessments. (Y / N)

Prop 6: Repeals 2017's fuel tax and vehicle fee increases and requires public vote on future taxes. Constitutional Amendment. (Y / N)

Prop 7: Authorizes legislature to provide for permanent daylight saving time if federal government allows. (Y / N)

Prop 8: Requires dialysis clinics to issue refunds for revenue above a certain amount. (Y / N)

Prop 10: Allows local governments to regulate rent. (Y / N)

Prop 11: Allows ambulance providers to require workers to remain on-call during breaks paid. (Y / N)

Prop 12: Bans sale of meat from animals confined in spaces below specific sizes. (Y / N)

California's Voter Bill of Rights

You have the following rights:

1. The right to vote if you are a registered voter.

You are eligible to vote if you are:

- a U.S. citizen living in California
- at least 18 years old
- registered where you currently live
- not in prison or on parole for a felony

2. The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list. You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.

3. The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.

4. The right to cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.

5. The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake, if you have not already cast your ballot.

You can:

- ask an elections official at a polling place for a new ballot; or,
- exchange your vote-by-mail ballot for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place; or,
- vote using a provisional ballot, if you do not have your original vote-by-mail ballot.

6. The right to get help casting your ballot from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.

7. The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place in the county where you are registered to vote.

8. The right to get election materials in a language other than English if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.

9. The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.

10. The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office:

- On the web at: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/publications-and-resources/voter-complaint/>
- By phone at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
- By email at elections@sos.cac.gov

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free voter hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

LET'S DO THIS

If you want to do more than vote in November, here are some organizations that are helping to turn more seats in Congress blue and helping to get **everyone** to the polls.

SwingLeft

A group of friends decided to build an organization focused on winning U.S. House of Representatives seats in districts where the last election was won by a narrow margin. Overall, the idea is to create momentum, so that more House seats go to Democrats.

Control of the U.S. House of Representatives will be decided by a small number of swing districts in the midterm election. Right now, the GOP controls the House, but Swing Left wants to ensure that Democrats can take back the House in November).

You will learn about your closest swing district and tangible ways you can help flip districts.

Sign up at: www.swingleft.org



Five women founded this group to focus the energy of volunteers in deeply blue places and to channel it to help win down-ballot races in critical state races where Democratic control hangs in the balance.

You will be connected with a local team, matched with a strategically important race, and given specific actions to take to help win the race. Among the many actions that Sister District organizes are: Phone banking, sending postcards, text banking, canvassing events, and data & research.

Join them at: www.sisterdistrict.org

WHEN WE ALL VOTE

Co-chaired by Michelle Obama, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Janelle Monáe, Tom Hanks, and others - this is a new national, nonpartisan, not-for-profit that “brings together citizens, institutions, and organizations to spark a conversation about our rights and responsibilities in shaping our democracy. Namely, the responsibility of registering and voting.”

They are looking for volunteers in the sprint to election day.

Get involved: www.whenweallvote.org

ROCK THE VOTE

Rock the Vote is a nonpartisan non-profit dedicated to building the political power of young people. In 1990, music executives founded Rock the Vote in response to censorship of hip-hop and rap artists. It's evolved into an organization with over 25 years of experience in engaging youth to care about the ballot, voting rights, and participating in democracy. They are looking for volunteers to work on everything from policy research and phone banking to writing, editing, video editing, and graphic design. They also engage volunteers to host voter registration drives and events.

More info: www.rockthevote.org

FIND LOCAL VOLUNTEER EVENTS:

www.TheLastWeekend.org

We marched.



Now let's vote. Nov 6th 2018.

**Learn more about us,
our projects, and how to get involved:**

www.TheConstituentsLA.com

ABOUT THE CO-FOUNDERS

We are a group of concerned women who met and came together after the November 2016 U.S. presidential election.

We felt that it was a critical time to take action. Beyond voting, we wanted to be involved in civic life and politics year-round. So, we formed our group, The Constituents, to create civic-minded projects that are meant to be accessible and helpful to residents of Los Angeles.

We realize that democracy is a living, breathing thing. It depends on each of us participating to make it work and to create change.

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