GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA'S BALLOT MEASURES

▲ alifornia voters will face seven ballot propositions this November. The Rose Institute of State and Local Government's Video Voter: A Guide to California's Ballot Measures is designed to help voters make informed decisions on each of these measures. The non-partisan project explains each ballot measure with an educational video and a written backgrounder. Both make clear what a yes or no vote means, present the main arguments from both proponents and opponents, and identify main supporters and opponents. The Video Voter Guide is available at www.RoseInstitute.org.

In California, measures can be placed on the ballot by referral from the legislature or by the submission of petition signatures. Proposition 1, establishing a right under the California constitution to choose to have an abortion, was put on the ballot by the legislature. The remaining six measures before California voters in 2022 were put on the ballot by petition signatures. The number of signatures required is based on the number of votes cast in the most recent gubernatorial election and varies depending on whether the measure is a statute, constitutional amendment, or referendum. For ballot measures classified as initiative statutes or referenda, organizers must obtain signatures equivalent to 5% of the votes cast in the most recent gubernatorial election; for constitutional amendments they need 8%. The number of signatures required this year is 623,212 for a statute or referendum and 997,139 for a constitutional amendment.

Propositions 26 and 27 contain both constitutional amendments and statutory provisions. Prop 26 would allow in-person sports gambling at horse race tracks and tribal casinos, as well as additional gambling games such as craps and roulette at tribal casinos. Prop 27 would allow on-line sports betting.

Propositions 28, 29, and 30 are initiative statutes. Prop 28 would provide additional funding for arts and music education in public schools. Prop 29 would require on-site licensed medical professionals at kidney dialysis clinics. Prop 30 would increase the tax on personal income over \$2 million and use the money to subsidize electric vehicles and fund wildfire prevention.

Finally, there is one referendum on the ballot. Proposition 30 asks voters to approve or reject a law enacted in

2020 that would prohibit the retail sale of certain flavored tobacco products.

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Watch the videos and read the backgrounders at www.RoseInstitute.org.

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Prop	Description	Key Supporters	Key Opponents	
1	Amends the California Constitution to expressly prohibit the state from interfering with an individual's right to use contraceptives or to have an abortion.	 Governor Gavin Newsom California Democratic Party Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California California Medical Association 	 California Republican Party Right to Life League California Catholic Conference California Family Council 	
26	Allows in-person sports gambling at horse race tracks and tribal casinos, as well as additional gambling games such as craps and roulette at tribal casinos.	 Numerous CA Tribes California Nations Indian Gaming Association San Diego Police Officers Association California branch of the NAACP 	 Cardrooms operating in California AFSCME California labor union Black and Hispanic California Chamber of Commerce Los Angeles County Business Federation 	
27	Legalizes online sports gambling in California.	 Several major on-line gambling companies Bay Area Community Services Mayors of Sacramento, Long Beach, Oakland, and Fresno Middletown Rancheria Pomo Indians 	 Numerous CA Tribes California Democratic Party California Republican Party California Teachers Association 	
28	Requires California to add 1% to the state's total public school spending on arts and music education	 California Teachers Association California Music Educators Association Former LAUSD Superintendent Austin Beutner 	San Jose Mercury News Editorial Board	
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29	Requires dialysis clinics to maintain at least one qualified health care worker on site while patients are being treated.	 Service Employees International Union - United Healthcare Workers West California Democratic Party 	 DaVita Fresenius Medical Care California Medical Association California Chamber of Commerce
30	Increases taxes on personal income over \$2M to fund programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	 Lyft California Democratic Party California State Association of Electrical Workers California Environmental Voters 	 Governor Gavin Newsom California Republican Party California Teachers Association California Chamber of Commerce
31	Referendum to approve or reject 2020 law prohibiting retail sale of certain flavored tobacco products.	 California Democratic Party Governor Gavin Newsom Tobacco-Free Kids Action Fund American Lung Association 	 ITG Brands Philip Morris USA R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company National Association of Tobacco Outlets



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