2026 MIDTERM VOTER GUIDE

MARIN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA

We designed this voter guide to help our members, supporters, and regular working people make informed decisions when voting in the midterm elections. Our Electoral & Campaigns Working Group researched and vetted all recommendations and our general membership voted to approve them. If you want to get involved in future electoral and campaign work, email us at **marindemsoc@gmail.com**.

In this guide, we are focused on state and local ballot measures that would make a difference in the lives of ordinary people. We know it can be hard to find reliable information and context on these measures, so we hope this guide will help you navigate your ballot! **And now, without further ado, let's take a look at our recommended propositions and measures!**

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"Let's Tax the Rich!"

YES ON PROP 3

The **Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act** would make permanent an existing income tax imposed on the top 2% of income earners that would otherwise expire in 2031.

This tax raised $14 billion last year for public education and health care. The loss of that funding would be catastrophic for schools, kids, teachers, and patients. **Vote YES on Proposition 3!**

YES ON PROP 40

The 2026 **Billionaire Tax Act** would levy a one-time 5% wealth tax on California's 200+ billionaires in order to offset the loss of almost $100 billion in federal funding for Medi-Cal. Without this funding, 14 million Californians will see their healthcare coverage cut or eliminated, thousands will lose their jobs, and care facilities across the state could be forced to close.

This would be the first-ever billionaire wealth tax, setting a historic precedent to begin making the ultra-rich pay their fair share in taxes. Billionaires have spent **hundreds of millions** against this tax, but don't believe their scare tactics. Taxes on the wealthy **do not** result in tax flight, and Prop 40 only applies to billionaires. **Vote YES on Proposition 40!**

The gap between the billionaires and the rest of us has never been wider. We are living in what has been called "The New Gilded Age". It is time to reduce soaring economic inequality and invest in California's future. We need to fund healthcare, schools, and essential services for the multiracial working class—not continue to allow the ultra-rich to buy ever more mansions and yachts, and invest in job-killing AI.

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NO ON PROP 41

The oligarchs are not taking the threat of a wealth tax lying down and are running their own ballot measures to counteract Proposition 40. Don't be fooled: Proposition 41 is crafted to stop Proposition 40, even if 40 passes.

Proposition 41 attacks the main mechanism of Proposition 40, further weaponizing audits as a procedural and fiscal obstacle to progressive taxation, and imposing an austerity framework for all new tax proposals. **Vote NO on Proposition 41!**

NO ON PROP 42

Proposition 42 is another oligarchic trick to fight Proposition 40! Billionaires who want to defeat Prop 40 are spending **over $200 million** on a propaganda campaign to protect their **$2.3 trillion** in wealth from even modest taxation. The truth is that Prop 40 and 42 have nothing to do with your home or retirement accounts. Prop 42 is just a cynical attempt by California's billionaires to avoid paying their fair share in taxes.

Proposition 42 is designed to stop Proposition 40, even if 40 passes. **Vote NO on Proposition 42!**

NO ON PROP 43

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is at it again with another anti-democratic, anti-progressive-taxation measure! Proposition 43 raises the vote threshold for voter-proposed local special taxes from a simple majority (50% + 1) to two-thirds (66.6%). This empowers a 33.4% minority to block revenue supported by a majority of voters to fund vital services like schools, libraries, housing, and infrastructure.

For example, Proposition 43 would have blocked San Rafael's 2024 Measure P, which funded the library and community center, passing with 52.02%. Working Californians don't need more austerity. **Vote NO on Proposition 43!**

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"Fund Childcare, Healthcare & Schools!"

YES ON MEASURE P

The County of Marin Childcare Initiative would create dedicated local funding to make child care and preschool more affordable and accessible for Marin families, while strengthening the early childhood education workforce. It would help improve compensation to attract and retain qualified educators, expand and improve child care and early learning facilities, and increase the availability and quality of care.

By addressing both affordability and the shortage of workers and spaces, Measure P aims to ensure more Marin families can access high-quality early care and education while helping educators afford to live and work in the county. **Vote YES on Measure P!**

YES ON MEASURE CC

The Marin Healthcare District Initiative Measure will protect local access to life-saving emergency and hospital care by ensuring MarinHealth Medical Center has the staff, equipment, and resources it needs to serve our community.

MarinHealth is Marin County's only designated trauma center and provides emergency care, heart and stroke treatment, cancer care, surgery, and mental health services. With only one major freeway, it can take over an hour in traffic to reach hospitals outside Marin. As emergency room visits and demand for care increase, Measure CC will help keep MarinHealth equipped and ready to provide critical care when every second counts. **Vote YES on Measure CC!**

YES ON MEASURES N, O & AB

Measures N, O, and AB authorize bonds for the Miller Creek School District, Reed School District, and Sonoma County Junior College District, respectively, providing badly needed revenue for Marin's local public schools. **Vote YES on Measures N, O, and AB!**

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"Enhance Our Democracy!"

YES ON PROP 4

Proposition 4 would allow California to use public money to help fund election campaigns.
State law generally prohibits the state, counties, school districts, and most cities from creating programs that publicly fund political campaigns. Proposition 4 would repeal that ban and allow these governments to create their own public campaign-financing programs, helping to get private money out of local politics.

The measure would also set rules for which candidates qualify for public funding, plus limits on candidate spending. Public money could not pay a candidate's legal fees or fines, or repay money the candidate personally loaned to their campaign. **Vote YES on Proposition 4!**

YES ON PROP 5

Under current law, after voters decide whether to recall an elected official, they are asked who should replace that official. Proposition 5 changes how a recalled state official is replaced—instead of picking a replacement on the same ballot as the recall, the seat would become vacant and then be filled through the normal replacement process (appointment, succession, separate special election) rather than holding an immediate replacement vote. **Vote YES on Proposition 5!**

NO ON PROP 39

Proposition 39 would require voters to show a government ID and create barriers to mail-in voting, tactics that have been used by Republicans for years to suppress the vote of poor people, immigrants, and people of color. The American democratic system is extremely flawed and regular people are rapidly losing faith that voting in elections can produce meaningful changes in their lives. We must fight for real democracy and against cynical attempts like Prop 39 to manufacture minority rule by disenfranchising working people. **Vote NO on Prop 39!**

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NO ON PROP 45

The language of Prop 45 is overly broad, extending CEQA review limitations to a variety of dubious projects, such as freeways, refinery and manufacturing infrastructure, forms of CO2-emitting power generation, police stations, and reservoirs and dams. California should instead focus on expediting only the things working Californians need, such as affordable infill housing, public transit, and clean energy, while still preserving labor, environmental-justice, and tribal protections. **Vote NO on Prop 45!**

Thank you for taking the time to review this voting guide. We encourage everyone to research the candidates and measures on their ballot, make an informed decision, and make their voice heard. Every vote is an opportunity to shape our future!

For more recommendations on California state measures and candidates running for office, please review the California DSA voter guide at californiadsa.org/voterguide today or scan the QR code.