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The Council on American-Islamic Relations. California (CAIR-CA), is a chapter of the nation's largest American Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization. CAIR-CA's mission is to enhance the understanding of Islam, protect civil rights, promote justice, and empower American Muslims. Through its offices in the Greater Los Angeles Area (CAIR-LA), Sacramento Valley/ Central California (CAIR-SV/CC), San Diego (CAIR-SD), and the San Francisco Bay Area (CAIR-SFBA), CAIR-CA serves California's estimated one million American Muslims by providing direct legal services to immigrants and victims of discrimination, working with the media, facilitating community education as it relates to civil rights and civic participation, and engaging in policy advocacy.

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### The 2020 election cycle presents the American Muslim community with an important opportunity to increase its political capacity and presence.

To those ends, CAIR-CA has compiled three resources to help guide community members as they plan to vote in the November 2020 Presidential General Election. Inside this guide, you will find:

- Congressional scorecard
- State legislative scorecard
- Statewide proposition guide

The scorecards reflect the voting performance of California representatives from Congress and the state legislature. The votes of each legislator have been rated positive (green) or negative (red) depending on how closely their votes corresponded with civil rights and social justice priorities identified by CAIR-CA. The criteria selected for each topic is rooted in legislation introduced and voted on in 2019-2020.

As the amount of legislation introduced in both Congress and the state legislature is rather expansive, please note that elected officials should not be judged by these criteria alone. The scorecards are intended to provide a general profile to assist voters in better understanding the attitudes of elected officials toward key civil rights issues. CAIR-CA makes no claims as to the favorability of one candidate over another, however we encourage voters to further research the actions of their legislators before supporting any candidate.

At the end of the guide are CAIR-CA's recommendations on statewide ballot propositions. As a nonprofit, nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization, CAIR-CA cannot advocate for specific candidates for office or party preference, however it can endorse ballot propositions. CAIR-CA is able to encourage American Muslims to engage in the election process, conduct voter registration training programs, issue briefings, host candidate forums, educate the community on issues, take positions on legislation, and lead get-out-the-vote drives.

Please contact your local CAIR-CA office if you have any questions or would like to get involved with our various civic engagement efforts.

# SENATE SCORECARD<sup>1</sup>

### **S.1 - Strengthening America's Security in The Middle East Act of 2019**<sup>2</sup>

### CAIR-CA OPPOSED

#### PASSED IN THE SENATE AND RECEIVED IN THE HOUSE - JUNE 6, 2019

S.1 opposes Americans' right to boycott by permitting state and local governments to divest from entities attempting to sway Israeli policy through utilizing boycotts, divestment, or sanctions.

Additionally, in "the largest single pledge of military assistance ever," this legislation secures military aid to Israel in the amount of 33 billion USD over a ten-year period through FY2028. These bills include provisions to extend defense cooperation with Jordan through FY2022 and impose sanctions on individuals and military forces supporting Syria.

### S.1123 - NO BAN Act<sup>3</sup>

### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

#### REFERRED TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY - APRIL 10, 2019 WITH 40 CO-SPONSORS

The NO BAN Act would repeal each iteration of the Muslim and African Bans, Refugee Ban, and Asylum Ban, would limit the President's authority to suspend and restrict those entering the US, and would prohibit religious discrimination in immigration-related decisions.

### S.1306 - Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2019<sup>4</sup>

### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

## REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS - MAY 2, 2019 WITH 41 CO-SPONSORS

S.1306 would amend labor laws by extending protections to union workers. It includes prohibitions against discrimination or replacement of workers who take part in strikes, and would prevent the practice of forced meetings to discourage union membership, allow for workers to take part in a class action lawsuit, expand penalties for labor law violations, and allow civil action lawsuits for harm caused by unfair labor practices or violations to labor law.

# SENATE SCORECARD

### **S.2163 - Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act<sup>5</sup>**

#### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

#### SIGNED BY PRESIDENT - AUGUST 14, 2020

S.2163 establishes a commission to recommend policies to improve or amend government programs and produce an annual report. The commission will study disparities in education, criminal justice, health, fatherhood, mentorship, and violence, and investigate potential civil rights violations affecting Black males.

### S.2355 - End Racial Profiling Act<sup>6</sup>

### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

#### REFERRED TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY - JULY 31, 2019 WITH 26 CO-SPONSORS

S.2355 aims to prohibit racial profiling by a federal, state, local, or tribal law enforcement agency or agent. It would require maintaining policies and procedures, including training on racial profiling issues, the collection of data, and procedures for handling complaints. It would empower the Department of Justice (DOJ) or an individual injured by racial profiling to bring a civil action to enforce the prohibition. DOJ could withhold or reduce grant funds from a state or unit of local government that fails to comply.

### **S.3721 -** COVID-19 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Task Force Act of 2020<sup>7</sup>

#### CAIR-CA SUPPORTED

### REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS - MAY 13, 2020 WITH 20 CO-SPONSORS

S.3721 would create a COVID-19 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Task Force to collect data on disproportionately affected communities and to provide recommendations to allocate resources to marginalized communities to effectively reduce ethnic and racial disparities in the COVID-19 response and how to respond to future health crises. It would also provide oversight recommendations to federal agencies on how to disperse these funds. At the end of the pandemic, the task force would establish a permanent Infectious Disease Racial Disparities Task Force.

# SENATE SCORECARD

### S.3744 - Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2020<sup>8</sup>

### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

#### SIGNED BY PRESIDENT - JUNE 17, 2020

S. 3744 sanctions Chinese government officials and entities responsible for forcing millions of Muslim minorities, predominantly from the Uyghur community, into labor camps or "re-education" camps in the Xinjiang Province of China. The bill condemns the Chinese Communist Party for the camps and "recommends a tougher response to the human rights abuses suffered by Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs and other Muslim minorities in the region."

### S.Amdt.1583 to H.R.6172 – Wyden Amendment to USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020<sup>9</sup>

**CAIR-CA SUPPORTED** 

#### YEA 59, NAY 37- DID NOT PASS - MAY 13, 2020 (NEEDED 60 VOTES)

The Wyden Amendment to the USA FREEDOM Act would have prohibited warrantless surveillance and collection of website browsing information and search history for the purpose of accessing business records for investigations relating to foreign intelligence and international terrorism. It lost by one vote.

# S.Amdt. 1788 to S.Amdt. 2301 to S. 4049 - Sanders Amendment to National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021<sup>10</sup>

#### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

#### YEA 23, NAY 77 - DID NOT PASS - JULY 22, 2020 (NEEDED 60 VOTES)

This amendment sponsored by Senator Bernie Sanders (VT) would have reduced the Pentagon budget by 10 percent and reallocate the funds for jobs, education, health care, and housing in communities in the United States in which the poverty rate is more than 25 percent.

# SENATE SCORECARD

MEMBER	STATUS	l.S	S.1123	S.1306	S.2355	S.3721	S.3744	S.3912	S.Amdt.1583 to H.R.6172	S.Amdt. 1788 to S.Amdt. 2301 to S. 4049	S.2163
Dianne Feinstein (D)	Ν	Ν	С	С	С	С	C / Y	С	Ν	Ν	Υ
Kamala Harris (D)	RAO	Ν	С	С	С	S	C/Y	С	Υ	Ν	C/Y

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### HR 4 - John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of 2020<sup>12</sup>

### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

#### PASSED IN THE HOUSE - DECEMBER 6, 2019 REFERRED TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

HR 4 would amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to strengthen the criteria for determining violations. It would create a new formula to find repeated voting rights violations in the previous 25 years, establish a process to review changes in voting measures used to discriminate voters of color, allow federal courts authority if violations occur, increase transparency of voting changes, allow the attorney general to request the presence of federal observers, and revise the preliminary injunction standard to recognize cases in need of immediate preliminary relief.

### HR 6 - American Dream and Promise Act of 2019<sup>13</sup>

### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

#### PASSED IN THE HOUSE - JUNE 4, 2019 PLACED ON THE SENATE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

HR 6 combines two immigration bills from years past: The Dream Act and the American Promise Act. It would ensure that the 800,000 children who were brought to the US as children, commonly known as Dreamers, could become permanent residents and ultimately citizens. It would protect them from the Trump administration's repeated attempts to end Delayed Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), the Obama-era program that provided temporary deferred action from deportation.

Additionally, this bill would provide a way for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) holders and their family members to become permanent legal residents, allowing them to eventually obtain citizenship once they have lived in the U.S. for three years and if they have not

### HR 2214 - NO BAN Act<sup>14</sup>

### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

#### PASSED IN THE HOUSE - JULY 22, 2020 AWAITING SENATE ACTION

The NO BAN Act would repeal each iteration of the Muslim and African Bans, Refugee Ban, and Asylum Ban, would limit the President's authority to suspend and restrict those entering the US, and would prohibit religious discrimination in immigration-related decisions.

### HR 2474 - Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2019<sup>15</sup>

### CAIR-CA SUPPORTED

#### PASSED IN THE HOUSE - FEBRUARY 6, 2020 REFERRED TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

HR 2474 would amend labor laws by extending protections to union workers. It includes prohibitions against discrimination or replacement of workers who take part in strikes and would prevent the practice of forced meetings to discourage union membership, allow for workers to take part in a class action lawsuit, expand penalties for labor law violations, and allow civil action lawsuits for harm caused by unfair labor practices or violations to labor law.

### HR 6800 - HEROES Act<sup>16</sup>

### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

#### PASSED IN THE HOUSE - MAY 15, 2020 REFERRED TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The HEROES Act would provide emergency supplemental appropriations to federal agencies, financial and other assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, a one-time stimulus payment of \$1,200 to qualifying individuals, expand paid sick days, family and medical leave, unemployment compensation, nutrition and food assistance programs, housing assistance, and payments to farmers, expand Paycheck Protection Program, award grants for employers to provide premium pay for essential workers, expand tax credits and deductions, increase funding for COVID-19 testing and treatments, expand moratorium on certain evictions and foreclosures, and expand a wide range of other programs.

### HR 7120 - George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020<sup>17</sup>

#### CAIR-CA SUPPORTED

#### PASSED IN THE HOUSE - JUNE 25, 2020 PLACED ON SENATE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

HR 7120 would address police practices and increases accountability for misconduct, enhance transparency and data collection, and aims to eliminate discriminatory policing practices. The bill would lower the criminal intent standard for an officer's misconduct from "willful" to "knowing" or "reckless", limit qualified immunity, and authorize the Department of Justice to issue subpoenas in investigations or police departments to determine a pattern or practice of discrimination. It would create a National Police Misconduct Registry to compile complaints and records of police misconduct. This bill would establish requirements for law enforcement officers and agencies to report data on use-of-force incidents, obtain training on implicit bias and racial profiling, and to wear body cameras.

### H.J.Res 37 - Directing the Removal of US Armed Forces from Yemen<sup>18</sup>

#### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

#### PASSED IN THE HOUSE - FEBRUARY 13, 2019 REFERRED TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

H.J.Res 37 is a joint resolution which would direct the President to withdraw US Armed Forces from Yemen in 30 days unless Congress authorizes a later date for withdrawal, declares war, or gives specific authorization for the use of Armed Forces. The resolution also would prohibit assisting non-US aircrafts conducting missions as part of the Yemen conflict. The resolution would not affect any military operations aimed at Al Qaeda.

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MEMBER	STATUS	HR 4	HR 6	HR 2214	HR 2474	HR 6800	HR 7120	H.J.Res. 37	S 2163	S 3744
Pete Aguilar (D-31)	ISR	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	C/Y	Υ	C / Y	Υ	Y	Υ
Nanette Diaz Barragán (D-44)	ISR	C / Y	C/Y	C/Y	C/Y	Υ	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Karen Bass (D-37)	ISR	C/NVR	C/Y	C/Y	C/Y	Υ	<b>S / Y</b>	C / Y	Υ	Υ
Ami Bera (D-7)	ISR	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	Υ	C/Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Julia Brownley (D-26)	ISR	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	С/Ү	Υ	Υ	Υ
Ken Calvert (R-42)	ISR	N	Ν	Υ	N	Ν	N	N	Υ	Υ
Salud Carbajal (D-24)	ISR	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	С/Ү	С/Ү	Υ	Υ
Tony Cárdenas (D-29)	ISR	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	C/Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Judy Chu (D-27)	ISR	С/Ү	C / Y	S / Y	C/Y	Υ	C/Y	C/Y	Υ	Υ
Gil Cisneros (D-39)	ISR	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	С/Ү	С/Ү	Y	Υ
Paul Cook (R-8)	RAO	N	Ν	NVR	N	N	Ν	N	Υ	Υ
J. Luis Correa (D-46)	ISR	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	Υ	С/Ү	Υ	Y	Υ
Jim Costa (D-16)	ISR	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	Υ	С/Ү	С/Ү	Υ	Υ
TJ Cox (D-21)	ISR	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	C/Y	C/Y	Υ	Υ
Susan Davis (D-53)	NER	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	С/Ү	Υ	Υ	Υ
Mark DeSaulnier (D-11)	ISR	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	NVR	C/Y	Y	Υ	Υ
Anna Eshoo (D-18)	ISR	C/Y	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	C/Y	C / Y	Υ	Υ
John Garamendi (D-3)	ISR	C/Y	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	C/Y	С/Ү	Υ	Υ
Mike Garcia (R-25)	ISR	N/A	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	N	N/A	Υ	Υ

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Jimmy Gomez (D-34)	ISR	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	Υ
Josh Harder (D-10)	ISR	Υ	C/Y	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Katie Hill (D-25)	NER	C/NVR	C / Y	N/A	C/NVR	N/A	N/A	Υ	N/A	N/A
Jared Huffman (D-2)	ISR	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	С/Ү	Υ	C/Y	C/Y	Υ	Y
Duncan Hunter (R-50)	NER	NVR	Ν	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	N/A	N/A
Ro Khanna (D-17)	ISR	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	C / Y	S / Y	Υ	Υ
Douglas LaMalfa (R-1)	ISR	N	Ν	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	Y
Barbara Lee (D-13)	ISR	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	C / Y	С/Ү	Υ	Υ
Mike Levin (D-49)	ISR	С/Ү	C / Y	C/Y	C/Y	Υ	C / Y	С/Ү	Υ	Υ
Ted Lieu (D-33)	ISR	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	NVR	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	Υ
Zoe Lofgren (D-19)	ISR	С/Ү	C / Y	C/Y	С/Ү	C/NVR	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Alan Lowenthal (D-47)	ISR	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	Υ
Doris Matsui (D-6)	ISR	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Kevin McCarthy (R-23)	ISR	N	Ν	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	Υ
Tom McClintock (R-4)	ISR	N	Ν	N	N	N	N	N	NVR	Υ
Jerry McNerney (D-9)	ISR	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	Y	C / Y	Y	Y	Y
Grace Napolitano (D-32)	ISR	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	NVR	C / Y	С/Ү	Υ	Υ
Devin Nunes (R-22)	ISR	N	Ν	N	N	Ν	N	N	Υ	Y
Jimmy Panetta (D-20)	ISR	C/Y	C/Y	C / Y	C/Y	γ	C / Y	C/Y	Υ	Υ

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Scott Peters (D-52)	ISR	C / Y	С/Ү	C / Y	Y	Υ	C/Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Katie Porter (D-45)	ISR	C/NVR	Υ	C/Y	C/Y	Υ	C/Y	С/Ү	Υ	Υ
Harley Rouda (D-48)	ISR	C / Y	С/Ү	C / Y	Υ	Υ	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-40)	ISR	C/Y	S / Y	C / Y	C / Y	NVR	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Raul Ruiz (D-36)	ISR	C / Y	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Linda Sánchez (D-38)	ISR	C / Y	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	C / Y	C/Y	Y	Υ
Adam Schiff (D-28)	ISR	C / Y	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	C / Y	С/Ү	Υ	Υ
Brad Sherman (D-30)	ISR	C / Y	C/NVR	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
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Mark Takano (D-41)	ISR	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Mike Thompson (D-5)	ISR	C / Y	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Norma Torres (D-35)	ISR	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	C / Y	Y	Y	Υ
Juan Vargas (D-51)	ISR	C / Y	С/Ү	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	C / Y	Y	Y	Υ
Maxine Waters (D-43)	ISR	C / Y	C/Y	C / Y	C / Y	C/Y	C / Y	C / Y	Υ	Υ

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# CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE<sup>21</sup>

### AB 32 - Ending the Use of Private Prisons<sup>22</sup>

### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

#### SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - OCTOBER 11, 2019

AB 32 prohibits the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from contracting or renewing contracts with private, for-profit prisons to incarcerate inmates in California, and prohibits operation of private detention facilities, with exceptions.

### AB 392 - California Act to Save Lives<sup>23</sup>

#### CAIR-CA SUPPORTED; 2019 MUSLIM DAY AT THE CAPITOL (MDAC) BILL

#### SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - AUGUST 19, 2019

AB 392 redefines the conditions under which a homicide by a law enforcement officer is deemed justifiable. These conditions include when the killing is in self-defense or in defense of another, consistent with the existing legal standard for self-defense, or when the killing is necessary to prevent the escape of a fleeing felon whose immediate apprehension is necessary to prevent death or serious injury.

### AB 1215 - The Body Camera Accountability Act<sup>24</sup>

### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

#### SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - OCTOBER 8, 2019

AB 1215 prohibits California law enforcement agencies from using facial recognition or other biometrics with body cameras. Without this bill, police body-worn cameras could be transformed into face and biometric surveillance devices that would particularly negatively affect targeted and marginalized communities.

# CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE

### AB 1276 - Local Redistricting<sup>25</sup>

### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

#### SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

AB 1276 would fix some of the technical errors and missed amendments in AB 849 (detailed above) and addresses the redistricting timeline for local jurisdictions.

### AB 2542 - Racial Justice Act<sup>26</sup>

### CAIR-CA SUPPORTED

#### SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

AB 2542 would establish the California Racial Justice Act that would prohibit the state from seeking or obtaining a criminal conviction, or from imposing a sentence, based upon race, ethnicity or national origin. The act would make it possible for a person charged or convicted of a crime to challenge racial bias in their case, as shown through evidence of: 1) Explicit racial bias by an attorney, judge, law enforcement officer, expert witness, or juror involved in the case. 2) Use of racially discriminatory language in court and during the criminal proceedings, whether or not intentional. 3) Racial bias in jury selection, such as removing all or nearly all people of color from the jury. 4) Evidence that people of one race are disproportionately charged or convicted of a specific crime or enhancement. 5) Evidence that people of one race race is ever sentences, including the death penalty or life without parole.

### AB 3133 - Refugee Resettlement <sup>27</sup>

### CAIR-CA SUPPORTED; 2020 MDAC BILL

#### SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

AB 3133 would protect refugees from being denied resettlement anywhere in the state of California by prohibiting a refugee from being denied resettlement based on specified protected characteristics, such as one's race, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

# CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE

### AB 3228 - Private Detention Facilities<sup>28</sup>

### **CAIR-CA SUPPORTED**

#### SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

AB 3228 would ensure that all detention facility operators in the state of California adhere to the detention standards agreed upon in the contract for the facility. The bill would provide for a cause of action in state court for any violations of the agreed upon standards. It would also ensure that detention facilities abide by and uphold basic human rights and standards in the treatment of civil detainees and establish a working group to monitor and improve detention conditions.

### ACA 5 - Opportunity for All<sup>29</sup>

#### CAIR-CA SUPPORTED; 2020 MDAC BILL

#### FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE ON JUNE 25, 2020 LISTED ON THE NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT AS PROPOSITION 16

ACA 5 enabled Proposition 16 to be put on the November 2020 ballot to repeal Proposition 209 (1996), which has negatively affected Californians by prohibiting the consideration of race and sex in public education, contracting, and employment. If passed by voters, Proposition 16 would create equal opportunities for all Californians and fight discrimination against women and people of color by restoring affirmative action.

### ACA 6 - Free the Vote<sup>30</sup>

#### CAIR-CA SUPPORTED, 2019 AND 2020 MDAC BILL

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ACA 6 enabled Proposition 17 to be put on the November 2020 ballot. If passed by voters, Proposition 17 would allow a citizen who was disqualified from voting while serving a state or federal prison term to have their right to vote restored once their prison term is completed.

# CA SENATE SCORECARD

MEMBER	STATUS	AB 32	AB 392	AB 1215	AB 1276	AB 2542	AB 3133	AB 3228	ACA 5	ACA 6
Benjamin Allen (D-26)	N	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y
Bob Archuleta (D-32)	N	Υ	Y	N	Υ	Υ	C/Y	Y	Y	γ
Toni Atkins (D-39)	ISR	Y	LA/Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ
Patricia Bates (R-36)	N	N	NVR	N	N	Ν	NVR	N	N	N
Jim Beall (D-15)	NER	Υ	Υ	NVR	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	γ	Υ
Andreas Borgeas (R-8)	N	Υ	NVR	N	N	Ν	Υ	N	N	Ν
Steven Bradford (D-35)	N	Υ	PC/Y	Υ	Υ	PC/Y	Υ	Υ	С/Ү	Υ
Anna Caballero (D-12)	N	Υ	Υ	Ν	Y	NVR	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ
Ling Ling Chang (R-29)	ISR	Y	Υ	Ν	N	Ν	Υ	NVR	Ν	Ν
Brian Dahle (R-1)	ISR	N	Υ	Ν	N	Ν	NVR	Ν	Ν	Ν
Bill Dodd (D-3)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Maria Elena Durazo (D-24)	Ν	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	С/Ү	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Cathleen Galgiani (D-5)	NER	Y	Υ	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Steve Glazer (D-7)	ISR	Y	Υ	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ	NVR	Υ	NVR
Lena Gonzalez (D-33)	ISR	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	PC/Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y
Shannon Grove (R-16)	Ν	N	Υ	Ν	N	Ν	NVR	Ν	N	Ν
Robert Hertzberg (D-18)	Ν	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y
Jerry Hill (D-13)	NER	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y
Ben Hueso (D-40)	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	C / Y	Υ

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Melissa Hurtado (D-14)	Ν	NVR	Υ	N	Υ	NVR	Υ	Υ	Υ	NVR
Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-19)	NER	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NVR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Brian Jones (R-38)	Ν	Ν	N	Υ	N	NVR	Υ	N	Ν	N
Connie Leyva (D-20)	N	γ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ
Mike McGuire (D-2)	N	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Melissa Melendez (R-28)	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	Ν	Υ	N	N	N
Holly Mitchell (D-30)	N	Υ	PC/Y	Υ	Y	PC/Y	Υ	Υ	С/Ү	Υ
Bill Monning (D-17)	NER	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
John Moorlach (R-37)	ISR	N	Υ	N	N	Ν	NVR	N	N	NVR
Mike Morrell (R-23)	NER	N	N	N	N	Ν	NVR	N	N	N
James Nielsen (R-4)	N	Υ	NVR	Ν	N	Ν	NVR	N	N	N
Richard Pan (D-6)	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Anthony Portantino (D-25)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Richard Roth (D-31)	ISR	Υ	Υ	NVR	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Susan Rubio (D-22)	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Nancy Skinner (D-9)	ISR	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ
Henry Stern (D-27)	ISR	Υ	Υ	NVR	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ
Jeff Stone (R-28)	NER	Υ	N	Ν	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tom Umberg (D-34)	N	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ

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Bob Wieckowski (D-10)	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Scott Wiener (D-11)	ISR	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	C/Y	C / Y	Υ	Υ	PC/Y
Scott Wilk (R-21)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	NVR	Υ	Υ

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Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-4)	ISR	Υ	Y	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	LA/Y	Υ
Joaquin Arambula (D-31)	ISR	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ
Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-16)	ISR	γ	Υ	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ
Marc Berman (D-24)	ISR	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	C/Y	Υ
Frank Bigelow (R-5)	ISR	Ν	N	Ν	NVR	Ν	N	N	Υ	N
Richard Bloom (D-50)	ISR	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ
Tasha Boerner Horvath (D-76)	ISR	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	NVR	Υ	Υ
Rob Bonta (D-18)	ISR	γ	LA/Y	LA/Y	Υ	Υ	LA/Y	C/Y	γ	LA/Y
William Brough (R-73)	N	N	Ν	N	Υ	Ν	N	Ν	Υ	N
Autumn Burke (D-62)	ISR	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ
lan Calderon (D-57)	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ
Wendy Carrillo (D-51)	ISR	γ	LA/Y	Υ	PC/Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Sabrina Cervantes (D-60)	ISR	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	NVR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Ed Chau (D-49)	ISR	NVR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Phillip Chen (D-55)	ISR	N	NVR	Υ	Υ	Ν	NVR	N	γ	NVR
David Chiu (D-17)	ISR	Υ	Y	LA/Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Y
Steven Choi (R-68)	ISR	Ν	N	N	Y	Ν	N	NVR	NVR	N
Kansen Chu (D-25)	RAO	NVR	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	γ	C / Y	Υ	Υ
Ken Cooley (D-8)	ISR	Υ	NVR	Υ	NVR	Υ	Y	NVR	Υ	Y

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Jim Cooper (D-9)	ISR	C / Y	NVR	NVR	Υ	NVR	Υ	NVR	Υ	Υ
Jordan Cunningham (R-35)	ISR	NVR	N	Υ	Υ	NVR	N	N	Υ	N
Megan Dahle (R-1)	ISR	Ν	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	N	Υ	N
Tom Daly (D-69)	ISR	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	NVR
Tyler Diep (R-72)	NER	N	NVR	NVR	Υ	Υ	NVR	N	Υ	NVR
Susan Talamantes Eggman (D-13)	RAO	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	NVR	NVR	Υ	NVR
Heath Flora (R-12)	ISR	NVR	Ν	N	NVR	N	Ν	Ν	Υ	N
Vince Fong (R-34)	ISR	N	Ν	N	Υ	N	N	Ν	NVR	N
Jim Frazier (D-11)	ISR	Υ	Ν	Υ	Υ	N	NVR	NVR	Υ	NVR
Laura Friedman (D-43)	ISR	Υ	Υ	C / Y	Υ	Υ	γ	С/Ү	Υ	Υ
Jesse Gabriel (D-45)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	NVR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
James Gallagher (R-3)	ISR	N	N	N	Υ	NVR	N	N	Υ	N
Cristina Garcia (D-58)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Eduardo Garcia (D-56)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	NVR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Mike Gipson (D-64)	ISR	LA/Y	LA/Y	С/Ү	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Todd Gloria (D-78)	RAO	Υ	Υ	LA/Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Lorena Gonzalez (D-80)	ISR	LA/Y	LA/Y	LA/Y	C / Y	Υ	γ	C / Y	C / Y	Υ
Adam Gray (D-21)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Timothy Grayson (D-14)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ

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Chris Holden (D-41)	ISR	C / Y	Υ	Υ	PC/Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Jacqui Irwin (D-44)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	NVR	Y	Υ
Reginald Jones-Sawyer (D-59)	ISR	C/Y	Υ	Υ	C/Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Ash Kalra (D-27)	ISR	Υ	LA/Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	LA/Y	Υ	Υ
Sydney Kamlager (D-54)	ISR	C / Y	LA/Y	LA/Y	Υ	Υ	Y	LA/Y	Υ	Υ
Kevin Kiley (R-6)	ISR	Ν	N	N	NVR	Ν	N	N	Υ	N
Tom Lackey (R-36)	ISR	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Ν	N	Ν	Υ	N
Marc Levine (D-10)	ISR	Υ	Y	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Y	С/Ү	Υ	Υ
Monique Limón (D-37)	RAO	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Evan Low (D-28)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Brian Maienschein (D-77)	ISR	Υ	Υ	γ	Υ	NVR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Devon Mathis (R-26)	ISR	N	N	N	NVR	N	N	N	Υ	N
Chad Mayes (I-42)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NVR	NVR	Ν	Υ	NVR
Kevin McCarty (D-7)	ISR	C / Y	LA/Y	C / Y	LA/Y	Υ	Υ	PC/Y	Υ	NVR
Jose Medina (D-61)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	C/Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Melissa Melendez (R-67)	N	N/A	N	Υ	NVR	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kevin Mullin (D-22)	ISR	Υ	LA/Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ
Albert Muratsuchi (D-66)	ISR	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	NVR	Y	NVR	NVR	Y
Adrin Nazarian (D-46)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ

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Patrick O'Donnell (D-70)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Jim Patterson (R-23)	ISR	Ν	Ν	NVR	NVR	N	Ν	Ν	NVR	Ν
Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-74)	ISR	Υ	N	Y	Υ	N	Υ	NVR	Υ	Υ
Bill Quirk (D-20)	ISR	NVR	Υ	C / Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NVR	Υ
Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-65)	ISR	Υ	γ	γ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
James Ramos (D-40)	ISR	Υ	NVR	Ν	NVR	N	Υ	NVR	Υ	Υ
Anthony Rendon (D-63)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	LA/Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ
Eloise Reyes (D-47)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	LA/Y	Υ
Luz Rivas (D-39)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Robert Rivas (D-30)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	LA/Y	Υ	Υ
Freddie Rodriguez (D-52)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	NVR	Υ	NVR	С/Ү	Υ
Blanca Rubio (D-48)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NVR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Rudy Salas (D-32)	ISR	Υ	NVR	N	Υ	N	Υ	NVR	Υ	Υ
Miguel Santiago (D-53)	ISR	LA/Y	Υ	LA/Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	LA/Y	Υ	Υ
Christy Smith (D-38)	RAO	Υ	N	Υ	Y	N	Υ	NVR	Υ	Υ
Mark Stone (D-29)	ISR	C / Y	LA/Y	C / Y	C / Y	Y	Υ	C / Y	Υ	Υ
Philip Ting (D-19)	ISR	Υ	Y	Y	Y	LA/Y	Υ	C / Y	Υ	Υ
Randy Voepel (R-71)	ISR	N	γ	Υ	NVR	NVR	NVR	NVR	Υ	NVR

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Marie Waldron (R-75)	ISR	Ν	N	Υ	NVR	Ν	N	N	Υ	Υ
Shirley Weber (D-79)	ISR	LA/Y	LA/Y	Υ	LA/Y	Υ	Υ	C / Y	Υ	Υ
Buffy Wicks (D-15)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NVR	Y	Y	NVR
Jim Wood (D-2)	ISR	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ

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# PROPOSITION GUIDE<sup>31</sup>

### Summary of Propositions and Recommendations

Proposition 14	NEUTRAL	Proposition 20	NO
Proposition 15	YES	Proposition 21	YES
Proposition 16	YES	Proposition 22	NO
Proposition 17	YES	Proposition 23	NEUTRAL
Proposition 18	YES	Proposition 24	NO
Proposition 19	YES	Proposition 25	NEUTRAL

### **Definitions:**

### Bonds on the Ballot in California<sup>32</sup>

In California, the state sells general obligation bonds to investors, who are in effect providing funds to the state, and the state will repay the investors with interest over a period of time. The state repays bondholders through revenue from the General Fund. The California Constitution requires that general obligation bond issues of \$300,000 or more be referred to voters for approval or rejection.

### Legislatively Referred State Statute<sup>33</sup>

A legislatively referred state statute is a specific item of legislation considered by the state legislature which appears on a state's ballot as a ballot measure because the state legislature voted to put it before the voters to decide on.

### The Ballot Initiative Process<sup>34</sup>

In California, citizens are able to introduce legislation through a ballot initiative or repeal legislation through a veto referendum.

There are four steps required to place an initiative or referendum on the ballot.

- Step 1: Requires proponents of an initiative to file their proposal with the attorney general's office. The attorney general's office prepares the language to be used on petitions for the initiative.
- Step 2: After the language is prepared, the initiative receives a title and summary and then proponents can begin collecting signatures. The secretary of state assigns a signature filing deadline to the initiative.
- Step 3: Requires proponents to report to the secretary of state's office that at least 25 percent of the required signatures have been collected for the initiative.
- Step 4: Requires the proponents to submit the signatures for a ballot initiative or referendum. Failing to complete the four steps will prevent a ballot initiative or referendum from being included in the upcoming election.

### Initiative State Statute<sup>35</sup>

An initiative statute, also known as an initiated state statute, is a new law that a state adopts via the ballot initiative process. The most common form of initiative statute is when groups collect signatures to qualify for the ballot. For an initiative statute, a minimum of 623,212 signatures must be collected in order for the measure to be placed on the ballot for a vote.

#### Initiative Constitutional Amendment<sup>36</sup>

An initiative constitutional amendment is a change to the state's constitution which occurs through the initiative process. In order for an initiated constitutional amendment to qualify to be placed on the ballot, its proponents must gather 997,139 signatures.

### **PROPOSITION 14**

### AUTHORIZES BONDS CONTINUING STEM CELL RESEARCH. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

#### CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION: NEUTRAL

### SUMMARY

Proposition 14 authorizes \$5.5 billion in general obligation bonds for the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine to fund medical and stem cell research, training, construction of research facilities, and administrative costs. These grants would go to educational, non-profit, and private groups specifically for stem cell and medical research, medical training, development of stem cell therapy, and construction of research facilities. There would be General Fund appropriations to pay for the bond debt service.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A "YES" vote would mean supporting the authorization of \$5.5 billion in general obligation bonds for the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine to fund medical and stem cell research, training, construction of research facilities, and administrative costs.

A "NO" vote would mean opposing the authorization of \$5.5 billion in general obligation bonds for the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine to fund medical and stem cell research, training, construction of research facilities, and administrative costs.

### **PROPOSITION 15**

INCREASES FUNDING SOURCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES BY CHANGING TAX ASSESSMENT OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY. (INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT)

### CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION: YES

### SUMMARY

Proposition 15 would require that commercial and industrial property be taxed based on current market value instead of purchase price to increase funding for K-12 public schools, community colleges, and local governments. The increased tax would apply to commercial properties worth more than \$3 million and would create \$6.5 billion to \$11.5 billion in new funding. Exemptions are in place for residential properties, agricultural land, and owners of industrial and commercial properties with a combined value of \$3 million or less. It also exempts small businesses from personal property tax and for other businesses with a \$500,000 exemption.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A "YES" vote would mean supporting a change in property tax calculation for commercial properties worth over \$3 million to be based on current market value to generate funding for governments and schools.

A "NO" vote would mean opposing a change in property tax calculation.

### **PROPOSITION 16**

ALLOWS DIVERSITY AS A FACTOR IN PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, AND CONTRACTING DECISIONS. (LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT)

### CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION: YES

### SUMMARY

Also known as "Opportunity for All", Proposition 16 would allow for gender, race, ethnicity, color, or national origin to be considered as one of many factors in public employment, public contracting, and public education. Proposition 16 would repeal article I, section 31, of the California Constitution, which was added by Proposition 209 in 1996. In doing so, it would work to establish more equitable institutions and create fair opportunities for all Californians.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A "YES" vote would mean supporting this constitutional amendment by repealing Proposition 209 and allow for gender, race, ethnicity, color, or national origin to be considered as one of many factors in public employment, public contracting, and public education.

A "NO" vote would mean opposing this constitutional amendment and keep Proposition 209 which does not allow for gender, race, ethnicity, color, or national origin to be considered as one of many factors in public employment, public contracting, and public education.

### **PROPOSITION 17**

RESTORES RIGHT TO VOTE AFTER COMPLETION OF PRISON TERM. (LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT)

### **CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION: YES**

#### **SUMMARY**

Also known as "Voting Rights Restoration for Persons on Parole Amendment", Proposition 17 would restore the right to vote for eligible voters who have completed their prison term and are on state parole for a felony conviction. Nearly 50,000 Californians have been disqualified from voting while serving their term. <sup>37</sup>

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A "YES" vote would mean supporting the constitutional amendment to allow citizens on parole for felony convictions to vote.

A "NO" vote would mean opposing the constitutional amendment and continue to prohibit citizens on parole for felony convictions to vote.

### **PROPOSITION 18**

AMENDS CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT 17-YEAR-OLDS TO VOTE IN PRIMARY AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS IF THEY WILL TURN 18 BY THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION AND BE OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. (LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT)

### CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION: YES

### SUMMARY

Currently, a person must be a United States citizen and at least 18 years of age in order to vote. Proposition 18 would allow eligible 17-year-olds to vote in primary and special elections if they will turn 18 years old before the general election.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A "YES" vote would mean supporting the constitutional amendment to allow 17-year-old citizens to vote in primary and special elections if they will turn 18 years old before the general election.

A "NO" vote would mean opposing the constitutional amendment and continue to prohibit 17-year old citizens to vote in primary and special elections if they will turn 18 years old before the general election.

### **PROPOSITION 19**

# CHANGES CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX RULES. (LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT)

### **CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION: YES**

### SUMMARY

Proposition 19 would allow homeowners over 55 years old, severely disabled, or whose homes were destroyed by disaster or wildfire to be able to transfer the tax base value of their primary residence to another California replacement residence of any value. There are limits on tax benefits for certain transfers of real property between family members, though tax benefits are expanded for transfers of family farms. It closes loopholes used by out-ofstate investors. Additional revenues or savings obtained as a result of this ballot measure would be allocated to fire protection services and to reimburse counties for this tax-related change.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A "YES" vote would mean supporting the constitutional amendment to allow for property tax savings for homeowners who are over 55, severely disabled, or whose homes were destroyed by a disaster or wildfire when they move, or for inherited family farms or homes if used as a primary residence.

A "NO" vote would mean opposing the constitutional amendment and some homeowners who are over 55 or who meet certain qualifications will be eligible for property tax savings when they move. All inherited properties would continue to be eligible for property tax savings.

### **PROPOSITION 20**

RESTRICTS PAROLE FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES CURRENTLY CONSIDERED TO BE NON-VIOLENT. AUTHORIZES FELONY SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES CURRENTLY TREATED ONLY AS MISDEMEANORS. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

### **CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION: NO**

#### SUMMARY

Proposition 20 expands the list of offenses that disqualify an inmate from early parole, including non-violent offences. It allows for felony charges on specific theft and fraud crimes that are currently charged as misdemeanors. It requires people convicted of certain misdemeanors to submit DNA samples to be included in the state database.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A "YES" vote would mean supporting expanding the list of offenses disqualifying one from early parole, increasing some misdemeanor charges to be tried as felonies, and requiring collection of DNA samples for certain misdemeanors.

A "NO" vote would mean opposing expanding the list of offenses disqualifying one from early parole, increasing some misdemeanor charges to be tried as felonies or requiring collection of DNA samples for certain misdemeanors.

### **PROPOSITION 21**

# EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

### **CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION: YES**

### SUMMARY

Proposition 21 would allow the local governments to enact rent control on residential properties over 15 years old. Rent on these properties can increase up to 15% over three years at the start of a new tenancy. Individuals who own no more than two homes are exempt from this policy. This will not violate a landlord's right to fair financial return on their property.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A "YES" vote would mean supporting the ballot initiative to allow local governments to enact rent control on residential properties over 15 years old with up to 15% increases over three years in rent controlled properties at the start of new tenancy.

A "NO" vote would mean opposing the ballot initiative to allow local governments to enact rent control on residential properties over 15 years old with up to 15% increases over three years in rent controlled properties at the start of new tenancy.

### **PROPOSITION 22**

EXEMPTS APP-BASED TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY COMPANIES FROM PROVIDING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TO CERTAIN DRIVERS. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

### CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION: NO

### SUMMARY

Proposition 22 would classify app-based transportation drivers to be listed as "independent contractors" instead of as "employees" unless certain conditions are met. Independent contractors do not have various state legal protections that employees are entitled to (minimum wage, overtime, unemployment insurance and worker's compensation). Instead, independent contractors will be provided with other benefits, such as minimum earnings, vehicle insurance, healthcare subsidies dependent on the engaged driving time, and flexibility in work schedule. This ballot measure would restrict some local regulations and criminalize the impersonation of drivers.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A "YES" vote would mean supporting the ballot initiative to classify app-based transportation drivers as "independent contractors," eliminating the state legal protections and benefits, and replacing them with limited benefits. The bill can only be amended or repealed by a 7/8 vote of the legislature, and it prohibits localities from enacting more protective laws.

A "NO" vote would mean opposing the ballot initiative to classify app-based transportation drivers as "independent contractors," instead classifying them as "employees" with all the benefits and protections required by state law.\*

\*Language was changed 10/16/2020

### **PROPOSITION 23**

# ESTABLISHES STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR KIDNEY DIALYSIS CLINICS. REQUIRES ON-SITE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

### CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION: NEUTRAL

### SUMMARY

Proposition 23 would require dialysis clinics to have at least one licensed physician or nephrologist on-site when a patient is receiving treatment. Only if there is a shortage of qualified physicians would clinics be exempted from this rule. Furthermore, this proposition would mandate that clinics report all dialysis data to state and federal governments, and mandates that clinics receive state approval before closing their clinic or reducing services. Lastly, the proposition would not allow clinics to refuse providing patient care based on the source of payment. Opponents say that this would increase the cost of care and force many clinics to shut down due to the shortage of doctors.<sup>38</sup>

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A "YES" vote would mean supporting the ballot initiative to require that chronic dialysis clinics have an on-site doctor during all patient treatment hours.

A "NO" vote would mean opposing the ballot initiative to require that chronic dialysis clinics have an on-site doctor during all patient treatment hours.

### **PROPOSITION 24**

### AMENDS CONSUMER PRIVACY LAWS. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

### CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION: NO

### SUMMARY

Proposition 24 permits consumers to prevent businesses from sharing personal information of their customers, limit their use of sensitive personal information, and correct any inaccurate information. It would establish the California Privacy Protection Agency to enforce these laws.

Opponents say this proposition is misleading and instead creates privacy loopholes, reduces your rights, and forces consumers to pay for privacy by charging more to safeguard your personal information. It also restricts Californians from enforcing your privacy rights in court and shifts the burden to the consumer to notify every single website and app to protect their privacy. <sup>39</sup>

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A "YES" vote would mean supporting the ballot initiative to change existing consumer privacy data laws and establish a new state agency to oversee and enforce state consumer privacy laws.

A "NO" vote would mean opposing the ballot initiative to change existing consumer privacy data laws and establish a new state agency to oversee and enforce state consumer privacy laws.

### **PROPOSITION 25**

REFERENDUM ON LAW THAT REPLACED MONEY BAIL WITH SYSTEM BASED ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND FLIGHT RISK.

### CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION: NEUTRAL

#### SUMMARY

Proposition 25 asks voters to support or reject a 2018 state law (SB 10) that would replace the use of money bail with risk assessments that would determine the public safety and flight risk of an arrested individual. It also limits the detention of a person before trial for most misdemeanors.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A "YES" vote would mean supporting SB 10 which replaces a money bail system with risk assessments to determine the public safety and flight risk of an arrested individual.

A "NO" vote would mean repealing SB 10 and keep in place the use of cash bail for arrested individuals awaiting trials.

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