

# JUSTICE LA

## 2020 Los Angeles County Voter Guide



### YES on Measure J

If passed, Measure J will amend L.A. County's charter to permanently allocate at least 10% of existing locally-controlled revenues – anywhere from \$500 million to over \$1 billion once fully phased in – to be directed to community investments and alternatives to incarceration. This means more programs for our youth, mental health services, job-creations, and affordable housing.

#### A YES vote means...

##### Direct Community Investments:

- Increase funding for community based youth development programs & restorative justice programs
- Provide career trainings and jobs to low-income residents that support the implementation of the Alternatives to Incarceration WG recommendations
- Provide rental assistance & housing vouchers for at-risk individuals. . Those dollars will not be allowed to go to *or through* any law enforcement agencies.

#### A NO vote means...

The inflated budget (\$1.75 Billion) for law enforcement, and the legal system stays the same with more than 42% of taxpayer money going to funding law enforcement/the legal system.

Low-income/working class BIPOC will continue to have inadequate access to mental health and wellness care, job-trainings, accessible housing, etc.



### YES on Prop 17

Prop 17 will allow 50,000 Californians who have completed their prison term to participate in our democracy by restoring their right to vote.

#### A YES vote means...

A YES vote would change existing law so that anyone who is not in prison is allowed to vote and re-enfranchise over 50,000 Californians who had previously been denied the right to vote, allowing them an opportunity to participate in our democracy upon returning home from prison.

#### A NO vote means...

A NO vote would continue to deny voting rights to 50,000 people who have completed their prison sentence and would send the wrong message about their stake in the community.



## NO on Prop 25

If passed, Prop 25 would replace California’s cash bail system with pretrial risk assessments, which are racially biased algorithms that use information like age and arrest record to determine a defendant’s likelihood of missing their court date. These algorithms do not factor a person’s individual circumstance or the facts of the case. Prop 25 also expands funding to law enforcement agencies and the power of judges to incarcerate people without a conviction.



### A YES vote means...

A Yes on Prop 25 would replace the broken money bail system with an even worse system of racially biased algorithms and unchecked judicial discretion.

Low-income communities of color will suffer, while probation departments rake in hundreds of millions of dollars in funding.

Prop 25 is so subjective it allows judges to order pretrial incarceration with no meaningful constraints and no avenue for release, giving them a disproportionate amount of power, inevitably leading to more pre-trial incarceration.



### A NO vote means...

A “No” vote stops “risk assessment algorithms” built on racist criteria from becoming the bail system in California. Make no mistake, cash bail criminalizes poverty. It often forces those who can’t afford bail to plead guilty just so they can return home to keep their jobs and care for their loved ones.

Prop 25 is NOT the solution. It only replaces an unjust money bail system with an even more discriminatory system. Voting NO on Prop 25 will allow counties to implement more progressive pretrial systems and allow CA to pass more progressive pretrial legislation that does not rely on risk assessments, does not increase law enforcement budgets, and does not expand judicial discretion.



## NO on Prop 20

This ballot initiative would make specific types of theft and fraud crimes, including firearm theft, vehicle theft, and unlawful use of a credit card, chargeable as felonies, rather than misdemeanors. The ballot initiative would also establish two additional types of crimes in state code—serial crime and organized retail crime—and charge them as wobblers (crimes chargeable as misdemeanors or felonies. (via [ballotpedia](#) )



### A YES vote means...

A “yes” vote supports this initiative to add crimes to the list of violent felonies for which early parole is restricted; recategorize certain types of theft and fraud crimes as wobblers (chargeable as misdemeanors or felonies); and require DNA collection for certain misdemeanors.



### A NO vote means...

A “no” vote opposes this initiative to add crimes to the list of violent felonies for which early parole is restricted; recategorize certain types of theft and fraud crimes as wobblers (chargeable as misdemeanors or felonies); and require DNA collection for certain misdemeanors.



## YES on Prop 15

If passed, would close property tax loopholes benefiting wealthy corporations, would cut taxes for small businesses, and would protect homeowners and renters. Would increase property taxes on commercial properties worth more than \$3 million providing \$6.5 billion- \$11.5 billion in new funding to local governments and schools.

### A YES vote means...

A YES vote on this measure means: Property taxes on most commercial properties worth more than \$3 million would go up in order to provide new funding to local governments and schools.  
via: <https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/propositions/15/>

### A NO vote means...

A NO vote on this measure means: Property taxes on commercial properties would stay the same. Local governments and schools would not get new funding.  
via <https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/propositions/15/>



## YES on Prop 21

If passed, the measure would give local governments the power to implement tenant-friendly protections that limit annual rent increases, prevent displacement, and make living in California affordable for all.

Allows local governments to limit rent increases on buildings older than 15 years, protecting millions of renters while incentivizing the construction of new housing.

Slows rent increases across communities by limiting rent hikes on empty units. This will help keep housing costs down for all of us while reducing unjust evictions of seniors, veterans, and families.

### A YES vote means...

A "Yes" vote supports the implementation of rent control policies that limit how much rental prices can increase each year. Also supports protections against unjust evictions of veterans, the elderly, and families.

### A NO vote means...

A "No" vote would leave renters with their current housing rights and State law would maintain the current limits on rent control laws that cities and counties can apply.

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