

Indivisible Portola Valley “Vote with the League”

October 7, 2026

Who We Are

The League of Women Voters (LWV) is a nonpartisan, political organization dedicated to empowering everyone to participate fully in American democracy.

Our Mission

Empowering voters. Defending democracy.

Our Vision

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.

Our Values

We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.



Nonpartisan

The League is a **nonpartisan** organization. We do not support or oppose any political party or candidate for elected office.

The League takes stands on legislation and ballot measures. Our advocacy is focused on issues, not individuals, and is guided by League positions, research, and commitment to informed, active participation in democracy.

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Local Measures

Measure N: Town of Portola Valley - Town Charter and Property
Transfer Tax Measure

Vote: YES

Measure P: City of Menlo Park - Citizen Initiative to
Amend Municipal Code

Vote: NO



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Measure P: City of Menlo Park – Citizen Initiative to Amend Municipal Code

Vote NO

Measure P is commonly known as the “Downtown Parking Plazas Ordinance”.

The League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County is an official opponent and has signed ballot arguments.



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County Measures

Vote: YES on all four

Measure AA—San Mateo County Charter Amendment Measure

Affirmation of Rights

Measure J—San Mateo County Charter Amendment Measure

Extension to Call a Special Election or Appoint

Measure L—San Mateo County Charter Amendment Measure

Extreme Weather Events

Measure U—San Mateo County Charter Amendment Measure

Reapportionment of Supervisorial Districts



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Measure U—San Mateo County Charter Amendment Measure Reapportionment of Supervisorial Districts

Vote YES



Measure U will establish the Independent Redistricting Commission.

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Regional Measure

Regional Transit Measure

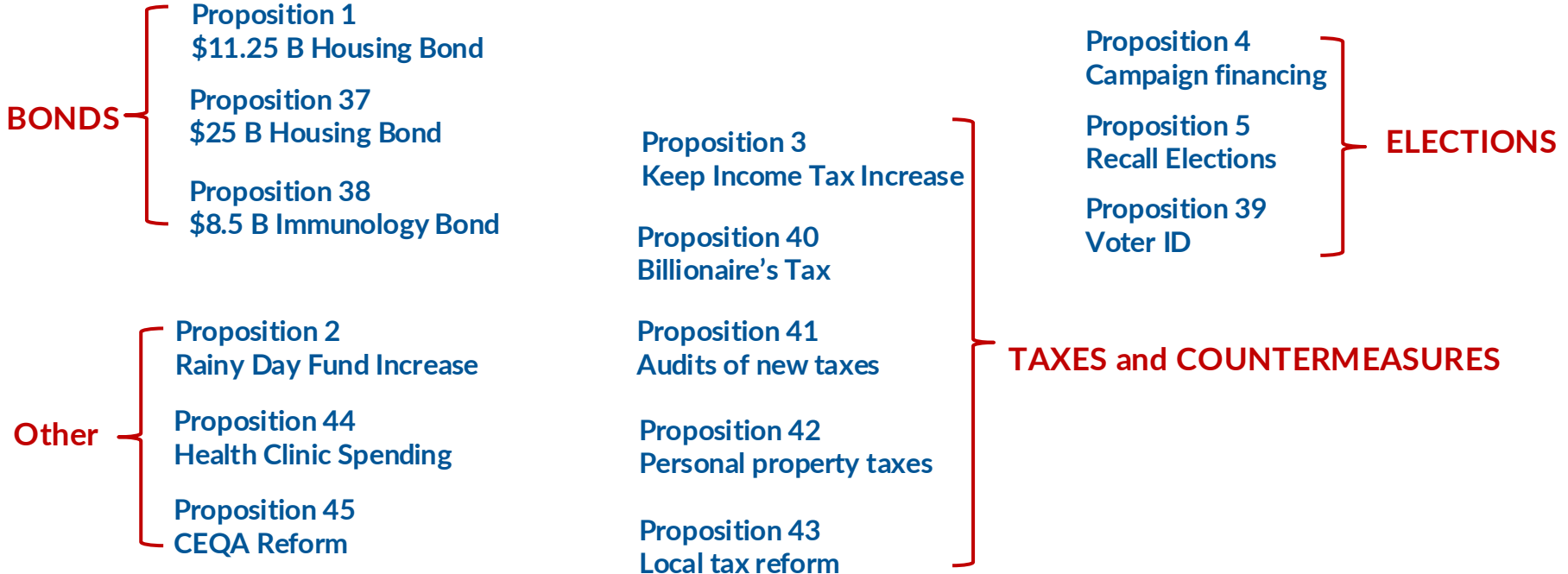
Vote: YES

This is a regional sales tax measure that would impose a sales tax in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties.

The Bay Area League is an official proponent.



November 2026 State Propositions



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Propositions 4, 5 & 39 appear to address different issues, yet are connected by an important thread. Fundamentally all three propositions are about who gets to participate in our democracy and whether our process invites participation or creates barriers.



PROP 4 - California Fair Elections Act (Vote YES)

Is about who has a meaning opportunity to run for office by allowing public financing

PROP 5 - Recall Election Reform (Vote YES)

Maintains current recall process, improves replacement process

PROP 39 - Prohibits Voting Without Government-Issued ID (Vote NO)

Adds costly barriers to voting with undefined requirements

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Proposition 4: California Fair Elections Act

Vote YES



Lifts California's near-total ban on public campaign financing and lets state and local governments create voluntary programs. Prop 4 creates no program and spends no money by itself. Public financing can amplify small donors, broaden who can run, and reduce dependence on wealthy donors, with safeguards on public funds and stronger penalties for illegal foreign money.

The LWVC is an official proponent and has signed ballot arguments.



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Proposition 5: Recall Election Reform for Statewide Officers

Vote YES



Prop 5 ends a system that can hand office to a replacement supported by only a small plurality. If a recall succeeds, the vacancy is filled under existing rules. For Governor, the Lieutenant Governor serves as Governor and, if the recall occurs early enough, voters elect a successor at the next statewide election.

The LWVC is an official proponent.



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Proposition 39: Prohibits Voting Without Government-Issued ID (Vote NO)



Prop 39 is a Trump-inspired partisan power grab built on false claims about California elections. It would require government-issued ID every time someone votes in person and make mail voters put the last four digits of a designated ID number on the ballot envelope. California already verifies voter identity. Prop 39 would add barriers to voting, expose sensitive information to identity theft, force rejections of valid ballots for clerical mismatches, rely on flawed citizenship data, and cost up to hundreds of millions yearly.

1 in 32 million in-person impersonation rate (Brennan Center of Justice). 1 in 8 ballot rejection rate, no right to cure (Texas 2022).

The LWVC is an official opponent and has signed ballot arguments.



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California Propositions

YES on 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

PROP 1 - Veterans & Affordable Housing Bonds

PROP 2 - Save for California's Future Act

PROP 3 - Children's Education & Health Care Protection

PROP 4 - California Fair Elections Act

PROP 5 - Recall Election Reform for Statewide Officers

NEUTRAL on 40

PROP 40 - Billionaire Tax



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California Propositions

NO on 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45

PROP 37 - Loan Program for Middle-Income Buyers of New Homes

PROP 38 - Bonds for Immunology Medical Research

PROP 39 - Prohibits Voting Without Government-Issued ID

PROP 41 - Limits New State Taxes & Requires Special Tax Audits

PROP 42 - Limits New State Taxes on Personal Property

PROP 43 - Two-Thirds Vote for Certain Local Taxes

PROP 44 - Safety-Net Clinic Spending Requirement

PROP 45 - Changes CEQA Review for Essential Projects



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PROP 40: LWV IS NEUTRAL

- LWV is neutral because although Prop 40 would tax extreme wealth to help meet urgent needs, its one-time structure conflicts with principles of sound public finance and risks long-term revenue loss.
- Pro: Prop 40 would impose a one-time tax of up to 5% on billionaire wealth, 90% of which would go to health care and 10% to education, food assistance, and administration. That could deliver tens of billions to the safety net lost due to cuts in federal assistance programs.
- Con: Prop 40 makes budget decisions at the ballot box, locking the proceeds into an earmarked fund. A one-time tax is only a stopgap for programs that need ongoing funding. The tax only targets about a few hundred people and raises the risk of taxpayer flight.

Thank You All for Coming!

**Meeting
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Do not forget to check out
the material on our
welcome table!