

# KNOW YOUR PROPS

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## Proposition 2

### Authorize \$10 billion in bonds for public schools and community college facilities



Proposition 2 would allocate \$1.5 billion to community colleges and \$8.5 billion to K-12 schools intended to improve facilities, construct new ones, and increase eligibility pool for financial hardship grants within “small and disadvantaged” school districts.

The proposition is backed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and the California Labor Federation. Meanwhile, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association has opposed the legislation, with detractors claiming that the repairs should be part of the state budget and not on taxpayers.

## Proposition 4

### Authorize \$10 billion in bonds for water, wildfire prevention and protection of land



Proposition 4 would authorize \$10 billion in bonds to establish environmental programs intended to combat the effects of climate change on the state. The proposition would allocate the funds toward wild fire, drought and flood mediation as well as towards improving water quality and preservation.

The proposition is supported by the California Democratic Party, the National Wildlife Federation and the California Professional Firefighters. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association has opposed the legislation — claiming that the prop would increase taxes — but no money has been raised in objection.

## Proposition 3

### Recognize the right to marry, regardless of sex or race



Proposition 3 would enshrine the right to same-sex marriage in the California Constitution by defining marriage as a fundamental right and removing language added into the state constitution by Proposition 8 — an initiative passed by voters in 2008 that defined recognized marriage in state as only being between a man and a woman, which was invalidated when the U.S. Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage in 2015.

Supporters of Prop. 3, including the California Democratic Party, say that the initiative removes discriminatory language in the state constitution and would protect marriage equality. Opponents of Prop. 3, including the California Family Council, say that the initiative eliminates legislative safeguards against child marriages, incest and polygamy.

## Proposition 5

### Approve bonds for affordable housing and public infrastructure with 55% voter approval



Proposition 5 would amend the California Constitution by reducing the threshold for the state to borrow money for affordable housing and several types of infrastructure projects from a two-thirds supermajority of 66.67% to 55%.

Supporters of Prop. 5, including the California Democratic Party and the California Labor Federation, say that the initiative would reduce burdens on city officials to fund local priorities. Opponents of Prop. 5, including the California Republican Party and the California Chamber of Commerce, say the move is fiscally irresponsible and that if Prop. 5 were passed, would enable reckless government spending and undercut safeguards approved by voters through Proposition 13 back in 1978.