

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION

DAVID TANGIPA, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

and

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Intervenor,

v.

**GAVIN NEWSOM, in his official
capacity as the Governor of California,
et al.,**

Defendants,

**DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, *et al.*,**

Defendant-Intervenors.

2:25-cv-10616-JLS-WLH-KKL
Three-Judge Court

**EXHIBITS TO DCCC'S OPPOSITION TO MOTIONS FOR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

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**DECLARATION OF LALITHA
D. MADDURI IN SUPPORT OF
DCCC'S RESPONSE IN
OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS'
AND THE UNITED STATES'S
MOTIONS FOR A
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

DECLARATION OF LALITHA D. MADDURI

I, Lalitha D. Madduri, declare and state as follows:

1. I am admitted to practice law in California. I am an attorney with Elias Law Group, and I am one of the attorneys representing Defendant-Intervenor DCCC. This declaration is submitted in support of DCCC's response in opposition to Plaintiffs' and Plaintiff-Intervenor's motions for a preliminary injunction. The matters stated below are true as of my own personal knowledge, except for those matters stated on information and belief, which I am informed of and believe to be true.

2. Attached as Exhibit 1 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of an article by Julia Manchester titled "Trump declares GOP Would never lose elections if Senate filibuster eliminated," published by The Hill on November 7, 2025, and available at <https://thehill.com/homenews/5595386-trump-republicans-filibuster-election/> (<https://perma.cc/44WK-SP7R>).

3. Attached as Exhibit 2 to this Declaration is a link to an advertisement distributed on the YouTube channel CRPTV on October 6, 2025, entitled "No to radical redistricting power grab!," and available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CI1_v0SrWbo (<https://perma.cc/34DB-XDU2>).

4. Attached as Exhibit 3 to this Declaration is a post by Attorney General Pamela Bondi (@AGPamBondi) on X (formerly Twitter), posted on November 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. ET, and available at <https://x.com/agpambondi/status/1989045790782763213?s=46> (<https://perma.cc/SEF7-HX83>).

5. Attached as Exhibit 4 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of an article by Giselle Ewing, titled "Trump on Texas Redistricting: 'We are Entitled to 5 More Seats,'" published by Politico on August 5, 2025, and available at <https://www.politico.com/news/2025/08/05/trump-texas-redistricting-00493624?utm>.

1 6. Attached as Exhibit 5 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of an
2 article by Owen Dahlkamp titled “Texas Republicans, including Gov. Abbott, were
3 reluctant to redraw the state’s congressional maps. Then Trump got involved.,” published
4 by The Texas Tribune on July 22, 2025, and available at
5 [https://www.texastribune.org/2025/07/22/texas-redistricting-abbott-republicans-](https://www.texastribune.org/2025/07/22/texas-redistricting-abbott-republicans-resistant-trump/?utm)
6 [resistant-trump/?utm](https://www.texastribune.org/2025/07/22/texas-redistricting-abbott-republicans-resistant-trump/?utm) (<https://perma.cc/L7FC-C55U>).

7 7. Attached as Exhibit 6 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of an
8 article titled “Texas Gov. Greg Abbott Signs Redistricting Bill Into Law, Meant to Give
9 the GOP Five New Seats in Congress,” published by CBS News on August 29, 2025,
10 and available at [https://www.cbsnews.com/texas/news/gov-greg-abbott-signs-](https://www.cbsnews.com/texas/news/gov-greg-abbott-signs-redistricting-bill-into-law/)
11 [redistricting-bill-into-law/](https://www.cbsnews.com/texas/news/gov-greg-abbott-signs-redistricting-bill-into-law/) (<https://perma.cc/HFX4-MKVK>).

12 8. Attached as Exhibit 7 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of an
13 article by Oren Oppenheim titled “Mid-Decade Redistricting and the Midterms: How
14 Redrawn Maps Impacts the Battle for the US House,” published by ABC News on
15 November 3, 2025, and available at [https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/mid-decade-](https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/mid-decade-redistricting-midterms-redrawn-maps-impacts-battle/story?id=126909158)
16 [redistricting-midterms-redrawn-maps-impacts-battle/story?id=126909158](https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/mid-decade-redistricting-midterms-redrawn-maps-impacts-battle/story?id=126909158)
17 (<https://perma.cc/WQX5-UJE8>).

18 9. Attached as Exhibit 8 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of an
19 article by Hannah Knowles titled “The Midterm Map Fight Favors the GOP – And Could
20 Help Them Stay in Power,” published by The Washington Post on August 13, 2025, and
21 available at [https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/08/13/states-redistricting-](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/08/13/states-redistricting-congress-texas/?utm)
22 [congress-texas/?utm](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/08/13/states-redistricting-congress-texas/?utm).

23 10. Attached as Exhibit 9 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of an
24 article by Sameea Kamal titled “California Redistricting: What to Know About the Final
25 Maps,” published by CapRadio on December 21, 2021, and available at
26 [https://www.capradio.org/articles/2021/12/21/california-redistricting-what-to-know-](https://www.capradio.org/articles/2021/12/21/california-redistricting-what-to-know-about-the-final-maps/?utm)
27 [about-the-final-maps/?utm](https://www.capradio.org/articles/2021/12/21/california-redistricting-what-to-know-about-the-final-maps/?utm) (<https://perma.cc/YG6R-7LZT>).

1 11. Attached as Exhibit 10 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a
2 letter from Gavin Newsom to Donald J. Trump, President of the United States dated Aug.
3 11, 2025, and available at [https://htv-prod-media.s3.amazonaws.com/files/newsom-](https://htv-prod-media.s3.amazonaws.com/files/newsom-trump-letter-689a0a50d88e9.pdf)
4 [trump-letter-689a0a50d88e9.pdf](https://htv-prod-media.s3.amazonaws.com/files/newsom-trump-letter-689a0a50d88e9.pdf).

5 12. Attached as Exhibit 11 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a
6 compilation of samples of the California Republican Party's public statements
7 concerning Proposition 50.

8 13. Attached as Exhibit 12 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a
9 compilation of samples of Assemblyman Tangipa's public statements concerning
10 Proposition 50.

11 14. Attached as Exhibit 13 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a
12 compilation of samples of individual Plaintiffs' public statements concerning Proposition
13 50.

14 15. Attached as Exhibit 14 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of an
15 article by Eric McGhee titled "How Many Seats Would Democrats Gain under
16 California's Mid-Decade Redistricting Plan?," published by the Public Policy Institute
17 of California on October 7, 2025, and available at [https://www.ppic.org/blog/how-many-](https://www.ppic.org/blog/how-many-seats-would-democrats-gain-under-californias-mid-decade-redistricting-plan/)
18 [seats-would-democrats-gain-under-californias-mid-decade-redistricting-plan/](https://www.ppic.org/blog/how-many-seats-would-democrats-gain-under-californias-mid-decade-redistricting-plan/).

19 16. Attached as Exhibit 15 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a
20 webpage titled "Yes on Prop 50: FAQ," promulgated by the California Democratic Party,
21 and available at <https://cadem.org/yes-on-proposition-50-faq/> ([https://perma.cc/L38J-](https://perma.cc/L38J-NX3B)
22 [NX3B](https://perma.cc/L38J-NX3B)).

23 17. Attached as Exhibit 16 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a
24 webpage titled "Prop. 50 Quick Reference Guide," promulgated by the California
25 Secretary of State, and available at [https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/quick-reference-](https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/quick-reference-guide/50.htm)
26 [guide/50.htm](https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/quick-reference-guide/50.htm) (<https://perma.cc/EMJ4-KV9B>).

1 18. Attached as Exhibit 17 to this Declaration is a link to an advertisement
2 distributed on the YouTube channel CPRTV on October 24, 2025, titled “Paint,” and
3 available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7M8SPGiGVy8>
4 (<https://perma.cc/4P8V-8RKB>).

5 19. Attached as Exhibit 18 to this Declaration is a link to an advertisement
6 distributed on the YouTube channel CPRTV on October 23, 2025, titled “Prop 50 stops
7 our recovery,” and available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glXvmS1hALo>
8 (<https://perma.cc/QKJ4-EA8G>).

9 20. Attached as Exhibit 19 to this Declaration is a link to an advertisement
10 distributed on the YouTube channel CPRTV on October 6, 2025, titled “They know they
11 can’t win fairly,” and available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FuMiFnADhrA>
12 (<https://perma.cc/J6V8-RG8E>).

13 21. Attached as Exhibit 20 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a
14 webpage titled “Say NO to Gavin Newsom’s Power Grab,” promulgated by No on Prop
15 50—Stop Sacramento’s Power Grab, and available at <https://stop50.org/>
16 (<https://perma.cc/4HWV-G33M>).

17 22. Attached as Exhibit 21 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a
18 webpage titled “A Threat to California’s Landmark Election Reform,” promulgated by
19 No on Prop. 50—Protect Voters First, and available at <https://noonprop50.org/>
20 (<https://perma.cc/XR22-8YLL>).

21 23. Attached as Exhibit 22 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a
22 webpage titled “Proposition 50 Congressional Redistricting,” promulgated by the
23 California Secretary of State, and available at [https://](https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov/returns/maps/ballot-measures/prop/50)
24 electionresults.sos.ca.gov/returns/maps/ballot-measures/prop/50
25 (<https://perma.cc/4JXW-RS59>).

26 24. Attached as Exhibit 23 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a
27 report by Raquel Centeno and Jarred Cuellar of Cal Poly Pomona and CalTech, titled
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1 “Latino Voters and the November 2025 Special Election: Redistricting and
2 Representation,” and available at [https://www.cpp.edu/class/political-](https://www.cpp.edu/class/political-science/docs/media/proposition-50.pdf)
3 [science/docs/media/proposition-50.pdf](https://www.cpp.edu/class/political-science/docs/media/proposition-50.pdf) (<https://perma.cc/ZG2A-7M55>).

4 25. Attached as Exhibit 24 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of an
5 article by Eric McGhee titled “How Would the Prop 50 Redistricting Plan Affect Racial
6 and Geographic Representation?,” published by the Public Policy Institute of California
7 on October 8, 2025, and available at [https://www.ppic.org/blog/how-would-the-prop-50-](https://www.ppic.org/blog/how-would-the-prop-50-redistricting-plan-affect-racial-and-geographic-representation/)
8 [redistricting-plan-affect-racial-and-geographic-representation/](https://www.ppic.org/blog/how-would-the-prop-50-redistricting-plan-affect-racial-and-geographic-representation/).

9 26. Attached as Exhibit 25 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of
10 statistics on the racial makeup of districts in the CRC’s 2021 map, available at
11 [https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/wp-](https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/64/2023/01/CD_Proposed_Final_Stats_1-1.pdf)
12 [content/uploads/sites/64/2023/01/CD_Proposed_Final_Stats_1-1.pdf](https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/64/2023/01/CD_Proposed_Final_Stats_1-1.pdf).

13 27. Attached as Exhibit 26 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of
14 statistics on the racial makeup of districts in the Prop 50 map, available at
15 <https://aelc.assembly.ca.gov/system/files/2025-08/ab604-compressed.pdf>.

16 28. Attached as Exhibit 27 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of an
17 article by David Lightman titled “Proposition 50 Wiped Out Rep. Calvert’s District. He’ll
18 Run Elsewhere,” published by The Sacramento Bee on November 5, 2025, and available
19 at available at [https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-](https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article312793642.html)
20 [alert/article312793642.html](https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article312793642.html) (<https://perma.cc/VK8H-N84L>).

21 29. Attached as Exhibit 28 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of an
22 article by Ramon Padilla and Ignacio Calderon titled “Proposed California District Maps
23 Could Flip Republican Seats,” published by The Desert Sun on November 4, 2025, and
24 available at [https://www.desertsun.com/live-](https://www.desertsun.com/live-story/news/nation/california/2025/11/04/california-election-day-2025-live-prop-50-redistricting-updates/86906084007/)
25 [story/news/nation/california/2025/11/04/california-election-day-2025-live-prop-50-](https://www.desertsun.com/live-story/news/nation/california/2025/11/04/california-election-day-2025-live-prop-50-redistricting-updates/86906084007/)
26 [redistricting-updates/86906084007/](https://www.desertsun.com/live-story/news/nation/california/2025/11/04/california-election-day-2025-live-prop-50-redistricting-updates/86906084007/) (<https://perma.cc/3VZ8-UDP5>).

30. Attached as Exhibit 29 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a supplemental expert reply report by Dr. Sean Trende, submitted in *League of United Latin American Citizens v. Abbott*, No. 21-0259 (W.D. Tex.), dated September 22, 2025.

31. Attached as Exhibit 30 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a portion of the rough transcript of a bench trial in *League of United Latin American Citizens v. Abbott*, No. 21-0259 (W.D. Tex.) before the Honorable David C. Guaderrama, the Honorable Jerry E. Smith, and the Honorable Jeffrey V. Brown on June 9, 2025, which includes testimony by Dr. Sean Trende.

32. Attached as Exhibit 31 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a report by Dr. Jonathan Rodden, Professor of Political Science at Stanford University.

33. Attached as Exhibit 32 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a report by Dr. Maxwell Palmer, Associate Professor of political Science at Boston University.

34. Attached as Exhibit 33 to this Declaration is a true and correct copy of a declaration by William Francis Van Nuys III, Deputy Executive Director of DCCC.

35. Attached as Exhibit 34 to this Declaration is a link to a press conference aired and distributed on Governor Newsom's YouTube channel, available at <https://www.youtube.com/live/yVBx55RXqyM?si=DXyzxjutiDUkFkAM> (<https://perma.cc/QGS9-GAD6>).

36. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 3rd day of December, 2025.

/s/ *Lalitha D. Madduri*

Lalitha D. Madduri

EXHIBIT 1

Donald Trump says GOP would 'never lose' an election if it eliminates filibuster

H thehill.com/homenews/5595386-trump-republicans-filibuster-election

Julia Manchester

November 7, 2025

President Trump declared to reporters Friday that Republicans would not lose a future election if the party's leadership in the Senate moved to eliminate the parliamentary procedure known as the filibuster.

"The Democrats will do this [eliminate the filibuster], so if the Democrats are going to do it, I'm saying Republicans should do it before they get a chance," Trump said. "If we do it, we will never lose the midterms, and we will never lose a general election, because we will have produced so many different things for our people, for the country, that it would be impossible to lose an election."

He ticked off a list of GOP-backed legislation that could move through the chamber if the procedure was eliminated, including on matters of voter ID laws, mail-in voting and immigration.

The president has been pushing for Senate GOP leadership to get rid of the rule, which requires most legislation to receive 60 votes to advance through the chamber. The procedure gives more power to the minority party in power, which is the Democrats. However, many Senate Republicans have warned that eliminating the rule would set a negative precedent if Democrats retake the majority in future elections.

Senate Majority [John Thune](#) (R-S.D.) said Thursday that there are not enough votes to end the filibuster, but more Republicans, including Sens. [Jim Banks](#) (Ind.), [Roger Marshall](#) (Kan.), and [Tommy Tuberville](#) (Ala.) have signaled an openness in recent days to Trump's proposal.

Republicans against the proposal include Sens. [Thom Tillis](#) (N.C.), [Mitch McConnell](#) (Ky.), [Ted Cruz](#) (Texas) and [Lisa Murkowski](#) (Alaska).

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EXHIBIT 2

Video: CPRTV advertisement titled “No to Radical Redistricting Power Grab!,” available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CI1_v0SrWbo

Provided to the Court via USB drive pursuant to Local Rule 5-4.2 as “Ex.02 – CPRTV, No to Radical Redistricting Power Grab!”

EXHIBIT 3

Attorney General Pamela Bondi on X: "Today @TheJusticeDept sued @CAGovernor over his brazen Proposition 50 redistricting power grab. Newsom should be concerned about keeping Californians safe and shutting down Antifa violence, not rigging his state for political gain. <https://t.co/Vi2WAS7VX4>" / X

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November 13, 2025



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[Justice Department sues to block California US House map in clash that could tip control of Congress](#)

[From apnews.com](#)

EXHIBIT 4

Trump on Texas redistricting: 'We are entitled to 5 more seats'

P politico.com/news/2025/08/05/trump-texas-redistricting-00493624

Giselle Ruhiyyih Ewing

August 5, 2025

Democrats are trying to block the redraw in the state by denying the state legislature a quorum.



President Donald Trump had remained quiet on the state's redrawn map since it was introduced, despite brewing commotion over the Republican partisan gerrymander. | Tasos Katopodis/Getty Images

President Donald Trump on Tuesday said Republicans were "entitled to five more seats" in Texas, in one of his first public comments on the state's new proposed congressional map.

Trump had remained quiet on the state's redrawn map since it was introduced, despite brewing commotion over the Republican partisan gerrymander that prompted dozens of state Democratic lawmakers to flee the state in a last-ditch attempt to block the map's passage over the weekend.

The map could net Republicans as many [as five seats in the state](#). It has triggered an arms race across the country, with Democratic-controlled states — [most notably California](#) — pledging to gerrymander their own maps in response.

"We have an opportunity in Texas to pick up five seats. We have a really good governor, and we have good people in Texas. And I won Texas," Trump told CNBC's Squawk Box. "I got the highest vote in the history of Texas, as you probably know, and we are entitled to five more seats."

Texas Republicans last week unveiled a new congressional map of the state that, if passed by the state's legislature, would boost the party's chances of maintaining control of the House in the 2026 midterms. It came after pressure from the Trump aides to redraw the map, along with the Department of Justice alleging that the previous map could be illegal, even as Trump makes it clear the redraw is predominantly driven by politics.

Scores of Democratic state lawmakers [left the state](#) in an attempt to stop Republicans from implementing the map by denying the legislature a quorum. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has repeatedly vowed to expel the absent Democrats from the legislature if they fail to return to the state for its ongoing special session.

Trump on Tuesday bashed the departed Democrats, some of whom [fled to Illinois on Sunday](#), calling the situation "terrible."

Andrew Howard contributed to this report.

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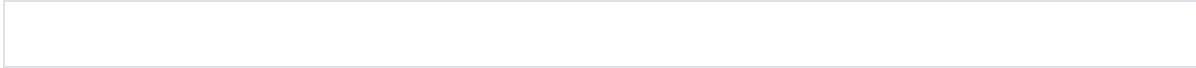


EXHIBIT 5

A year after Donald Trump won the Rio Grande Valley, South Texans navigate changes big and small

★ texastribune.org/2025/07/22/texas-redistricting-abbott-republicans-resistant-trump

Owen Dahlkamp

July 22, 2025



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WASHINGTON — Before he called lawmakers back to Austin to redraw Texas' congressional maps, Gov. [Greg Abbott](#) was initially resistant to the plan pushed by President Donald Trump's political team to pick up new GOP seats through a rare mid-decade redistricting, according to two people who have spoken to Abbott and the White House about the behind-the-scenes discussions.

The majority of Texas' GOP congressional delegation was also wary of the idea, with many members concerned that Republican map-drawers could miscalculate and spread their voters too thin — thus putting their jobs in jeopardy — while trying to flip Democratic seats, six people involved in internal delegation discussions told The Texas Tribune.

Abbott told House Republicans from Texas that he was reluctant to take up the issue in Austin, where state lawmakers approve the new lines, if it would pit him against the delegation. In discussions with Abbott's office, White House staffers attempted to assuage his worries but were unsuccessful, according to two people with direct knowledge of the developments.

Then, Trump placed a call to Abbott during which they discussed redistricting. The governor subsequently agreed to put it on his agenda for the special session, according to two people who spoke with White House officials about the call, one of whom also discussed the matter with Abbott's office.

Trump's involvement underscores the immense power he holds over Texas Republicans and shows how far the president will go to protect his Washington trifecta that has handed him sweeping legislative wins, even if that means irritating [those who are voting to approve his agenda](#) in Congress.

If Republicans lose control of the House in next year's midterms, Trump's agenda would be stalled and his remaining two lame-duck years in the White House would likely be replete with Democratic-led investigations.

The details of the redistricting dynamics were relayed through almost a dozen people, many of whom were granted anonymity to discuss internal deliberations that could have legal implications. Any new map passed by the Legislature would almost certainly be challenged in court.

A person familiar with Abbott's thinking said it was "inaccurate" to characterize the governor as being reluctant to pursue redistricting, but declined to provide any additional details.

Andrew Mahaleris, a spokesperson for Abbott, declined to comment on Abbott's conversations with Trump and other Republicans about redistricting but said the governor "looks forward to the legislature addressing important topics such as flood relief and property tax cuts, along with other critical issues, during this special session."

On July 9, Abbott [announced](#) the agenda for the special session that began Monday, laying out an 18-item to-do list that included a rare mid-decade makeover of the state's congressional maps. The district lines are typically redrawn once a decade, to account for population changes in the U.S. census, though there is nothing barring lawmakers from crafting new maps in the intervening years.

In private delegation meetings, most Texas members actively opposed the idea. Others said redistricting was inevitable once it received Trump's backing, and they should try to work with the White House to draw the maps in their favor. A few stayed silent on the issue or did not actively participate.

Their opposition was communicated to the White House, according to two people with knowledge of the discussions, but it appears they were ignored. Multiple Texas congressional staffers told The Texas Tribune that some Republicans did not receive notice of Abbott's decision to go ahead with redistricting before he announced it publicly.

Most of the 25 Republicans in Texas' congressional delegation have stayed publicly mum. Seven of them declined to comment for this article.

With Abbott on board and the special session announced, Trump held a call last week with the Texas GOP members and declared his political team intended to flip an ambitious five seats with the new map, according to three people familiar with the call.

The message was clear among the delegation: there was no stopping the president and they should get on board.

"I believe that you got to give President Trump the respect," Rep. [Troy Nehls](#), R-Richmond, said. "If we can redraw Texas and it fits within all the confines of law and everything, well, then let's get 'er done."

Abbott justified the redistricting by saying it was needed to address "constitutional concerns raised by the U.S. Department of Justice" about the current maps, which were drawn in 2021 and are the subject of an ongoing court challenge.

The concerns were raised in a DOJ letter dated two days before Abbott announced the special session, in which Assistant U.S. Attorney General Harmeet Dhillon argued that four of Texas' Democratic-controlled districts were unconstitutional and should be redrawn on the grounds of racial gerrymandering.

Since the special session agenda was unveiled, Democrats have been calling the letter a fig leaf that provides political cover for the partisan motivation behind the redistricting effort.

News of Texas' redistricting has also set off a cascade of events that may have national implications.

For weeks, House Democratic leadership, rank-and-file members and representatives for blue state governors have been meeting to discuss retaliatory redistricting, The Texas Tribune [previously reported](#). California Gov. Gavin Newsom has become more outspoken about doing so in his state in recent days, laying out several paths to circumvent the state's independent redistricting commission.

Members of the California congressional delegation met with Jeffries last week. The group was largely in favor of redistricting to give Democrats another five to seven seats, according to two House Democrats who were in attendance.

Paul Mitchell, an expert in redistricting who has met with Newsom's team in recent weeks, thinks that California could easily squeeze four Democratic seats out of the state.

"California has a much better hand, because we are starting from the partisan-neutral map," Mitchell said, referring to the independent commission that approved the current lines.

In Texas, the maps are drawn by the Republican-dominated Legislature and have already been crafted to favor the GOP, giving them less wiggle room to send additional party members to Washington. In California, on the other hand, the independent commission has not as aggressively optimized the maps in favor of Democrats, giving a partisan-motivated body more freedom to shape the lines in favor of their party.

The boldness of the new Texas map — and whether Trump targets additional states, a possibility he suggested last week — could dictate how much political support Newsom and other blue state leaders could expect to get for a retaliatory redistricting effort, Mitchell said. The more aggressive Republicans are, the more justification there is for Democrats to respond in kind.

Texas Democrats could also flee the state, depriving the Legislature of the quorum it needs to approve new maps. But doing so would incur fines, and Attorney General [Ken Paxton](#) has threatened to use law enforcement to compel the attendance of absent lawmakers.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the party's campaign arm for House races nationwide, has promised to wield its multimillion-dollar war chest against any Republicans who find themselves vulnerable under a new Texas map.

The DCCC has also pledged a six-figure sum for a public opinion campaign aimed at dissuading Texas Republicans from going through with the redistricting plan, according to a staffer with knowledge of the charge.

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EXHIBIT 6

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signs redistricting bill into law, meant to give the GOP five new seats in Congress

 [cbsnews.com/texas/news/gov-greg-abbott-signs-redistricting-bill-into-law](https://www.cbsnews.com/texas/news/gov-greg-abbott-signs-redistricting-bill-into-law)

CBS Texas Staff

August 29, 2025



Texas Gov. Greg Abbott quietly [signed a bill into law](#) Friday morning that redraws congressional maps in the state, that could result in up to five seats currently held by Democrats to flip Republican.

In a post on X, Abbott said he signed what he called the "One Big Beautiful Map" into law.

"Texas is [now more red](#) in the United States Congress," Abbott said.

Texas Democrats have said that once Abbott signs the bill into law, they would [file a lawsuit against the state](#).

Texas redistricting map approved amid political tensions

Texas lawmakers approved the map Saturday, creating five new districts favoring Republicans. The move came after [President Donald Trump requested it](#).

Republicans have a narrow majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the president's party historically loses seats in the midterm elections. Texas's new maps would give Republicans a better chance to hold onto their majority for the last two years of Mr. Trump's term.

"The five new Republican majority-leaning seats we believe for all the right reasons, legal reasons, and the right reasons politically that our state deserves those additional five seats because this state has changed dramatically," Lt. Gov. [Dan Patrick recently said to CBS News Texas](#).

The effort by Mr. Trump and Texas' Republican-majority Legislature that prompted state Democrats to hold a [two-week walkout](#) also kicked off a redistricting effort in California, with other Democratic-led states hinting that they may follow suit. California Gov. Gavin [Newsom](#) and California Democratic state lawmakers are moving forward with a November special election to put a new congressional map before the voters that could help Democrats gain five seats. California Republican are waging a legal battle of their own to stop that from happening.

Republican Sen. Phil King, the Texas measure's sponsor, previously denied accusations alleging that the redrawn districts violate the Voting Rights Act by diluting voters' influence based on race.

"I had two goals in mind: That all maps would be legal and would be better for Republican congressional candidates in Texas," he said.

Abbott has predicted it will survive any court challenges, and that other Republican-led states will make similar moves seeking new seats for the GOP in Congress.

EXHIBIT 7

Mid-decade redistricting and the midterms: How redrawn maps impacts the battle for the US House

 abcnews.go.com/Politics/mid-decade-redistricting-midterms-redrawn-maps-impacts-battle/story

Oren Oppenheim

November 3, 2025

New districts means both parties have to rethink what seats are competitive.

Redistricting battle heats up in MissouriABC News' Linsey Davis discusses the Missouri Republican controlled legislature's efforts to redraw its congressional map with Democratic Congressman Emanuel Cleaver.

As they look ahead to next year's fight to control Congress in the midterms, Republicans and Democrats are scrambling across the country to revisit the congressional district lines that will shape political battles ahead.

Redistricting is usually performed only once a decade after the release of data from the U.S. Census.

Texas Republicans, at the urging of President Donald Trump, passed a new map in August packing together Democratic voters in major urban and suburban areas and drawing new borders around Democratic seats to include more Texans who voted for Trump last year.



In this Aug. 20, 2025, file photo, a representative looks at a congressional redistricting map during debate of a congressional redistricting plan in the House Chamber at the Capitol in Austin, Texas.

Jay Janner/The Austin American-Statesman via Getty Images, FILE

It set off a scramble capped by Tuesday's ballot proposition in California, which would give Democrats a chance to pull even with new pickup opportunities, as both parties explore redrawing maps in states where they control the levers of power.

Republicans make gains with new maps

As of Monday, four states have finished redrawing their congressional maps: Texas, Missouri, North Carolina, and Ohio.

Ohio, unlike the others, was required to redraw its congressional map because of state rules. A commission passed a "compromise" map that favors Republicans but keeps districts competitive for Democrats.

Analysts believe that Republicans stand to gain up to nine seats in these redrawn maps as state legislatures redrew five seats in Texas to favor Republicans, one in both North Carolina and Missouri, and two in Ohio.

Democrats put hope in California

But Democrats are holding out to [pass a new map in California](#) to cancel out Texas.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks about the Election Rigging Response Act at a press conference at the Democracy Center, Japanese American National Museum on Aug. 14, 2025, in Los Angeles.

Mario Tama/Getty Images, FILE

Voters there are heading to the polls to vote on Proposition 50, in which would adopt a new congressional map that redraws five districts to be more Democratic-leaning. Supporters of the initiative -- and the ballot text itself -- say it will counteract how Texas redrew its map.

Other states on the radar

A few other states are in the process of redrawing maps.

Utah legislators recently passed a new map after a court ruled against its current one; it is currently undergoing legal review. Democrats have been cautiously optimistic that one or two of the seats could become more competitive.

[How gerrymandering has reshaped the political map for red and blue states](#)

Indiana's Republican-controlled state legislature is set to start considering mid-decade redistricting in a special session, while Virginia's Democratic-controlled legislature is [taking steps](#) to allow it to consider a new map.

Other Republican-leaning states such as Florida, Nebraska, Louisiana, and Kansas, and Democratic-leaning states such as Maryland and Illinois, have mulled redrawing maps.

How this changes the battle for the U.S. House

There are 435 seats in the U.S. House. As of Monday, Republicans hold 219 seats to Democrats' 213 with three vacancies.

With all seats filled, Democrats would need to net three seats in order to flip the House.

Even though both parties were already eyeing seats they could pick up or flip since 2024's House races, mid-decade redistricting means both parties have to rethink what seats remain competitive and if redistricting shrinks the battlefield of competitive seats.

The U.S. Capitol rises above the U.S. Capitol Grounds, which are strewn with fall leaves, weeks into the continuing U.S. government shutdown, in Washington, October 27, 2025.

Kylie Cooper/Reuters

For instance, in the 2024 elections for the U.S. House of Representatives, 13 Democratic candidates won in districts that Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump won, while three Republican candidates won in districts that Democratic candidate for president Kamala Harris won, [according to an analysis](#) by the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia.

Of those districts, four of them -- Texas' 28th and 34th, North Carolina's 1st, and Ohio's 9th -- are Democratic-held districts won by Trump that the new maps have made more Republican-leaning.

That means at least four seats that both Republicans and Democrats would have a good shot at flipping have been redrawn to lean more towards Republicans.

A Republican strategist working on U.S. House races told ABC News that Texas appears to present Republicans a good opportunity for picking up seats, and that Republicans are optimistic about being able to pick up the newly redrawn seats in Missouri and North Carolina.

[In 'monumental' voting rights case, Supreme Court weighs use of race in redistricting](#)

[Democratic governors throw support behind Newsom, back partisan redistricting](#)

The National Republican Congressional Committee, the campaign arm of House Republicans, [said in September](#) that it would add three Democratic-held districts in Texas to the group's "target list".

But Democrats aren't giving up.

Will Van Nuys, the deputy executive director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, House Democrats' campaign arm, told ABC News "We're still very actively engaged with our frontliners, whether it's Henry Cueller, Vicente Gonzales in [Texas congressional districts]

28 and 34, whether it's Don Davis in North Carolina or our offensive target in Texas-15 -- that's piece one," he said.

"I think piece two, in terms of come this time next year how it impacts the overall map -- it's a little premature to say because I think right now what you're seeing is a lot of momentum coming towards the Democratic side."

The Supreme Court could scramble the map further

An incoming ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court could further scramble the battle map for the midterms, depending on when a ruling comes down.

People walk by the Supreme Court, which is undergoing restoration, weeks into the continuing government shutdown in Washington, D.C., Oct. 20, 2025.

Kylie Cooper/Reuters

The court is [considering a case](#) that could determine whether Louisiana and many other states may have to redraw their maps in a race-blind manner. A decision is expected by the end of June 2026 when the court's term ends.

[Democratic-aligned groups](#) have estimated that Republican-controlled legislatures could then redraw at least 19 Democratic-held seats across southern states.

ABC News' Devin Dwyer and Benjamin Siegel contributed to this report.

EXHIBIT 8

Democracy Dies in Darkness

The midterm map fight favors the GOP — and could help them stay in power

Democrats have vowed to counter Trump's push for more red seats, but they may struggle to match it.

August 13, 2025



By Hannah Knowles

President Donald Trump's push to redraw the congression with blue and red states rushing to counter each other.

But it's an uneven fight.

Republicans appear to hold the advantage in the nationwide nonpartisan analysts, with more opportunities to shift the midterm elections. Democrats have vowed to "fight fire with fire" since the GOP moved to add five red seats in Texas, but they face many barriers.

Republicans are eyeing ways to add a dozen or more red House districts across Texas, Florida, Missouri, Ohio and Indiana, despite some legal hurdles and reservations from local Republicans. Democrats are looking to retaliate with five more blue seats in California, and they are exploring other options, including in Maryland and Illinois. They control fewer states than Republicans, however, and they have already maximized their power in others. In some cases, they would have to work around independent commissions set up to prevent gerrymandering.

“The Republicans are pretty likely to come out ahead — it’s just a question of how much they come out ahead,” said Kyle Kondik, an elections analyst for the nonpartisan site Sabato’s Crystal Ball.

Democrats say they are determined to blunt Trump’s push for more red seats, even if they cannot stop it. As Republicans defend a 219-212 House majority with four vacancies, even small shifts in the map could tip control of Congress in 2026.

“It’s sort of irrelevant how lopsided you think the battle is going to be — you’ve got to get your play in,” said Maryland House Majority Leader David Moon (D), who is working on legislation that would redraw his blue state’s congressional map if others go ahead with mid-decade redistricting. “I don’t see that we’ve got any choice.”

States normally draw new congressional districts once a decade, after each census, but Texas moved to change the lines ahead of schedule, eliciting outrage from Democratic lawmakers, who left the state to stall the plan. Now other states are looking to follow suit.

Nationwide, slightly more House seats are considered Rep
Democratic or Democratic-leaning (206) heading into 202
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said, as they try to withstand a potential blue wave.

California is Democrats' best bet to create new blue seats, t
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"The question right now is, 'Exactly how ticked off are Cali
California-based law professor and expert on redistricting.

Democratic leaders in New York also have said they would
Legislators want to change the state constitution to circum
that process would not be complete until after the 2026 ele

Democratic strategists said they view Maryland, Illinois and Oregon as the next most plausible places
where they could attempt to create new blue seats. The congressional delegations from those states are
already heavily Democratic, however, leaving limited room for gains. Maryland and Oregon have one
red House seat apiece, while Illinois has three — a result of an already gerrymandered map.

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-New York) has floated other states, too, and said recently on ABC News that “it’s important for us to respond coast to coast.”

David Daley, a senior fellow at the anti-gerrymandering group FairVote and an author of books on redistricting and voting rights, said Republicans and Democrats have both drawn maps to their advantage — and now Democrats have fewer opportunities left.

“Democrats and Republicans have each been fighting the gerrymandering wars this decade,” he said. “Democrats simply ran out of ammo first.”

Republicans, meanwhile, are hopeful that they can carve out a couple more red seats in Ohio — which was already slated to redraw its lines this year — and another in Missouri, where GOP operatives say action is likely this year. They have also discussed creating at least two or three more red seats in Florida, where the GOP House leader last week moved to create a redistricting committee.

Both Florida and Ohio have language in their state constitutions saying that — in at least some circumstances — districts should not be drawn to favor one political party, and gerrymanders would probably spur court challenges. But Florida’s Supreme Court, which is filled with Republican appointees, recently rejected a challenge to the current maps based on the state constitution’s “Fair Districts” rules.

One Republican strategist close to the redistricting process, who like some others spoke on the condition of anonymity to share internal thinking, noted that the makeup of Ohio’s court has shifted since its past rulings rejecting maps for violating the state constitution. Republicans expanded their majority on the court in last year’s elections. In 2022, Ohio used a map the court had rejected.

“There is no scenario where we don’t have more seats to go get than they do,” the Republican strategist said of the GOP’s redistricting position nationwide compared with that of Democrats. “No doubt about it.”

Democrats are hoping that reluctant state-level Republicans will ultimately decline to go through with redistricting in some places where it is under consideration — and that courts will block some changes.

“We need to see courts in these states that will uphold the law and uphold the state constitutions, and the question is whether we get that — [or] if we get ideological decisions from state courts that disregard the state constitution or bend the knee to Donald Trump,” said Marina Jenkins, executive director of the National Democratic Redistricting Committee.

Vice President JD Vance visited Indiana last week to discuss redrawing its congressional map, which could net Republicans one more seat. But many GOP state lawmakers are hesitant, and Republicans familiar with the redistricting push said it is unclear what will happen there. In New Hampshire — another state where the GOP could make gains — the Republican governor has expressed reluctance.

“The timing is off for this, because we are literally in the middle of the census period,” Gov. Kelly Ayotte told local news station WMUR. “And when I talk to people in New Hampshire ... it’s not on the top of their priority list.”

Trump presidency

We’re tracking Trump’s progress on campaign promises and legal challenges to his executive orders and actions.



Erin Cox and Patrick Marley contributed to this report.

What readers are saying

The comments reflect a deep concern about the impact of redistricting on the 2026 midterm elections, with many expressing skepticism about the fairness of the process. Some argue that both parties have engaged in gerrymandering, but Republicans are seen as more aggressive in... [Show more](#)

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EXHIBIT 9

California redistricting: What to know about the final maps

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The California State Capitol on September 12, 2017.

Andrew Nixon / Capital Public Radio

By Sameea Kamal, CalMatters

California voters have the brand new districts they'll use to elect their members of Congress and state legislators, after the state's independent redistricting commission voted unanimously Monday night to approve its final maps.

[These districts take effect](#) with the June 2022 primaries and continue for the next decade.

Redistricting happens once every 10 years, after every census, to ensure that each district has the same amount of people. It's the second time that California's redrawing is being done by a 14-member independent commission.

But it hasn't been easy, or without contention.

In addition to balancing population numbers, the commission must comply with the federal Voting Rights Act, ensuring that no minority group's vote is drowned out. And to create fair maps, the commission didn't consider current district lines and isn't supposed to weigh partisan politics. In

some cases, it puts incumbents into the same district, or forces others to appeal to new voters to be re-elected.

Particularly on the congressional level, that could help shift the balance of power between Democrats and Republicans. In the U.S. House, [three California Democrats](#) are among the 23 Democrats nationally who have already opted not to run for re-election in 2022. Combined with redistricting done by [Republican-led legislatures in other states](#), that could tip the House [in favor of the GOP](#).

Some California Democrats have blasted the “unilateral disarmament” of their power, though an initial analysis by the Cook Political Report [says the new congressional map helps Democrats](#).

In 2021, it is far easier for advocacy groups and others to submit their own maps – and [respond to mapping decisions in real time](#). As they did live line-drawing, commissioners referenced these maps, along with [the feedback they were getting](#).

The commission was under the pressure of a court-ordered deadline to submit the maps to the secretary of state by Dec. 27 despite a nearly six-month delay in the release of census data. In the last few weeks, the panel held a number of marathon sessions late into the night to hear public comment and try to incorporate competing testimony into the maps.

Commission chairperson [Alicia Fernández](#) acknowledged that there were constraints and disagreements along the way, but said she was proud of the commission’s work given the rules they were under.

“There was robust discussion in terms of how these maps should be drawn. We know that not everyone will be happy, but I feel that they are fair maps for Californians,” she told CalMatters.

California Common Cause — which pushed voters to create the independent panel — [also defended the commission](#): “While the process was at times messy, it was an exercise in democracy done in public,” with 150 meetings and 30,000 pieces of public input.

Now, the maps [must sit for three days for public input](#), though no further changes are permitted, said Fredy Ceja, communications director for the commission. In the meantime, the commission will complete its final report to deliver to the secretary of state.

Even after that happens, the new districts are likely to be challenged in court. And their real impact depends on what voters decide.

James Woodson, policy director for the California Black Census and Redistricting Hub, said the fight for Black political power in California is far from over.

“Census and redistricting is sort of a two-part fight,” he said. “First, it’s making sure that resources came to our community and making sure they had an opportunity to win political power. Now, it’s about getting out the vote in 2022 and the long-term policy pieces that are moving.”

Here's a first look at the new districts:

Congressional lines

Slower population growth in California means the state lost one of its 53 U.S. House seats this year — though COVID-19 may have caused an [undercount of Black and Hispanic residents](#).

That added another challenge to deciding [congressional districts](#). The population numbers must be exact: There can't be more than a one-person difference between districts to make sure everyone is represented equally.

Trying to meet all the criteria — equal population, Voting Rights Act compliance, [communities of interest](#) and compact districts — in a state with California's diverse population and geography made the task difficult.

To keep California's less populous mountain communities together, for example, an earlier version of the maps showed a district stretching from the Oregon border to San Bernardino County. While compactness is one of the lower-ranking criteria, the district still raised eyebrows and was later revised.

Political dominos quickly started toppling immediately after the maps were approved.

Rep. Doris Matsui of Sacramento [declared that she will run next year](#) in the new 7th Congressional District. It also includes fellow Democratic Rep. Ami Bera of Elk Grove, who within hours [announced he will follow many of his current constituents](#) into the 6th District.

Assemblymember Kevin Kiley of Rocklin announced that he plans to run in the new 3rd District, if, as he expects, fellow Republican Tom McClintock of Elk Grove seeks re-election in the 5th District, just to the south. Meanwhile, Democratic Rep. John Garamendi of Walnut Grove [said he will seek re-election in the new 8th District](#), which includes Contra Costa and Solano counties. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, a Concord Democrat, will run in the neighboring 10th.

In Southern California, Republican Rep. Mike Garcia of Santa Clarita, who now represents the 25th District, said [he'll run in the new 27th](#), while Democratic Rep. Katie Porter said [she'll run in a bluer district](#) that includes her hometown of Irvine.

Porter's current district is one of two Democratic seats that became more competitive, alongside that of Joshua Harder, whose district currently stretches from the Central Valley to the Sacramento area. The current district of Republican Rep. Devin Nunes of Tulare, who announced he's resigning at the end of the year, was flipped to be largely Democratic. Democratic Rep. Jim Costa of Fresno [plans to run for that seat](#), the new 21st District.

On Dec. 16, Democratic Rep. Alan Lowenthal announced he would not seek re-election. The next day, Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia [declared for the seat](#) and quickly rounded up support. And on Monday Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard of Downey, who in 1992 became the first Mexican-American woman elected to Congress, [announced that she is retiring](#) after her current term after [she was redrawn into the same district with Garcia](#).

The [growing power of Latino voters](#) — and recognizing that in the new maps — has been a constant theme of the redistricting process. A projected 16 of the 52 House districts have a Latino voting-age population of at least 50%.

Pablo Rodriguez, founding executive director of the Communities for New California Action Fund, noted that in the Central Valley there are three new strong Voting Rights Act congressional districts with more than 50% Latino voters.

“For the Central Valley the outstanding question will be: Will the new Latino majority districts create the environment for the first Latino/a congressional representative to be elected to Congress within the next ten years?,” Rodriguez said in a statement. “Confidently, I say yes to not just one, but likely 3.”

But not everyone is a fan of the congressional map. Former redistricting consultant Tony Quinn said some of the new maps could disadvantage Latino candidates, such as the district that pairs eastern San Jose with Salinas.

Quinn said he doesn’t believe the Voting Rights Act required the kinds of districts the commission has drawn.

“It didn’t seem to me that the map needed to be torn up the way it is,” he said. “They way overdid it, especially in L.A. County.”

State Senate districts

While congressional districts each have about 760,000 people, [state Senate districts](#) are larger, with nearly 1 million Californians. For example, one encompasses California’s entire border with Mexico. There’s also more leeway — a 5% deviation from the ideal population.

That means that, while the commission tried not to put communities with competing interests together in other maps, it paired some in the Senate map, such as Fresno and Kern counties.

Three Senate districts are going from a Democratic advantage in voter registration to a Republican majority, while one favors Democrats more. Republicans need to flip at least five seats in the Senate, or seven in the Assembly, to end the supermajority that allows Democrats to approve tax increases or put constitutional amendments on the ballot without a single GOP vote.

The Senate map also pits some incumbents against each other, according to an analysis from political data firm California Target Book. For example, Democrat Connie Leyva's Chino residence gets drawn into Democrat Susan Rubio's district.

The commission's sixth and last criteria for redistricting is nesting — placing two Assembly districts into one Senate district where possible. In theory, that makes Senate mapping easier. But because the commission placed a higher priority on other criteria, this time, only two Assembly districts were nested into a Senate district, in Northern California.

In a Dec. 13 [letter to the commission](#), redistricting expert Paul Mitchell wrote that nesting conflicts with trying to comply with Voting Rights Act requirements.

The commission wrapped up its Senate maps on Saturday to allow time for numbering the districts, a complicated process to limit the number of voters who would have to wait six years to vote for senators since they serve staggered four-year terms.

Assembly lines

While [the Democratic majority in the state Senate](#) might shrink under the new map, Democrats' grip of the Assembly could tighten.

They now hold 60 of the 80 seats. The new [Assembly map creates](#) 63 solid Democratic seats, according to an analysis by California Target Book.

According to the analysis, two Democratic-majority districts in Southern California become stronger Republican districts; they're now represented by Republican Phillip Chen of Brea and Democrat Cottie Petrie-Norris of Orange County. Another two flipped from Republican to Democratic-majority districts; they're represented by Republicans Janet Nguyen of Huntington Beach and Marie Waldron of Escondido.

Advocates for the LGBTQ+ community said the maps include big victories across California. In the Assembly map, bringing Hollywood and West Hollywood together gives the community a chance to elect a representative from the community, said Samuel Garrett-Pate, managing director of external affairs with Equality California, adding that the group's former director, Rick Chavez Zbur, was well-positioned to run.

Board of Equalization

With just four state Board of Equalization districts, they are far less complex to draw.

The board is tasked with ensuring that taxes across different counties are uniform — alcohol and beverage taxes, for example. Because of the county-specific policies, the commission tried to keep as many counties as possible intact. For example, densely populated Los Angeles County is one district by itself.

For these lines, there was little drama at the redistricting commission — and certainly nothing like the fights over congressional and legislative districts.

Monday night, closing out their review of the maps, it was an emotional moment for some commissioners.

“I’m so proud of the work that together we have completed to serve all Californians. Despite a difference of opinion at times, there was always commitment to our common goal — to the goal of creating representative and fair maps for all Californians,” [commissioner Pedro Toledo](#) said as he made the motion for a vote.

“We accomplished all of this while in the midst of a global pandemic and unprecedented adversity that impacted us all personally, impacted our communities and our state,” added Toledo, a no party preference voter and chief administrative officer of Petaluma Health Center.

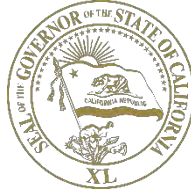
After Dec. 27, the commission expects it will reconvene not only to defend its maps against any legal challenges, but to work on a report that could make the process smoother for the next redistricting. Common Cause also said it is committed to examining improvements for the 2031 commission.

“We did receive community of interest testimony that did conflict so obviously there are some people that are not going to be happy,” said Fernández, a Republican from Yolo County. “We have more VRA districts than there currently are, we listened to more people than the prior commission. We took all the info to heart and worked together to build these maps.”

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EXHIBIT 10



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 11, 2025

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW,
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Calling Off Mid-Decade Redistricting Efforts

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to ask you to call on the governor of Texas and other red states, who are acting on your request to draw new congressional maps through an unprecedented, mid-decade hyper-partisan gerrymander to rig the upcoming midterm elections, to stop those efforts.

You are playing with fire, risking the destabilization of our democracy, while knowing that California can neutralize any gains you hope to make. This attempt to rig congressional maps to hold onto power before a single vote is cast in the 2026 election is an affront to American democracy.

This is not what the Founders envisioned, and California cannot stand idly by as this power grab unfolds. I do not do this lightly, as I believe legislative district maps should be drawn by independent, citizen-led efforts, as we have done in California for the last two decades.

If you will not stand down, I will be forced to lead an effort to redraw the maps in California to offset the rigging of maps in red states. But if the other states call off their redistricting efforts, we will happily do the same. And American democracy will be better for it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gavin Newsom
Governor of California

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Gavin Newsom's Prop 50 political power grab is a scheme to gerrymander more congressional seats for Democrats so they can take control of Congress, impeach President Trump, and derail the America First agenda. Newsom is wasting \$300 million of our tax dollars on Prop 50 – while we are tens of billions of dollars in debt – all so he can run for president and impose his radical failed policies on the rest of America. It is critical that you vote NO on Prop 50! Vote on or before the election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. The easiest way to vote to stop Newsom's scheme is to return your mail ballot TODAY!

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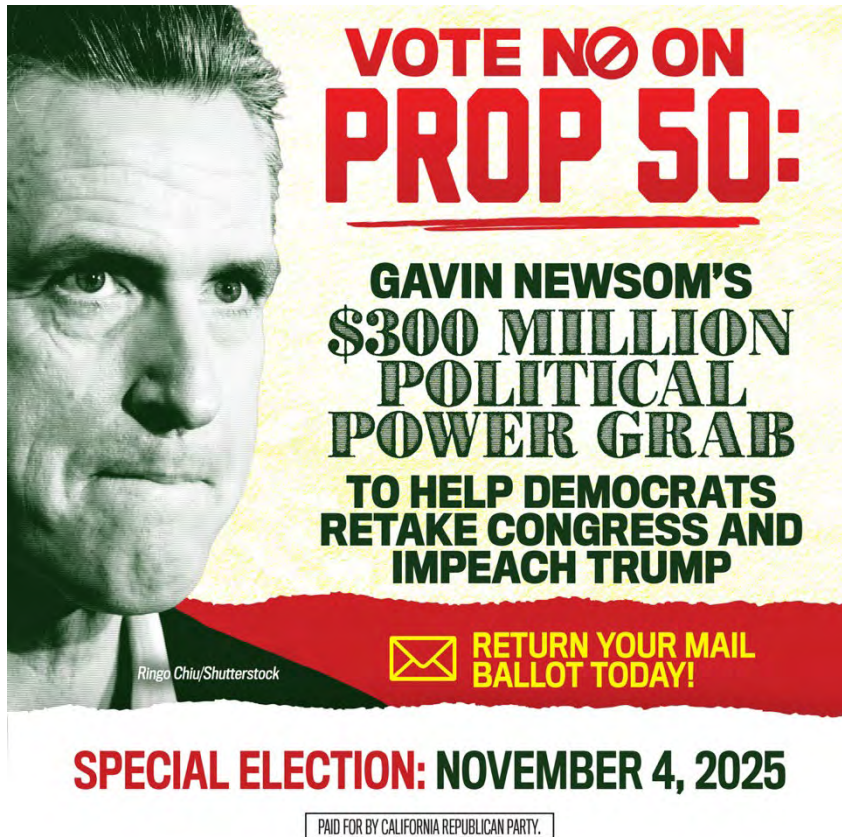
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Gavin Newsom wants to paint California blue to stop Trump and launch his wannabe presidential campaign. Newsom is wasting \$300 million of our tax dollars to do it, all while we are tens of billions of dollars in debt. Prop 50 will help Democrats retake control of Congress by gutting our independent redistricting commission and eliminating 5 California Republicans from Congress. Prop 50 is a pure political power grab that puts Gavin Newsom first and Californians last. Don't delay - return your mail ballot and vote NO on Prop 50 today! The special election is Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Learn more at www.CAGOP.org.

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Prop 50 is a waste of \$300 million of our tax dollars to further Gavin Newsom's political ambition to be president. Our state is tens of billions of dollars in debt, but Newsom would rather spend our tax dollars to help Democrats retake Congress and impeach Trump than help Californians. You can stop Newsom's power grab by returning your mail ballot today and voting NO on Prop 50! The special election is November 4, 2025, and you can't stay home. It's too important – vote NO on Prop 50 NOW! Learn more at www.CAGOP.org.

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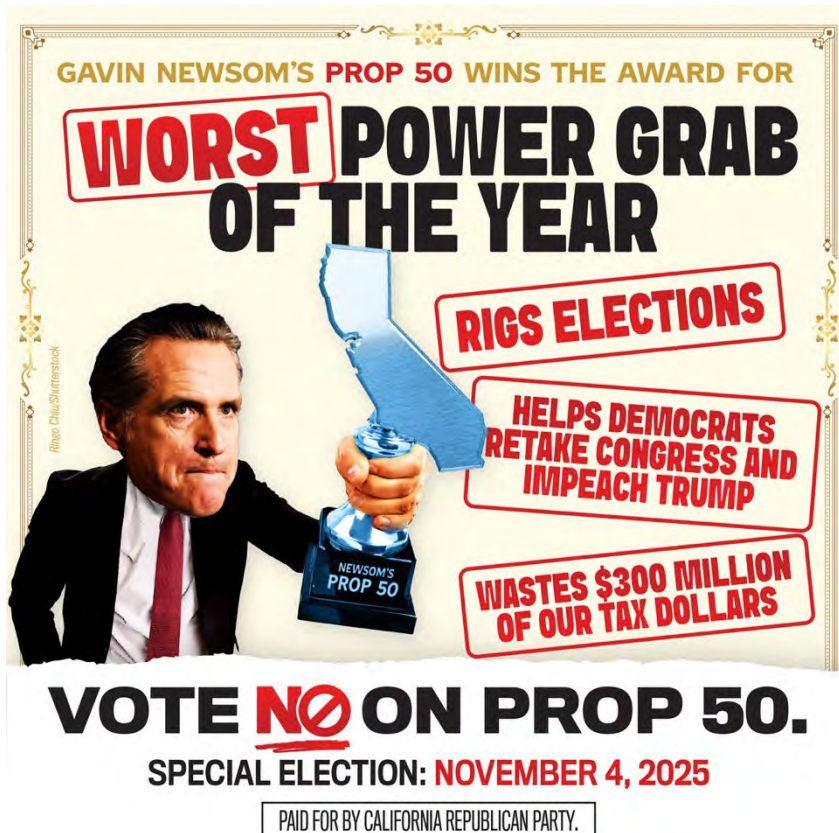
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Gavin Newsom's Prop 50 political power grab stinks to high heaven. Prop 50 is a rotten scheme funded by \$300 million of our tax dollars to help Gavin Newsom run for president, help Democrats retake Congress, impeach Trump, and derail the America First agenda. Don't let him get away with. You MUST get out and vote NO on Prop 50. The fastest way to stop Newsom is to return your mail ballot today. The special election is Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Visit <https://vote.cagop.org> to learn more about how you can vote to protect Gavin Newsom from silencing your voice.

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Gavin Newsom and the Radical Democrats are trying to silence your voice by gutting our independent redistricting commission so they can eliminate 5 California Republicans from Congress and send more of their own to Washington. Their scheme is called Prop 50, and it's the worst political power grab we've seen. If we don't stop them, Newsom will help Democrats take control of Congress, raise our taxes, open our borders, and impeach Trump. Worst of all, he's wasting \$300 million of our tax dollars on this special election to do it. Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2025. But you don't have to wait – you can stop Newsom's scheme TODAY by returning your mail ballot. Forgetting to vote is NOT an option. Visit <https://vote.cagop.org> to learn more about how you can stop Prop 50!

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Don't let Gavin Newsom shut the door on fair elections in California! Return your ballot TODAY and vote NO on Prop 50. Prop 50 takes the power to draw districts from the people and gives it to the Sacramento politicians. Once the politicians take our power away, they'll never give it back. Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2025. But you don't have to wait – you can stop Newsom TODAY by returning your mail ballot. Visit <https://cagop.org/counties/> to find your nearest voting location. If you don't vote, Newsom and the Sacramento politicians will use Prop 50 to rig our elections and make sure we the people can never hold them accountable.

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This is a red alert. Election Day is today, Tuesday, November 4 – your vote is needed to STOP Gavin Newsom and the Sacramento politicians from rigging California's elections. Vote NO on Prop 50 TODAY! Don't let Prop 50 take the power of drawing districts away from the people and give it back to the politicians. Once the politicians take our power away, they'll never give it back. This is a pure power grab to help Democrats take control of Congress, impeach Trump, and derail his agenda. Visit <https://cagop.org/counties/> to find the voting location nearest you. This is too important to stay home – get out and vote TODAY to stop Prop 50!

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[PROOF] 27 days.

From CAGOP <info@updates.cagop.org>
Date Mon 12/1/2025 3:37 PM
To Jocelynne Florian <jflorian@cagop.org>



Jocelynne, Election Day is in less than 27 days!

**Voters have officially begun returning their ballots, that means:
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!**

If we care about saving our GOP House Majority and stopping
Democrats' power grab, we need ALL HANDS-ON DECK!

**[With 27 days left to go, will you consider rushing in \\$27 to help
fuel the fight against Democrats?](#)**

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RUSH IN \$27 >

Thank you for your support,

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[PROOF] Are you getting these emails?

From CAGOP <info@updates.cagop.org>

Date Mon 2025-12-01 10:23

To Francisco Bedoya <fbedoya@cagop.org>



Jocelynne, are you getting these emails?

We still need 2 more responses from 92627 if we're going to prevent a COMPLETE Democrat takeover!

Democrats are losing ground, and they know it. California Republicans are growing at a rate 11x FASTER than the Left.

That's why the Left has cooked up a new scheme to maintain power in California..

Their plan? REDRAW our Congressional Districts in a way that gives Democrats an UNFAIR advantage!

We cannot and must not allow this to happen. If Democrats succeed, it will mean the end of a Republican House majority and would bring the America First Agenda to a drastic halt!

Please, we need to hear from 92627 before midnight: **will you rush in a donation and show that you stand with California Republicans?**

RUSH IN A DONATION

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We can't do this on our own, please join us in stopping the Democrat takeover!

Thank you for your support,

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[PROOF] Wait...before you start your weekend

From CAGOP <info@updates.cagop.org>

Date Mon 2025-12-01 10:25

To Francisco Bedoya <fbedoya@cagop.org>



Jocelynne wait...

Before you start your weekend, we need to hear from you!

Democrats know they're LOSING ground, that's why they've cooked up their latest scheme: *RIGGING California's Congressional map for Democrats.*

If they succeed, it will mean the end of a GOP House majority and the end of the America First agenda.

We're asking our boldest grassroots supporters, to respond before the weekend begins: **will you rush in a donation and show that you stand with California Republicans?**

RUSH IN A DONATION

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We need your help to stop the Democrat takeover, please don't leave us hanging!

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[PROOF] We need to hear from you

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Date Mon 2025-12-01 10:33
To Francisco Bedoya <fbedoya@cagop.org>



Jocelynne, we need to hear from you. We need to make sure we agree on this one issue.

Gavin Newsom is attempting to RAM through a new Congressional District map. One that gives Democrats an UNFAIR advantage.

[The California Republican Party is leading the fight to STOP Gavin Newsom's power grab, will you please join our list of KEY supporters before midnight?](#)

If Democrats succeed, we can say goodbye to a Republican House majority and the America First Agenda.

We cannot allow this to happen.

Jocelynne, we're leading the fight to STOP this. **[Will you please respond by midnight to add your name to the TOP of our KEY supporters list?](#)**

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Thank you for fighting with us,

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[PROOF] We're going to be blunt

From CAGOP <info@updates.cagop.org>

Date Mon 2025-12-01 11:09

To Francisco Bedoya <fbedoya@cagop.org>



Jocelynne, we're going to be blunt about this.

If Democrats succeed in passing their new Congressional map – it would GUARANTEE the END of our GOP House majority.

[CAGOP is leading the fight to stop Gavin Newsom's WAR against Republicans and we need as many grassroots supporters as we can gather to join us in the fight. >>](#)

Sorry to bother again about this, but here's what's at stake if Gavin Newsom wins: he's PROMISED to use this new Congressional map to put an END to President Trump's Presidency.

We cannot risk giving Democrats even an INCH in this battle.

We're finalizing our list of day one supporters in this effort soon, and we need your name on it. **[Please, join us today. >>](#)**

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Thank you for your support,

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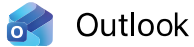
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[PROOF] Notice on Gavin Newsom's new Congressional map

From CAGOP <info@updates.cagop.org>
Date Mon 2025-12-01 12:10
To Francisco Bedoya <fbedoya@cagop.org>



NOTICE FOR: Jocelynn

Here's the latest update on Gavin Newsom's new proposed Congressional map:

The CAGOP has filed a petition with the California Supreme Court to try and BLOCK Gavin Newsom's redistricting efforts.

CAGOP is leading the fight to STOP Democrats from RIGGING our House races. We can't wait much longer, we need to know who is fighting with us. >>

We're going to spend EVERY CRITICAL MINUTE of the next 72 days focused on one thing: making sure Republicans KEEP our House majority.

Because if we don't and Democrats pass the new, rigged districts...

They've PROMISED to use a Democrat House majority to PUT AN END to President Trump's Presidency.

That's we MUST win this fight. We are the last line of defense,

and we need your support in this fight. Please, will you rush in \$25 or whatever you can to help fuel the fight.>>

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Thank you for stepping up!

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[PROOF] Action required: our one chance to stop this

From CAGOP <info@updates.cagop.org>**Date** Mon 2025-12-01 12:12**To** Francisco Bedoya <fbedoya@cagop.org>**ACTION REQUIRED FROM: Jocelynn**

In just a few weeks, voters will get ballots mailed out to them and the stakes are just TOO HIGH to wait to reach out to you.

[CAGOP is leading the fight to STOP Democrats from RIGGING our Congressional districts, but we need YOUR help to fuel our efforts. Will you join us?](#)

Let us be clear.

This special election is about one thing and one thing only: Democrats want to GUARANTEE a Democrat House majority and the END of the America First agenda.

We all have a role to play in fighting back. **[But right now, we're asking for a donation of \\$25 or whatever you can give to fight back against this UNPREDECENTED power-grab.>>](#)**

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Your support means everything – especially right now.

Thank you,

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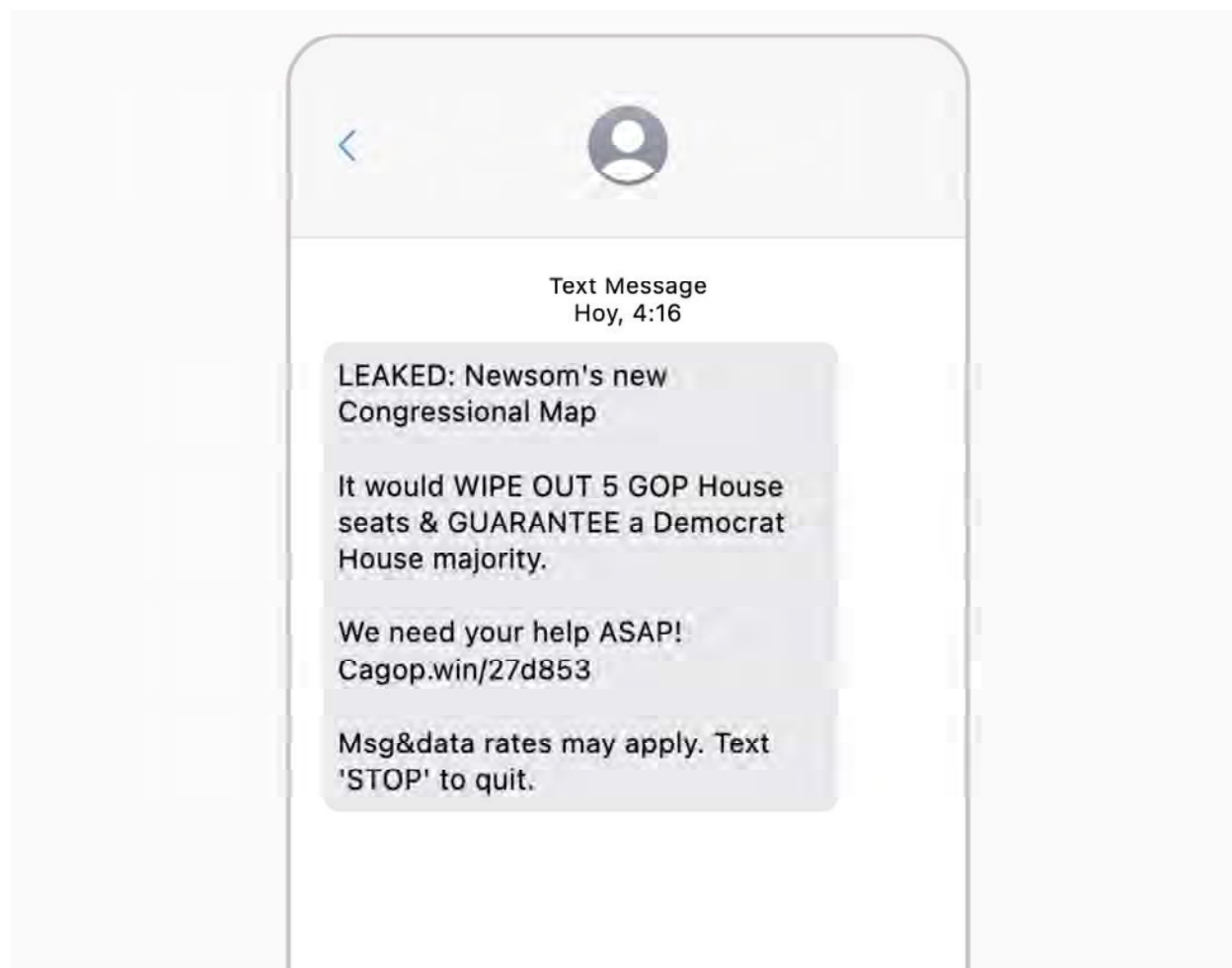
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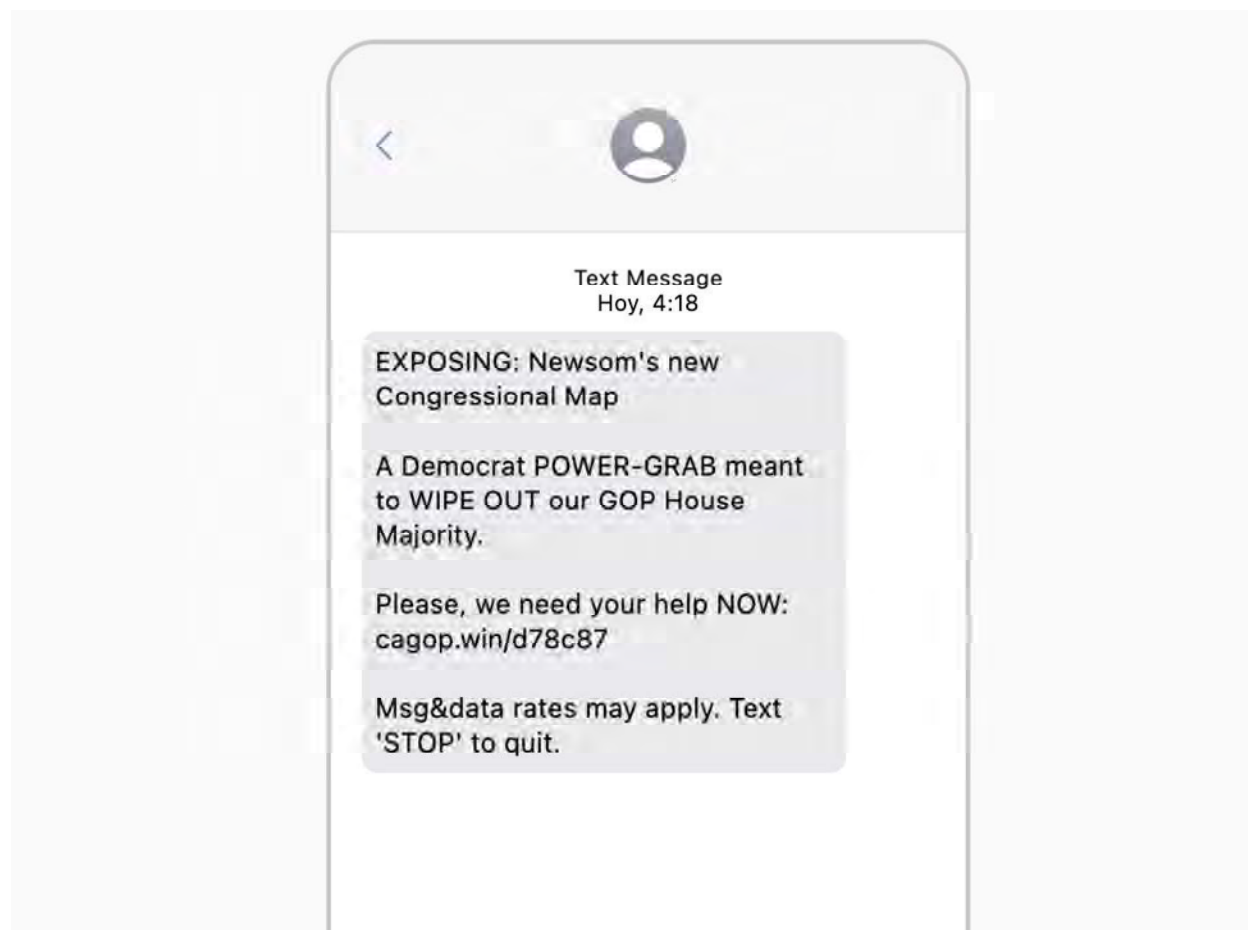
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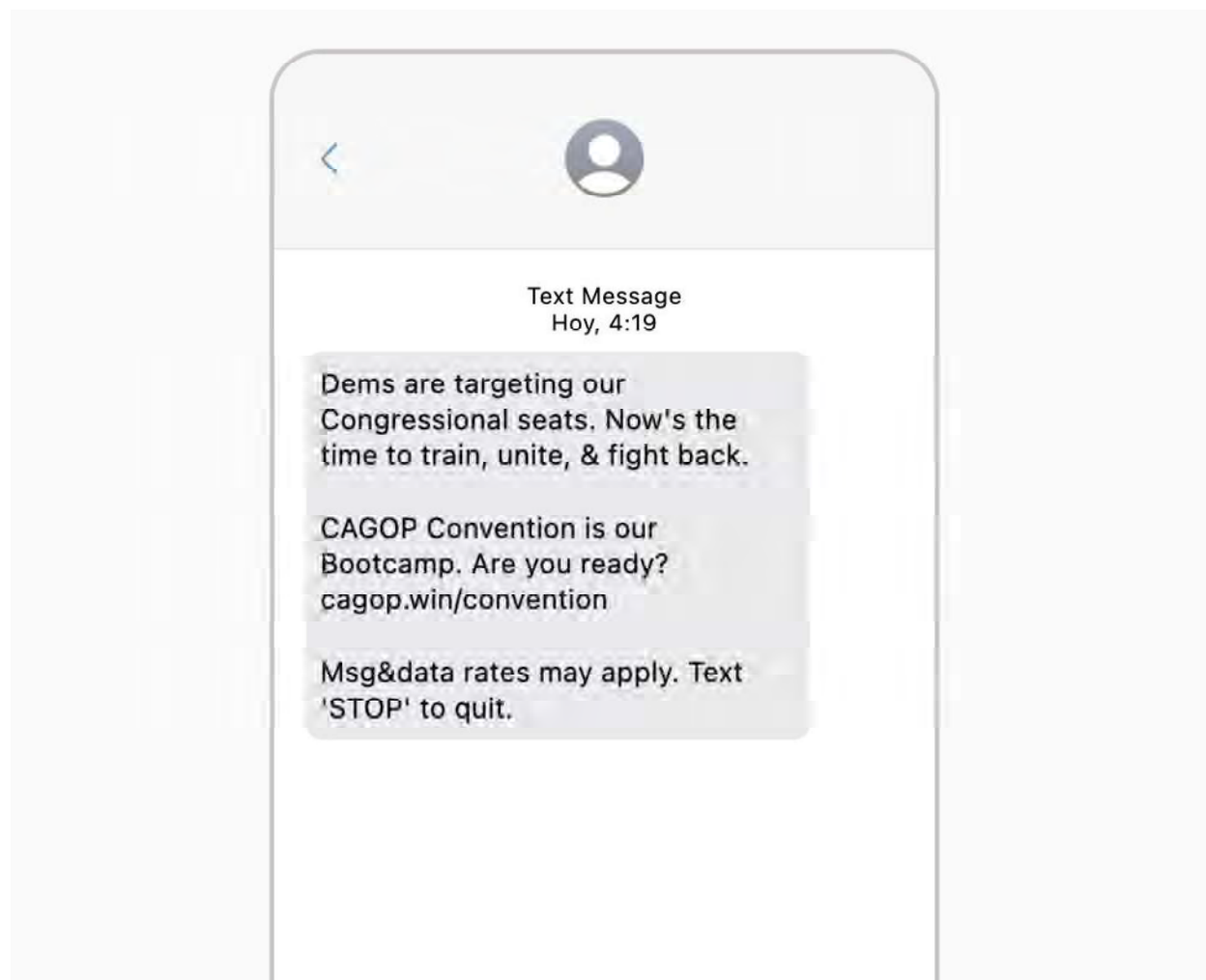
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[PROOF] 11 days.

From CAGOP <info@updates.cagop.org>

Date Mon 12/1/2025 3:12 PM

To Jocelynne Florian <jflorian@cagop.org>



FIRST: Gavin Newsom and Democrats promised to “Trump-proof” California.

THEN: Democrats approved spending \$50 MILLION in legal funds for fighting against President Trump.

NOW: They’re threatening to RIG our Congressional Districts for Democrats to FLIP at LEAST 5 House seats and take control of the House.

Jocelynne, Election Day is in less than 11 days.

We CANNOT allow Prop 50 to pass.

We’re leading the charge to protect Republicans up and down the ballot, and we need YOU to join us in the fight.

[Asking kindly: will you chip in \\$11 or whatever you can give?](#)

We cannot win elections, contact voters, or protect our GOP House majority, or anything else without your support.

CHIP IN \$11

CHIP IN ANOTHER AMOUNT

Thank you for your consideration,

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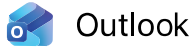
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[PROOF] LEAKED: Gavin Newsom's new Congressional map

From CAGOP <info@updates.cagop.org>

Date Mon 2025-12-01 11:04

To Francisco Bedoya <fbedoya@cagop.org>



Gavin Newsom's new Congressional map has been LEAKED.

And Jocelynn, if this passes, it would be DEVASTATING.

The new Congressional map that Democrats are proposing would **WIPE OUT AT LEAST 5 Republican House seats**, and would **GUARANTEE** the end of our GOP House majority.

[CAGOP is leading the fight to stop Gavin Newsom's WAR against Republicans. PLEASE we need you to help fuel the fight. >>](#)

Gavin Newsom has promised to use this new Congressional map to put an END to President Trump's Presidency.

So, we cannot risk a single grassroots supporter standing by. We're asking you to rush in a donation to help us win this battle.

This won't be an easy fight, we need your support if we're going to succeed. **[Please, join us today. >>](#)**

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Thank you for being on the team,

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[PROOF] The Voter Registration Deadline is just 2 days away

From CAGOP <info@updates.cagop.org>

Date Mon 12/1/2025 3:20 PM

To Jocelynne Florian <jflorian@cagop.org>



Jocelynne,

The voter registration deadline is just **2 days away**. Time is running out to make sure your voice is heard on November 4.

REGISTER HERE

Prop 50 is Gavin Newsom's scheme to wipe out Republican congressional seats. The only way to stop him is by making sure every Republican is registered and ready to vote.

If you're not registered to vote, you can't vote NO on Prop 50. Don't let Democrats silence you.

[Take two minutes right now to register before it's too late.](#)

REGISTER NOW

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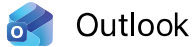
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[PROOF] Today is Voter Registration Day!

From CAGOP <info@updates.cagop.org>
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To Francisco Bedoya <fbedoya@cagop.org>



Francisco,

Today is National Voter Registration Day — and there's no better time to make sure you're ready to vote.

On November 4, Californians will decide Prop 50, Gavin Newsom's scheme to wipe out Republican seats in Congress. If Republicans aren't registered, we can't stop him.

Here's what you need to do right now:

- **Check your voter registration** and make sure your information is current.
- **Register immediately** if you aren't on the rolls. It only takes two minutes.
- **Remind 5 friends to register today** so their votes count too.

Don't wait until it's too late. Prop 50 will decide the fate of our Republican seats, and it starts with making sure you are registered to vote.

REGISTER TO VOTE NOW

Together, we will protect the vote and stop Prop 50.

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[PROOF] Volunteer attorneys are critical in protecting the vote

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To Jocelynne Florian <jflorian@cagop.org>



Jocelynne,

On November 4, Californians will vote on Prop 50 — Gavin Newsom's dangerous scheme to eliminate Republican seats in Congress. The stakes couldn't be higher.

To stop it, [we need attorneys on the front lines of our Election Integrity operation.](#)

Volunteer attorneys are critical in protecting the vote — monitoring polling places, ensuring election laws are enforced, and standing ready to act if Democrats attempt to undermine the process.

This is your call to action. Your training and expertise can make the difference in whether Republican seats are protected or lost.

Step forward now and join our team of volunteer attorneys. California's Republican seats depend on it.

SIGN UP AS A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY

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[PROOF] We need YOU as a Poll Observer

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To Jocelynn Florian <jflorian@cagop.org>



Jocelynn,

Prop 50 isn't just about California. It's part of the Democrats' plan to erase Republican seats in Congress and tip the balance of power in Washington.

That's why we need patriots like YOU to step up as Poll Observers on November 4.

Poll Observers are the front line of election integrity. By serving, you'll make sure Democrats are held accountable and that every ballot is handled properly.

All trainings are held on Zoom, and when you sign up, you'll choose the session time that fits your schedule.

Training will give you the tools to:

- Recognize and report problems at polling locations
- Safeguard the process so every vote is counted fairly
- Stand as a visible deterrent against misconduct

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This election will shape America's future. Don't sit on the sidelines.

SIGN UP & PICK YOUR TRAINING

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[PROOF] We need you: sign up as a Poll Observer

From CAGOP <info@updates.cagop.org>

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To Jocelynne Florian <jflorian@cagop.org>



Jocelynn,

Governor Newsom and the Democrats are counting on one thing this November 4: Republicans staying home. Prop 50 is designed to erase our seats in Congress — and if we don't fight back, they win by default.

We can't let that happen.

By becoming a Poll Observer, you'll be the eyes and ears inside polling locations, making sure Democrats are never left unchecked. Without trained Republicans in the room, there is no accountability.

Signing up is simple. All trainings are on Zoom, and you'll be able to pick the session time that works best for you. Training will cover everything you need to know to be confident and prepared on Election Day.

The stakes couldn't be higher. If we don't show up, we lose the House — and President Trump's agenda stalls.

SIGN UP FOR TRAINING TODAY

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**David Tangipa** ✓

@DavidTangipa



 **BREAKING:** The DOJ has joined our lawsuit against Gov. Newsom!

We promised to fight this partisan gerrymandering every step of the way and now the DOJ is standing with us to stop this power grab.



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David Tangipa on X: "Prop 50 cost \$300M, I warned we didn't have the money, & they cut my mic. Partisan gain mattered more than Californians, & now we'll pay the price ...

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David Tangipa ✓
@DavidTangipa

Prop 50 cost \$300M, I warned we didn't have the money, & they cut my mic. Partisan gain mattered more than Californians, & now we'll pay the price

← **Post** me, remember: "what about Texas" mattered more than you. Other states have surpluses. California has deficits. **Reply** ↗



ASSEMBLYMAN DAVID TANGIPA
8TH DISTRICT

***WARNING* CALIFORNIA HAS A LOOMING \$35 BILLION DEFICIT. MAYBE GOVERNOR NEWSOM SHOULD FOCUS ON WHAT TEXAS DOES RIGHT.**


\$24 BILLION SURPLUS (Texas)

\$35 BILLION DEFICIT (California)

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HOW WE GOT HERE

For years, Sacramento Democrats, led by Governor Gavin Newsom, have prioritized **political power** over the will of the people.

In August, they rammed through the biggest **power grab** yet. **Prop 50**. A unilateral decision to redraw Congressional maps, eliminate five Republican districts, & strengthen Democrat held seats.

Under Newsom's watch, the Democratic supermajority rammed through this mid-decade redistricting scheme in a matter of days, bypassing meaningful public input and ignoring the independent redistricting process that Californians fought to establish.

In the Elections Committee, I was shouted down, laughed at, and ultimately silenced by the Chair. Why? Simply for asking these basic questions:

- Who drew the maps?
- How much will this cost taxpayers?
- How does this help Valley families?

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WHATS AT STAKE FOR THE VALLEY?

PROP 50 IS A POWER GRAB. PUT SIMPLY, IF THIS INITIATIVE PASSES ON NOVEMBER 4TH, WE RISK LOSING CONGRESSMAN VALADAO AND NOT BEING ABLE TO RETAKE CD-13 OR CD-21; TWO OF THE BEST PICKUP OPTIONS FOR REPUBLICANS IN THE COUNTRY.

LET'S LOOK AT THE NUMBERS.

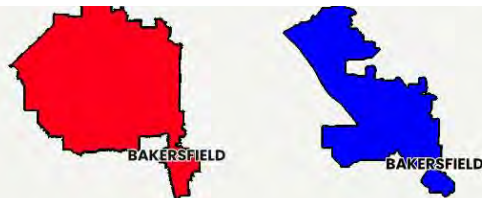
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DAHLE/NEWSOM	DAHLE+4	NEWSOM+1
RECALL	PASS+1	FAIL+5
TRUMP/BIDEN:	BIDEN+13	BIDEN+18

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CD-21	OLD	NEW
REGISTRATION	D+13	D+14
TRUMP/HARRIS	HARRIS +3	HARRIS+6
DAHLE/NEWSOM	NEWSOM+1	NEWSOM+3
RECALL	FAIL+9	FAIL+11
TRUMP/BIDEN:	BIDEN+20	BIDEN+21

CD-13

CD-13	OLD	NEW
REGISTRATION	D+10	D+16
TRUMP/HARRIS	TRUMP+5	HARRIS+1
DAHLE/NEWSOM	DAHLE+8	EVEN
RECALL	PASS+2	FAIL+5
TRUMP/BIDEN:	BIDEN+11	BIDEN+18

IT WON'T END HERE

HISTORY'S OLDEST LESSON IS WHEN POWER IS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT, IT IS **NEVER RETURNED**. POWER CORRUPTS. AND ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY.

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MARK MY WORDS. IF PROP 50 PASSES AND CONTROL OF REDISTRICTING IS HELD BY THE LEGISLATURE, DEMOCRATS WILL COME BACK FOR THE REMAINING REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS AND WILL THEN SET THEIR SIGHTS ON ELIMINATING THE COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY OVER LEGISLATIVE MAPS.

GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND THE LEGISLATURE WANT ABSOLUTE CONTROL AND
A PERMANENT SUPER-MAJORITY.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

I'm calling on **every Californian** who cares about fair elections, balanced representation, and a check against Sacramento Democrats & Governor Newsom to sign up today to **defeat Prop 50**.

Its gameday. Here's how you can do your part. Every bit counts.

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CALL 50 VOTERS

GIVE \$50

PUT A SIGN IN YOUR YARD

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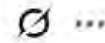
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Assemblyman David Tangipa

@AsmTangipa



Me: "Were these maps made with protections for CA Voters?"

Democrats: "It's a partisan gerrymander."



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Californians don't have the privilege to play partisan games—we're suffering!!

This legislature proved they can move mountains in just 4 days when it benefits them. But when it comes to lowering utility bills, insurance rates, grocery costs, or tackling wildfires? Nothing.

This week made one thing clear: if Sacramento wants it for themselves, it gets done fast. If it's for the people of California, it doesn't get done at all. It's time to wake up.

 **matt_818** 12w



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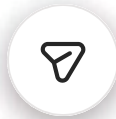
   

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**kermie** @letstalkforsec · Oct 13
Early voting is key!!**Hunter Freitas** ✓ @freitashunt... · 11h
Early voting isn't cheating, it's winning.

The "hole in the ballot envelope" isn't a conspiracy, it's literally there so counties can confirm a ballot's inside.

Flip it. Seal it. Move on.

Here's what actually matters: voting early.

Republicans lose every single time we wait until Election Day. Bad weather, long lines,

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<https://www.instagram.com/p/DQk55CdEXjI/>

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No on 50! We can do this California!



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Sayrs Morris ✓
@SayrsMorris



And their board members are dropping like flies. Some want nothing to do with the partisan map drawing scheme.



Rob Pyers ✓ @rpyers · Aug 20

That this checks the 'public participation' box on California's DCCC-drawn map should put a stake through the heart of any credibility this group may have wanted to hang onto. x.com/CommonCause/st...

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[←](#) Post**Mike Netter** ✓
@nettermike

Prop 50 is a total betrayal to all California citizens! First, Newsom scraps the 5.7 million votes cast in 2010 to create an independent redistricting commission. A slap in the face to voters. It is like changing the rules of a game because you don't like the outcome. Then he directs the redrawing the lines of Congressional Districts to get rid of Republican representation. He often talks about "threats to democracy" when his own actions are a threat to democracy.

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@SayrsMorris



Are we fired up yet California? The misinformation around Prop 50 is staggering. We need to get out and speak to every single republican an NPP voter. A yes vote hands the power of the people to shady, partisan politicians. We had 15 years of an independent citizen-led redistricting commission and now Gavin, AOC, and George Soros are running scared because the people have had enough of the disastrous one-party rule in CA. We should be able to choose our congressional representatives, they shouldn't choose their voters. VOTE NO ON PROP 50!

**Corey Uhden** @CACoreyU · Oct 9

Thank you @CAGOP Secretary @SayrsMorris for speaking up for ALL Californians and speaking out against Prop 50

"Prop 50 centralizes more decision-making power in Sacramento," she said, taking it "away from the communities that understand our challenges best." ...

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Vern Costa is in Hanford, CA.
October 12 · 🌐

GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S POWER GRAB

IT IS A PARTISAN GERRYMANDER

-Sacramento Democrats

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE NO ON 50

- ✗ Flips the Valley from RED to BLUE
- ✗ Eliminates the CA Independent Redistricting Commission
- ✗ Delivers the House of Representatives to Democrats
- ✗ Strips Kings County voter of their voice



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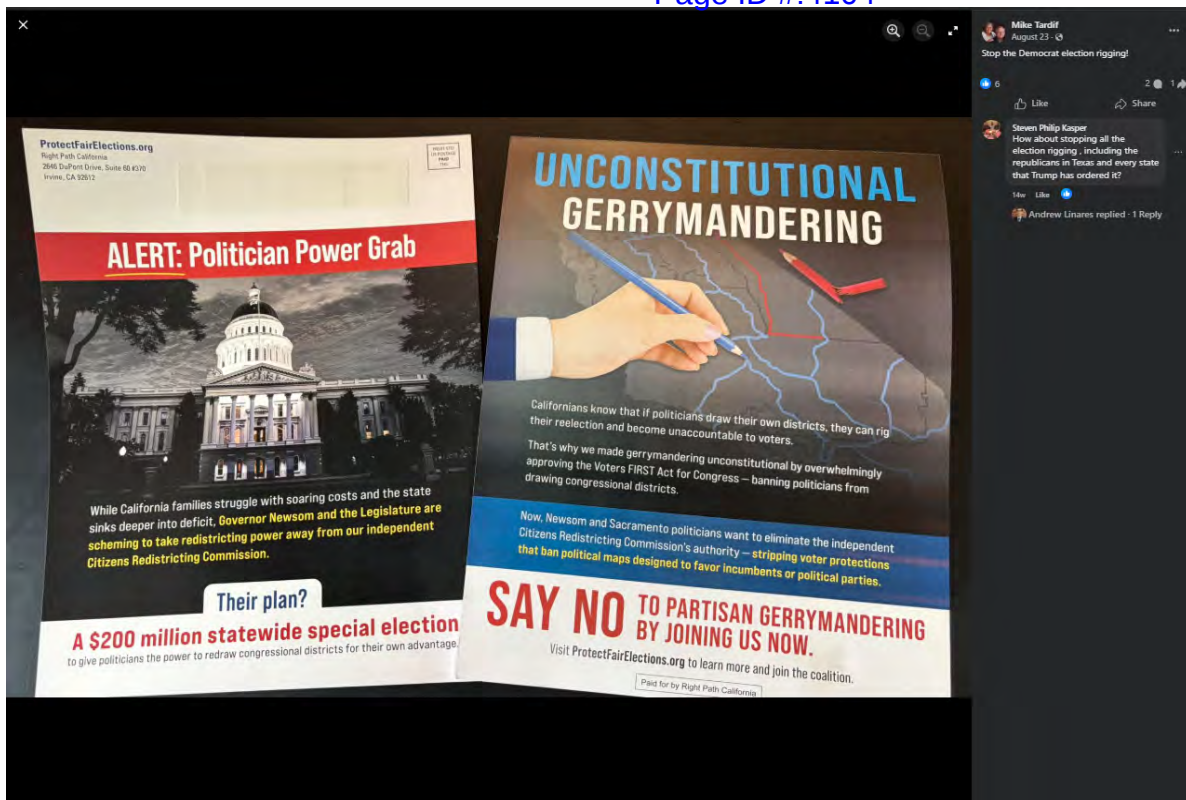
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Proposition 50 – Quick Voter Guide

Vote YES if...	Vote NO if...
You believe elected officials should be responsible for drawing district maps.	You believe independent citizens should be responsible for drawing district maps.
You think map-drawing should be done secretly and not part of a public process.	You think map-drawing should be done through a transparent public process with community input.
If you believe that legislators should amend the constitution because they want different outcomes.	If you believe the constitution should not be changed because one political party is trying to game the system.
You feel it is equitable that only 4–5 seats out of 52 should be held by Republicans.	You believe district lines should reflect California's real voter balance, not tilt the outcome for one party.
You trust that Newsom has your best interests in mind.	You trust the public process (that California voters already established) and citizen commission more than politicians in Sacramento.





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California's congressional map is already stacked in favor of Democrats. Despite winning 38% of the statewide vote, Republicans hold only 9 of 52 seats. Democrats want to bring it down to four.

This power grab doesn't just affect California– it affects the entire country.

A chart was leaked yesterday that provides details on which GOP seats the Democrats will target:

Statewide Partisan Lean			Statewide Partisan Lean		
District	Current	Submission	District	Current	Submission
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6	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	32	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
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9	Lean Democratic	Safe Democratic	35	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
10	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	36	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
11	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	37	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
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22	Lean Democratic	Lean Democratic	48	Safe Republican	Lean Democratic
23	Safe Republican	Safe Republican	49	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
24	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	50	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
25	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	51	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic
26	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic	52	Safe Democratic	Safe Democratic

It circulated to state lawmakers Wednesday and obtained by POLITICO shows changes in the voter p of California's congressional districts under a proposed new map.

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@Capitalist_Choice @REbroker1994 · Aug 16
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Joseph Rizal @jrizar1957 · Aug 16
So how can the Trump administration stop Newsom from this latest power grab dead in its tracks?

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AG @Agattorney · Aug 16
Yes. We know. The rules changed, bruh.

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Judy Nutter @heyjlynn · Aug 17
The Dems consistent gerrymandering in California has disenfranchised me and millions of other conservatives.

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Jennifer C Perez @6thJenerationCA · Aug 16
They've drawn my district of El Dorado County to include Downtown Sac, East Sac and Land Park. The only place where you'll find a larger concentration of Old School hard core progressive Dems is in the coastal bastions. There could not be a more politically ideological difference [Show more](#)

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LC **crypto scammers or porn** @c_love909 · Aug 16
you can not redraw districts based off who they voted for current districts and how they voted in 2024 its unconstitutional another way to take away our voices to rig elections

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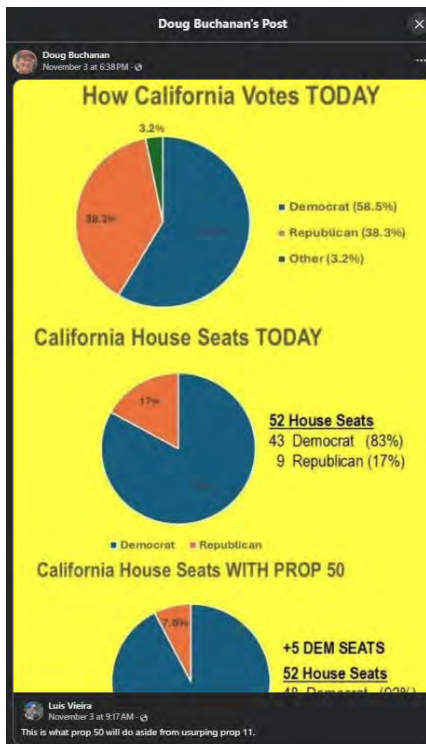


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BLOG POST · OCTOBER 7, 2025

How Many Seats Would Democrats Gain under California's Mid-Decade Redistricting Plan?

Eric McGhee

A national conflict over redistricting has been engaged, with California at the center of the maelstrom. Texas redrew its congressional map in an effort to add five Republican-controlled seats. California Democrats have responded with Proposition 50, which would add Democratic districts in the Golden State. If approved by voters in November, Prop 50 will suspend the map drawn by California's independent redistricting commission for the next three election cycles in favor of a map recently drawn by the legislature. In the near term, the new map would add up to 5 Democratic representatives and reduce the number of competitive races; the longer-term impact is less certain.

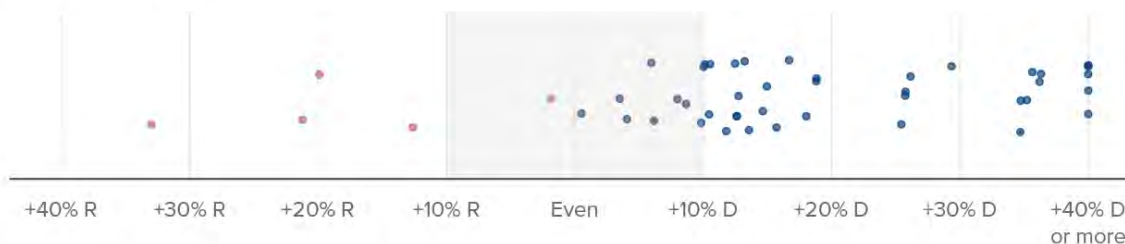
One way to understand the Prop 50 plan's potential impact is to look at recent presidential results, which have been a remarkably accurate gauge of US House votes in each district. If we were to assume that every district won by Kamala Harris in 2024 would go to a Democratic House candidate, the party would win 47 seats under the proposed plan, compared to 41 under the existing plan. (Democrats actually won 43 seats under the existing plan in 2024, winning in two districts that voted narrowly for Trump.)

The Prop 50 plan turns many Republican seats solidly but not overwhelmingly Democratic

Current plan



Proposed plan



Presidential vote margin in 2024

SOURCES: Planscore (2024 presidential vote reconstituted in new districts); Statewide Database (precinct shapefiles); California State Assembly (proposed district shapefiles); California Citizens Redistricting Commission (current district shapefiles).

FROM: PPIC Blog, October 2025.

The plan would replace 6 of the 12 overwhelmingly Democratic districts—where Harris won with 30% to 40% margins—with districts that are still solidly Democratic but with relatively more Republican voters. The Democratic voters who used to be part of these districts would then be able to help make other districts Democratic: 18 districts now have margins between 10% and 20% for Harris, up from 7 in the current plan.

Exhibit 14
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The current plan is notable for its large number of competitive districts—13 had Harris vote shares between 45% and 55%, with 6 leaning Republican and 7 leaning Democratic. The Prop 50 plan cuts that number to 9, with all but one now leaning toward Democrats. The near absence of competitive Republican seats would put a ceiling on Democratic gains. Between 2012 and 2024, the Democratic share of the US House vote in California ranged from a low of 57% in 2014 to a high of 66% in 2018, and was about 60% in 2024. In a rough simulation of the 2018 election, the party would win 48 seats, only one more than under the existing plan. That would amount to a gain of 5 seats over the number the Democrats hold now. Ironically, in a more Republican climate, Democrats would fare better relative to the status quo: a 2014 simulation gives Democrats 43 seats under the Prop 50 plan, compared to just 36 under the current one.

These gains assume a close alignment between presidential and congressional voting; the more they diverge, the smaller the expected gains. Indeed, [a model of recent elections](#) that measures and incorporates typical electoral uncertainty predicts fewer Democratic wins under both the current and proposed plans, and a smaller difference between the two. The consequence of this uncertainty is smallest in a good Democratic year—in which the Democrats would still be expected to win 48 seats—and largest in a good Republican year like 2014, when the Democrats might win 38 or fewer.

Because the sitting president's party usually loses votes in midterm House elections, 2026 is likely to look more like 2018 than 2014. But the plan would be in place for three election cycles, making the full range of possible outcomes more realistic. In short, the Prop 50 plan will probably give the Democrats most of the seats they are looking for in 2026, but with murkier consequences beyond that.

Though partisanship is the main driver of this mid-decade redraw, the plan's partisan impact is not the only important consequence to consider: the redistricting commission's plan factors in representation for voters of color, the shapes of the districts, and the cohesion of cities and counties within each district. Stay tuned for [an analysis of the Prop 50 plan's potential impact on these outcomes](#).

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YES on Prop 50: FAQ

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September 15, 2025



WHAT IS PROPOSITION 50?

Since day one, Californians have been on the frontlines of protecting our communities under attack by the Trump administration and his MAGA Republicans. **With Proposition 50, California voters have the opportunity to fight back against the Republican cuts to healthcare, the rising cost of living under tariffs, and the cruel abductions and forced removals of immigrants.**

Proposition 50 is a direct response to a Republican power grab orchestrated by President Trump and state leaders in Texas, who redrew Congressional district lines to gain five more seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Proposition 50 proposes new lines for many of California's 52 congressional districts, which would negate the five Republican seats drawn by Texas. Under the proposed lines, Democrats could gain up to 5 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. With a majority in the House, Democrats can fight back against Trump and Republicans' MAGA agenda. The proposition includes several key provisions and will be placed on the ballot through a special election on November 4th.

Proposition 50:

- **LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD.** Prop 50 makes sure the 2026 mid-term elections are conducted on a level playing field without an unfair advantage for Republicans.
- **COMMITTS TO FAIR REDISTRICTING.** Prop 50 reaffirms California's commitment to independent redistricting and calls for a nationwide commitment to fair and impartial maps.
- **GIVES VOTERS THE POWER.** Prop 50 puts the power in the hands of the People of California, not backroom politicians, to approve emergency congressional district maps in response to Trump's election rigging scheme.
- **IS FAIR AND PROPORTIONAL.** Prop 50 provides emergency maps only because Republicans moved forward with their power grab.

- **IS TEMPORARY.** These maps expire in 2030. Prop 50 preserves California’s award-winning redistricting reforms and reaffirms the California Citizens Redistricting Commission’s authority to draw congressional districts after the next census.

¿Qué es la Proposición 50?

Las jugadas políticas hechas por Donald Trump y los republicanos en Texas para robar escaños en el Congreso han puesto en riesgo la integridad de las elecciones del 2026, mucho antes de que empiece la votación. Otros estados republicanos también quieren manipular los escaños para asegurar el control del Congreso sin tomar en consideración el voto del pueblo. Estas jugadas claramente representan un ataque hacia nuestra democracia. Esta situación tan alarmante ha llevado al gobernador Newsom y la legislatura estatal a poner la Propuesta 50 en la boleta y hacerle frente a lo que están haciendo los republicanos de Texas y no dejarlos que se salgan con la suya.

Sí a la Propuesta 50 – 5 Mensajes Clave:

- *Contrarresta los esfuerzos antidemocráticos de los estados republicanos para el 2026*
- *Reafirma el compromiso de California a la reforma nacional justa y no partidista para la redistribución de distritos congresionales*
- *El poder está con el pueblo para aprobar los mapas temporeros*
- *Es justa y proporcional como respuesta a MAGA*
- *Es temporal – expira con los mapas del 2030*

WHAT DOES A “YES” VOTE ON PROP 50 MEAN?

A YES vote on this measure means: The state would use new, legislatively drawn congressional district maps starting in 2026. California’s new maps would be used until the California Citizens Redistricting Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

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Un voto SÍ a esta medida significa: el estado utilizaría nuevos mapas de distritos legislativos a partir de 2026. Los nuevos mapas de California se utilizarán hasta que la Comisión Ciudadana de Delimitación de Distritos de California elabore nuevos mapas tras el censo de EE. UU. de 2030.

WHAT DOES A “NO” VOTE ON PROP 50 MEAN?

A NO vote on this measure means: Current congressional district maps drawn by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) would continue to be used in California until the Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

QUÉ SIGNIFICA SU VOTO NO

Un voto NO a esta medida significa: los mapas actuales de los distritos del Congreso elaborados por la Comisión Ciudadana de Delimitación de Distritos de California (Comisión) seguirían utilizándose en California hasta que la Comisión elabore nuevos mapas tras el Censo de EE. UU. de 2030.

Link to the full ballot packet can be found [here](#).

WHO IS ENDORSING PROPOSITION 50?

Led by Governor Gavin Newsom, YES on Prop 50 is endorsed by the California Democratic Party and backed by leaders like President Barack Obama, Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Adam Schiff, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, election experts, independent redistricting commissioners, Planned Parenthood, the NAACP, California veterans, teachers, and nurses. Full coalition can be found [here](#).

Esta medida fue propuesta por el gobernador de California, Gavin Newsom y tiene el apoyo de demócratas y otros progresistas como:

- *El Presidente Barack Obama*
- *Los Senadores Alex Padilla y Adam Schiff*
- *La delegación demócrata entera del Congreso, incluyendo a los líderes demócratas de la Cámara de Representantes, Hakeem Jeffries, y a la expresidenta de la Cámara de Representantes, Nancy Pelosi;*
- *Sindicatos laborales incluyendo el CA Federation of Labor, la CA Teachers Association y el SEIU CA State Council*
- *Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California*

WHO IS AGAINST PROPOSITION 50?

Some of the biggest opponents of this measure are:

- **Charles Munger:** Rightwing billionaire who uses his private organization to block abortion access and target LGBTQ+ youth including promoting “conversion therapy” for LGBTQ+ youth and opposing same-sex marriage.
- **Carl DeMaio:** CA Assemblymember who is one of Trump’s most vocal allies in California, supporting mass immigration round-ups, unlawful tariffs, and withholding CA emergency response money.
- **Thomas Hiltachk & his law firm:** Go-to lawyers for Trump’s legal & election work in CA who have worked to bust unions and prevent Trump from having to disclose his tax returns as required by CA law.

Algunos de los adversarios de esta propuesta son:

- *Charles Munger – un multimillonario derechista quién usa sus entidades para atacar a nuestra juventud LGBTQ+ con terapias charlatanas, para oponer el matrimonio entre personas del mismo sexo y para impedir el acceso legal al aborto*
- *Carl DeMaio – asambleísta y portavoz de Trump en CA, quien defiende las deportaciones masivas, las tarifas ilegales y el impedimento a la ayuda de emergencia para los desastres en CA*
- *Thomas Hiltachk y su despacho de abogados – Son los abogados de confianza para el trabajo legal y electoral de Trump en California. Han trabajado en contra de los sindicatos y también para evitar que Trump tenga que revelar sus declaraciones de impuestos, aunque lo exija la ley en California.*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR VOTERS:

- **October 6:** Your county election office begins mailing ballots to registered voters
- **October 7:** Ballot drop-off locations open
- **October 20: LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE** for the November 4th Special Election
Voters can register same-day, but those ballots will not be counted until the voter registration form has been validated.
- **October 25:** Vote centers open for early in-person voting in all Voter's Choice Act counties.
- **October 28:** We recommend mailing in your ballot NO LATER than October 28th! After Oct. 28th, you can drop your ballot in an official ballot drop box or vote in-person at a polling place.
- **November 4: ELECTION DAY**
 - Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by **November 11, 2025.
 - Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned by mail, at a drop-off location, or your county elections office.

Fechas clave para las elecciones del martes, 4 de noviembre:

- *Último día para inscribirse para votar: lunes, 20 de octubre de 2025. *CA permite inscripciones hasta el mismo día de las elecciones, pero su voto será marcado como provisional y no contará hasta después de que su inscripción sea validada.*
- *Todo votante inscrito en CA recibirá una boleta por correo para las elecciones del martes, 4 de noviembre, 2025.*
- *La oficina electoral de su condado enviará las boletas a partir del 6 de octubre.*
- *Los buzones electorales estarán disponibles desde el martes, 7 de octubre.*
- *Las boletas pueden ser entregadas por correo, en un buzón electoral o en las oficinas electorales de su condado.*
- *Los centros de votación para votar en persona abren a más tardar el sábado, 25 de octubre.*

- *Si va a enviar su boleta por correo, lo puede hacer de donde quiera, siempre y cuando la boleta tenga matasellos del 4 de noviembre o antes y sea recibida a más tardar el 12 de noviembre.*

CADEM Voter Protection Hotline: 1-877-321-VOTE [8683]

Línea directa de protección al votante del partido demócrata de California: 1-877-321-VOTE [8683]

*****Deadline falls on a weekend or state holiday; the action may be conducted on the next business day. (Elections Code § 15; Government Code §81005)***

EXHIBIT 16

Statewide Special Election

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Don't Delay, Vote Today!

Early vote-by-mail ballot voting period is
from October 6 through November 4, 2025.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
on November 4, 2025, Election Day!



CALIFORNIA TRUSTED INFO

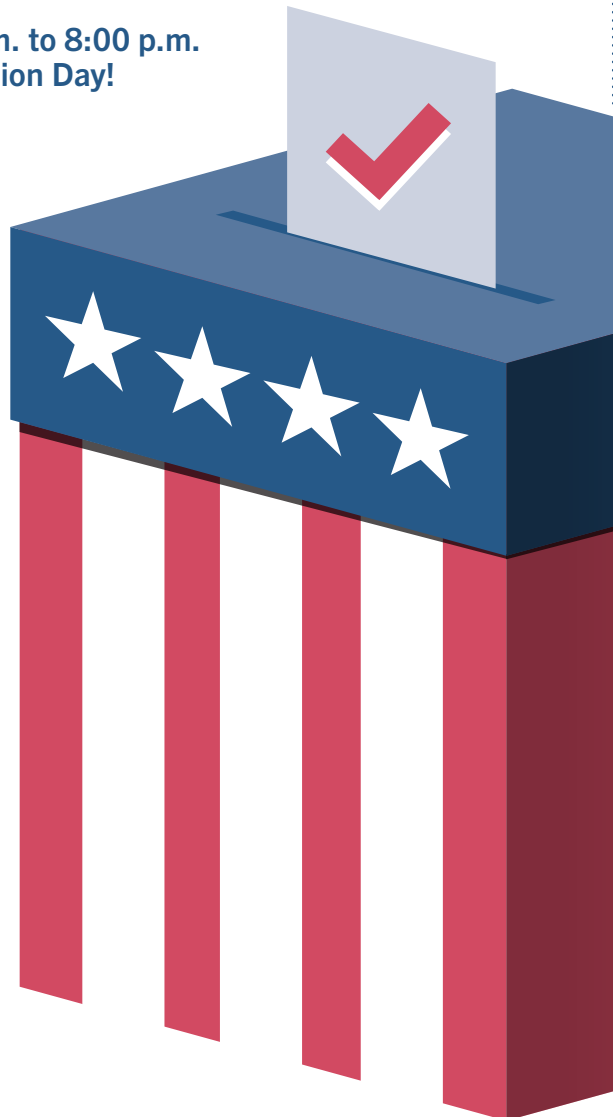
Every registered voter
in California will receive
a vote-by-mail ballot.

Vote-by-mail ballots
are mailed on or before
October 6.

Vote-by-mail ballots
can be voted and
returned as soon as
they are received.

Vote-by-mail drop
boxes open October 7.

In-person voting
options will be available
in all counties.



Certificate of Correctness

I, Shirley N. Weber, Secretary
of State of the State of
California, do hereby certify that
the information included herein
will be submitted to the electors
of the State of California at the
Statewide Special Election to
be held throughout the State
on November 4, 2025, and that
this guide has been correctly
prepared in accordance with
the law. Witness my hand and
the Great Seal of the State in
Sacramento, California, this
17th day of September, 2025.




Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.
Secretary of State



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VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- 1** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
 - a U.S. citizen living in California
 - at least 18 years old
 - registered where you currently live
 - not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
 - not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- 2** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
- 3** **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
- 4** **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 5** **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
 - Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot,
 - Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place, or
 - Vote using a provisional ballot.**
- 6** **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- 7** **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in California.
- 8** **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
- 9** **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
- 10** **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.
 -  On the web at www.sos.ca.gov
 -  By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**
 -  By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

**IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DENIED ANY OF THESE RIGHTS, CALL THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
CONFIDENTIAL TOLL-FREE VOTER HOTLINE AT (800) 345-VOTE (8683).**

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Top Contributors to State Candidates and Ballot Measures

When a committee (a person or group of people who receive or spend money for the purpose of influencing voters to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures) raises at least \$1 million, it must report its top 10 contributors to the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). The committee must update the list when there is any change.

These lists are available on the FPPC website at:
fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors.html

To research campaign contributions for candidates or ballot measures, visit the Secretary of State’s website at powersearch.sos.ca.gov.



Visit the Secretary of State’s Website to:

- Research campaign contributions and lobbying activity cal-access.sos.ca.gov OR powersearch.sos.ca.gov
- View this voter guide in other languages voterguide.sos.ca.gov
- Check your registration status and registration information voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
- Find your polling place or a vote center on Election Day sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place OR voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
- Get vote-by-mail ballot information sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail
- Read helpful information for first-time voters sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california
- Watch live election results after polls close on Election Day electionresults.sos.ca.gov



Message from the Secretary of State

Dear California Voter,

Your participation in every election is vital to ensuring democracy thrives. As a California voter, you will have an opportunity to vote in the upcoming November 4, 2025, **Statewide Special Election**. This election will ask you to **approve or reject** a ballot proposition.

You have a number of ways to participate as California continues to protect and expand your right to vote. We uphold universal vote-by-mail ballots, multiple in-person voting approaches, same-day voter registration, and provisional voting, all designed to make voting accessible and secure.

This Voter Information Guide is designed to help you make an informed decision on Proposition 50. Inside, you will find key details about when, where, and how to cast your ballot, as well as an impartial summary and analysis of the measure. The guide presents official arguments both in favor of and against Proposition 50, along with rebuttals, so you can consider multiple perspectives before making your choice.

Your Guide Includes:

- A neutral summary of Proposition 50, with arguments for and against, including contact information for supporters and opponents. (PAGE 5)
- Clear instructions on how to vote—by mail, in person, or via secure drop box. Plus, reminders to sign and seal your ballot. (PAGE 7)
- Information on **Where's My Ballot** alerts at *WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov*.
- Details on extended voting days and vote centers in Voter's Choice Act counties, where you can register and vote on the same day. (PAGE 6)

Participating in elections is vital to having a say in decisions that affect our lives and how our community operates. I encourage you to take the time to learn about the issue and the implications of this election, then make your choice. Voting means your voice will be heard and you have a say in the future.

Thank you for keeping our democracy strong!

QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

PROP 50 AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY CHANGES TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS IN RESPONSE TO TEXAS' PARTISAN REDISTRICTING. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

SUMMARY

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

Requires temporary use of new congressional district maps through 2030. Directs independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to resume enacting congressional district maps in 2031. Establishes policy supporting nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. **Fiscal Impact:** One-time costs to counties of up to a few million dollars statewide to update election materials to reflect new congressional district maps.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: The state would use new, legislatively drawn congressional district maps starting in 2026. California's new maps would be used until the California Citizens Redistricting Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: Current congressional district maps drawn by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) would continue to be used in California until the Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Proposition 50—The Election Rigging Response Act—approves temporary, emergency congressional district maps to counter Donald Trump's scheme to rig next year's congressional election and reaffirms California's commitment to independent, nonpartisan redistricting after the next census. Vote Yes on 50 for democracy in all 50 states. Learn more at StopElectionRigging.com.

CON Prop. 50 was written by politicians, for politicians—dismantling safeguards that keep elections fair, removes requirements to keep local communities together, and eliminates voter protections that ban maps designed to favor political parties. Vote NO to protect fair elections and keep citizens—not politicians—in charge of redistricting.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Governor Newsom's Ballot Measure Committee
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StopElectionRigging.com

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No on Prop. 50—Protect Voters First, Sponsored by Hold Politicians Accountable
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San Rafael, CA 94901
(916) 446-6572
info@votersfirstact.org
VotersFirstAct.org

Election Day Information

Polling locations are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. If you are in line before 8:00 p.m., you can still vote.

Find Your Polling Place or a Vote Center

Polling places and vote centers are established by county elections officials. Look for your polling place address or vote center locations in the county Voter Information Guide that you receive in the mail a few weeks before Election Day.

You may also visit the Secretary of State's website at vote.ca.gov or call our toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).



Election results for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election are available after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on the California Secretary of State's Election Results website at electionresults.sos.ca.gov.

Results will begin to be posted at 8:00 p.m. and will be updated throughout Election Night. In the days afterwards, the results will be updated at 5:00 p.m. each day throughout the canvass as counties count the remaining ballots.

The official certified results of the election will be posted by December 12, 2025, at sos.ca.gov/elections.

More Days, More Ways to Vote

with the California Voter's Choice Act



Vote in person up to 10 days prior to Election Day

- Alameda
- Amador
- Butte
- Calaveras
- El Dorado
- Fresno
- Humboldt
- Kings
- Los Angeles
- Madera
- Marin
- Mariposa
- Merced
- Napa
- Nevada
- Orange
- Placer
- Riverside
- Sacramento
- San Benito
- San Diego
- San Mateo
- Santa Clara
- Santa Cruz
- Sonoma
- Stanislaus
- Tuolumne
- Ventura
- Yolo

In California, every active registered voter will automatically receive a ballot in the mail before every election. Check your voter registration status to ensure you receive your ballot.

Use a drop box:

Return your ballot to a secure drop off location in any county **up to 28 days before the election**

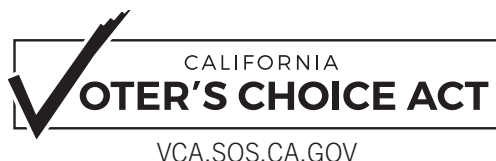
Vote center:

- Vote in person anywhere in the county **up to 10 days before the election**
- Register to vote and vote same day
- Drop off your ballot

Vote by mail:

Return your ballot by mail **as soon as you receive it**

Visit RegisterToVote.ca.gov or call (800) 345-VOTE (8683) to learn more.



Want to skip the line and vote early?
Scan the QR Code to learn more!






Don't Delay, Vote Today!


All California voters will be sent a vote-by-mail ballot with a prepaid postage return envelope for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election. County elections officials will begin sending vote-by-mail ballots no later than October 6, 2025.

The vote-by-mail ballot voting period begins as soon as ballots are in the mail. Make your voice heard early! Return your vote-by-mail ballot during the voting period of October 6 through the close of polls on November 4.


Voting by Mail is EASY.

Democracy is counting on you! Follow these five easy steps to exercise your right to vote:

-  **Complete it.**
 Mark your choices on your vote-by-mail ballot.
-  **Seal it.**
 Secure your ballot inside the vote-by-mail ballot return envelope you received from your county elections office.
-  **Sign it.**
 Sign the outside of your vote-by-mail ballot return envelope.

 Make sure your signature matches the one on your CA driver's license/state ID, or the one you provided when registering to vote. Your county elections office will compare them before they count your ballot.
-  **Return it.**
By drop box—Drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at a secure official drop box in your county at any time between October 7 through the close of polls on November 4.

In person—Drop your completed vote-by-mail ballot off at a secure drop box, polling place, vote center, or county elections office by 8:00 p.m. on November 4. Voting locations will be available in all counties before Election Day. Voting locations offer voter registration, replacement ballots, accessible voting machines, and language assistance.

By mail—Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Make sure your vote-by-mail ballot return envelope is postmarked no later than November 4.
-  **Track it.**
 Sign up at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov to receive updates on the status of your vote-by-mail ballot by text message (SMS), email, or voice call.



All voters can get critical updates on their ballots through California's official "Where's My Ballot?" tracking tool. **Signing up takes less than three minutes!**

What you'll be able to track:



You can select to receive notifications on the status of your vote-by-mail ballot by text (SMS), email, or voice call, including alerts if there are any issues with your ballot and instructions for how to correct them to make sure your vote is counted.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to track your ballot every step of the way!

You can also copy this URL into your browser: wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov



PROPOSITION

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**AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY CHANGES TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
MAPS IN RESPONSE TO TEXAS' PARTISAN REDISTRICTING.
LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.****OFFICIAL TITLE AND SUMMARY**

PREPARED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The text of this measure can be found on page 18 and the Secretary of State's website at voterguide.sos.ca.gov.

- In response to Texas' mid-decade partisan congressional redistricting, this measure temporarily requires new congressional district maps, as passed by the Legislature in August 2025, to be used in California's congressional elections through 2030.
- Retains California's independent Citizens Redistricting Commission and directs the Commission to resume enacting congressional district maps in 2031 after the 2030 census and every ten years thereafter.

- Establishes state policy supporting use of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S ESTIMATE OF NET
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL IMPACT:**

- One-time costs to counties of up to a few million dollars statewide. County costs would be to update election materials to reflect new congressional district maps.

FINAL VOTES CAST BY THE LEGISLATURE ON ACA 8 (PROPOSITION 50)
(RESOLUTION CHAPTER 156, STATUTES OF 2025)

Senate:	Ayes 30	Noes 8
Assembly:	Ayes 57	Noes 20

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**BACKGROUND****U.S. CONGRESS**

U.S. Congress. The U.S. Congress is the part of the federal government that makes laws. Congress has two parts: the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives (House). Each of the 50 states is represented by 2 senators, with 100 senators in total. The House has 435 members. The number of representatives in the House for each state depends on how many people live in that state. Each member in the House represents an area of the state called a congressional district. California currently has 52 congressional districts. Voters who live in each congressional district elect one member of the House every two years to represent them. The next election for all 435 representatives will be in 2026.

U.S. Census Counts States' Populations Every Ten Years. The number of people living in an area goes up and down over time. Every ten years, the U.S. Census counts the number of people who live in the U.S. The last census was in 2020, and the next census is in 2030. This count is used to determine how many people live in each state and how many

representatives in the House each state gets for the next ten years.

CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

Each State Draws Congressional District Maps Following the U.S. Census. Every ten years, after the U.S. Census is completed, states draw new congressional district maps to reflect their number of House representatives and where people live. This process is called "redistricting." Each state decides what process to use to draw its new district maps. When drawing new maps, each state must follow federal laws. For example, each congressional district in the state must represent about the same number of people.

States Typically Do Not Redistrict Sooner Than Every Ten Years. States typically only draw congressional district maps every ten years, unless a court orders changes to comply with the law. In August 2025, however, the Texas Legislature passed a bill to adopt new maps for the 2026 elections without a court order. Several other states also are considering changes to their maps before the 2026 elections.

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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Congressional Redistricting in California. State legislatures draw congressional district maps in most states, but some states use commissions to do this job. Before 2010, the California Legislature drew the state's congressional district maps. In 2010, California voters gave this job to an independent commission known as the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission). The Commission includes 14 members: 5 Democratic members, 5 Republican members, and 4 members who are not registered with either of those political parties. When the Commission draws new congressional district maps, it must follow federal and state laws. For example, state law requires, among other things, the Commission to avoid splitting up neighborhoods or local communities of interest to the extent possible. State law also prohibits the Commission from considering political parties, current office holders, or people running for office when it draws the maps.

Current California Congressional Districts. The Commission drew the current maps for California's 52 congressional districts. These maps were based on the 2020 U.S. Census and have been used since the 2022 congressional elections.

PROPOSAL**CALIFORNIA'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS**

Use Legislatively Drawn Congressional District Maps Until After the Next Census. Proposition 50 replaces California's current congressional district maps with new, legislatively drawn maps. (The total number of districts would not change.) Proposition 50's maps must follow federal law, but they are not required to follow the state requirements placed on the Commission. The state would use Proposition 50's maps for congressional elections starting in 2026. The state would use these maps until the Commission draws new district maps, following the 2030 U.S. Census.

NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

Call for Change in Federal Law. Proposition 50 asks the U.S. Congress to change federal law and propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to

require redistricting be done by "fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide." Proposition 50 expresses voter support for this idea, but does not change federal law or require any particular action of Congress or the California Legislature.

FISCAL EFFECTS

Minor One-Time Costs to County and State Elections Officials. Counties run elections, and the state oversees them. Because most congressional districts in California would change at least some under the new maps, county and state elections officials would need to update election materials. This would result in one-time costs to counties of **up to a few million dollars** statewide and one-time costs to the state of **roughly \$200,000**. The state amount is much less than one-tenth of 1 percent (0.1 percent) of the state's roughly \$220 billion General Fund budget. (The General Fund is the account the state uses to pay for most public services, including education, health care, and prisons.)

CURRENT AND PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS

This section shows maps of the current and proposed congressional districts (1) statewide, as shown in Figures 1 and 2; (2) in the northern part of the state, as shown in Figures 3 and 4; and (3) in the southern part of the state, as shown in Figures 5 and 6. A description of the census blocks represented by each district in the proposed maps can be found at the following website: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB604

Visit sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/cal-access-resources/measure-contributions/2025-ballot-measure-contribution-totals for a list of committees primarily formed to support or oppose this measure.

Visit fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors.html to access the committee's top 10 contributors.

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Figure 1

Current Congressional Districts

Note: See northern and southern congressional district maps for district numbers for the Bay Area and Los Angeles regions. Map reflects data posted to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission website.

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Figure 3

Current Northern Congressional Districts

Note: Map reflects data posted to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission website.

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Figure 5

Current Southern Congressional Districts

Note: Map reflects data posted to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission website.

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Figure 6

Proposed Southern Congressional Districts



Note: Map reflects data posted to the California Legislature elections committees' (Assembly Elections Committee and Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee) websites.

★ ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 50 ★

STOP TRUMP FROM RIGGING THE 2026 ELECTION

Donald Trump and Texas Republicans are making an unprecedented power grab to steal congressional seats and rig the 2026 election before voting even begins.

Other Republican states are following suit. They want to steal enough seats to control Congress even if voters overwhelmingly reject their agenda.

This isn't politics as usual. It's an emergency for our democracy.

ENSURE FAIR REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS

We have already seen how Trump has recklessly imposed tariffs and hurt California families, denied disaster assistance to fire victims, and ordered mass arrests without warrants. The 2026 election for Congress represents our only chance to provide an essential check and balance on Trump's dangerous agenda.

If Californians don't act now, Donald Trump will seize total power for two more years. Proposition 50, the Election Rigging Response Act, will put a stop to their anti-democratic scheme. Here's what it does.

- **LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD.** Prop. 50 makes sure the 2026 mid-term elections are conducted on a level playing field without an unfair advantage for Republicans.
- **COMMITTS TO FAIR REDISTRICTING.** Prop. 50 reaffirms California's commitment to independent redistricting and calls for a nationwide commitment to fair and impartial maps.
- **GIVES VOTERS THE POWER.** Prop. 50 puts the power in the hands of the People of California, not backroom politicians, to approve emergency congressional district maps in response to Trump's election rigging scheme.
- **IS FAIR AND PROPORTIONAL.** Prop. 50 provides emergency maps only because Republicans moved forward with their power grab.
- **IS TEMPORARY.** These maps expire in 2030. Prop. 50 preserves California's award-winning redistricting reforms and

reaffirms the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's authority to draw congressional districts after the next census. The stakes couldn't be higher. If Republicans rig the election and steal control of Congress next year, they'll continue to eliminate healthcare for millions of Americans, slash funding for schools, and cut essential services for veterans to pay for tax breaks for billionaires and big corporations.

PROTECT DEMOCRACY IN ALL 50 STATES

California has a duty to defend democracy. To do that, we can't unilaterally disarm or fight with both hands tied behind our backs. When Trump tries to rig elections, we must fight back with every tool available.

Prop. 50 draws fair maps that represent California's diverse communities and ensure our voices aren't silenced by partisan gerrymandering in other states.

California leads the nation in protecting voting rights and fair elections. When other states try to silence our voices and rig the system, we must respond decisively.

Join President Barack Obama, Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Adam Schiff, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, election experts, independent redistricting commissioners, Planned Parenthood, the NAACP, California veterans, teachers, and nurses.

Vote YES on Prop. 50 to stop Trump's election rigging scheme.

Vote YES for checks and balances.

Vote YES to protect democracy in all 50 states.

Governor Gavin Newsom

U.S. Senator Alex Padilla

U.S. Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi

★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 50 ★

THE WRONG PATH—NO ON PROP. 50

We know American democracy is on fire, but accelerating gerrymandering only adds fuel! Politicians are seizing this crisis to justify a power grab.

PROP. 50 DOES NOT DEFEND OUR DEMOCRACY

Prop. 50 is not a magic pill to cure the nation's ills. It claims to protect democracy, yet diminishes our communities' voices and is ineffective against any overreach of presidential power. Vote NO.

California gerrymandering allowed the Legislature to draw partisan seats without transparency or citizen input, solely to protect incumbents. By 2001, the government was gridlocked, with legislators held hostage to the extremes of their parties.

Voters rose up and handed line-drawing over to citizens, resulting in:

- **Competitive Districts:** Previously safe seats now must be earned.
- **Better Representation:** Women in the Legislature doubled, Asian representation tripled, Black representation nearly doubled, and Latino seats grew by 8%.

- **Government for the People:** With more moderate representatives, the Legislature passed bipartisan legislation, working for the interests of all Californians.

WE THE PEOPLE

Districts do not belong to either party; they belong to the People. But, party bosses want to call the shots—again. NO to a “pay-to-play” system.

Prop. 50 says this is “temporary,” yet the Legislature will bypass the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission again in 2028, 2030—and perhaps beyond. Don't be fooled.

Legislators drew this map behind closed doors for you to rubber-stamp. It is not your choice.

Vote NO on partisan gerrymandering. Vote NO on Prop. 50.

Cynthia Dai, Rotating Chair

First Citizens Redistricting Commission

Jeanne Raya, Rotating Chair

First Citizens Redistricting Commission

Jodie Filkins Webber, Rotating Chair

First Citizens Redistricting Commission

★ **ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 50** ★

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PROPOSITION 50: A POWER GRAB BY POLITICIANS

Prop. 50 was written by politicians, for politicians. Prop. 50 dismantles constitutional safeguards that keep election maps fair. It removes requirements to keep cities, counties, and local communities together, and eliminates voter protections that ban maps designed to favor incumbents or political parties—putting politicians back in charge of drawing their own districts, or those of their friends.

A “NO” vote protects fair elections and keeps the people of California—not politicians—in charge of redistricting.

NO ON PROP. 50: IT REPEALS LANDMARK VOTER-APPROVED ELECTION REFORMS

For decades, Sacramento politicians drew their own district boundaries behind closed doors with no public oversight—guaranteeing their reelection, denying voters a real choice, and shutting out many women and people of color from elected office.

In 2008, California voters approved historic election reform—creating the independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Voters decided district lines should be drawn by a balanced panel of everyday citizens—not by politicians who stood to benefit.

Prop. 50 throws out citizen-drawn congressional maps created through a transparent public process with input from over 35,000 Californians. Instead, politicians secretly drew maps—leaving voters with NO real say.

NO ON PROP. 50: ANOTHER SCHEME TO PERMANENTLY END INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING

In 2008 and 2010, the Democratic Party and special interests spent millions of dollars to stop citizen redistricting. Later, the California Republican Party even sued to overturn citizen-drawn maps—and lost. Now, Sacramento politicians are scheming to regain control with Prop. 50.

Make no mistake: Prop. 50 is not temporary. For over half a decade, politicians get to impose their gerrymandered maps. Worse, it sets a dangerous precedent—opening the door for

Sacramento to keep drawing election maps beyond 2031—giving politicians permanent power to shield themselves and their allies from accountability for California’s high cost of living, skyrocketing housing costs, and rising energy bills.

NO ON PROP. 50: DON’T BE MISLED BY POLITICAL SPIN

The same politicians who opposed independent redistricting from the start now claim Prop. 50 will “save democracy.” In truth, Prop. 50 weakens fair representation by shutting the public out and bringing gerrymandering back to California.

Prop. 50 is not democratic; it gives voters a take-it-or-leave-it decision on the most partisan maps in California’s history—a product of politicians’ secretive backroom deals with ZERO meaningful public engagement.

Prop. 50 divides communities to benefit politicians, splitting counties 114 times and cities 141 times—far more than the citizen-drawn maps.

“When politicians gerrymander, they divide our neighborhoods and weaken the voice of communities of color. Whatever happens in Texas, we cannot save democracy by destroying it in California. Vote NO on Prop. 50.”—Reverend Mac Shorty, Civil Rights Leader

NO ON PROP. 50: A MASSIVE WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY

The Legislature has called a special election just to pass this politician-protecting constitutional change—costing taxpayers \$200,000,000.

With a massive budget deficit, Sacramento politicians are making painful cuts to health care, housing, education, and public safety. Instead of protecting important programs, they’re spending it on a political power grab.

Vote NO on Prop. 50.

VotersFIRSTAct.org

Roberto Moncada, Board Member
 United Latinos Action

Faith Bautista Tamashiro, President
 National Diversity Coalition

Taylor Shorty, Board Member
 Community RePower Movement

★ **REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 50** ★

WARNING: NO ON 50 IS BACKED BY TRUMP EXTREMISTS

Who’s spending millions against Prop. 50?

An anti-choice mega-millionaire named Charles Munger Jr. who wants to help Donald Trump and Red State Republicans rig the 2026 elections and hand Trump unchecked power for two more years.

Independent redistricting commissioners, election experts, and leading civil rights organizations—from the NAACP to the National Democratic Redistricting Committee—urge you to reject the lies spread by NO on 50’s phony front groups.

Lie #1: “Prop. 50 repeals landmark voter-approved election reforms.” This is plainly false. Prop. 50 calls on all states to end partisan gerrymandering and reaffirms the power of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw the lines after the next census.

Lie #2: “Prop. 50 removes requirements to keep cities, counties, and local communities together.” Prop. 50 does the opposite, keeping MORE cities and counties combined, and communities together than California’s existing maps.

Lie #3: “Prop. 50 puts politicians back in charge of drawing their own districts.” Untrue. Prop. 50 puts power to approve emergency maps in the hands of voters, not politicians.

Lie #4: “Prop. 50 permanently ends independent redistricting.” Also untrue. Prop. 50 is a temporary and proportional response to Trump’s election-rigging scheme and expires in 2030.

Californians cannot allow Donald Trump and Texas Republicans to rig the 2026 election and silence our voices.

Vote YES on Prop. 50.

Protect democracy, preserve nonpartisan redistricting and ensure a fair election in all 50 states.

Sara Sadhwani, Commissioner
 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Jodi Hicks, President
 Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California

Nikki Davis Milevsky, President
 Sacramento City Teachers Association

PROPOSITION 50

This amendment proposed by Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8 of the 2025–2026 Regular Session (Resolution Chapter 156, Statutes of 2025) expressly amends the California Constitution by adding a section thereto; therefore, new provisions proposed to be added are printed in *italic type* to indicate that they are new.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XXI

First—This measure shall be known, and may be cited, as the “Election Rigging Response Act.”

Second—The people of the State of California find and declare all of the following:

(a) President Donald Trump has called on Republican-led states to undertake an unprecedented mid-decade redistricting of congressional seats to rig the 2026 United States midterm elections before voting begins.

(b) The State of Texas has convened a special session of its Legislature to redraw congressional district maps to unfairly advantage Republicans.

(c) The Legislature of the State of Florida has established a select committee to advance an extraordinary mid-decade redistricting to unfairly advantage Republicans.

(d) Republicans have urged the State of Ohio to conduct its mid-decade redistricting to unfairly produce more Republican seats in Congress.

(e) Republican officials in the States of Indiana, Missouri, New Hampshire, Nebraska, and South Carolina are also considering President Trump’s call for the mid-decade redistricting of congressional seats to unfairly advantage Republicans.

(f) President Trump and Republicans are attempting to gain enough seats through redistricting to rig the outcome of the 2026 United States midterm elections regardless of how the people vote.

(g) President Trump’s election-rigging scheme is an emergency for our democracy.

(h) The 2026 United States midterm elections are voters’ only chance to provide an essential check and balance against President Trump’s dangerous agenda.

(i) California has long stood as a national leader for fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting.

(j) California calls on all other states to commit to fair and impartial drawing of maps.

(k) California has a duty to defend democracy.

(l) The 2026 United States midterm elections for Congress must be conducted on a level playing field without an extreme and unfair advantage for Republicans.

(m) The people of California, not politicians, should have the power to approve temporary congressional district maps in response to President Trump’s election-rigging scheme.

(n) It is the intent of the people that California’s temporary maps be designed to neutralize the partisan gerrymandering being threatened by Republican-led states without eroding fair representation for all communities.

Third—That Section 4 is added to Article XXI thereof, to read:

SEC. 4. (a) It is the policy of the State of California to support the use of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. The people of the State of California call on the Congress of the United States to pass federal legislation and propose an amendment of the United States Constitution to require the use of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide.

(b) In response to the congressional redistricting in Texas in 2025, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution or existing law, the single-member districts for Congress reflected in Assembly Bill 604 of the 2025–26 Regular Session pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 21400) of Division 21 of the Elections Code shall temporarily be used for every congressional election for a term of office commencing on or after the date this subdivision becomes operative and before the certification of new congressional boundary lines drawn by the Citizens Redistricting Commission pursuant to subdivision (d).

(c) (1) The Attorney General has the sole legal standing to defend any action regarding a congressional district map adopted pursuant to subdivision (b).

(2) The California Supreme Court has original and exclusive jurisdiction in all proceedings in which a congressional district map adopted pursuant to subdivision (b) is challenged.

(d) The Citizens Redistricting Commission established pursuant to Section 1 shall continue to adjust the boundary lines of the congressional, State Senatorial, Assembly, and Board of Equalization districts in conformance with the standards and process set forth in Section 2 in 2031, and every 10 years thereafter as provided in Section 1.

Fourth—The provisions of this measure are severable. If any portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, or application of this measure is for any reason held to be invalid by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this measure. The Legislature hereby declares that it would have proposed, and the voters hereby declare that they would have adopted, this measure and every portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, and application not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of this measure or application of this measure would be subsequently declared invalid.

Tips for California's Military and Overseas Voters

Taking part in elections is more convenient than ever for Californians serving in the military or living outside the United States. It begins when you register to vote as a military or overseas voter and receive election materials by mail, fax, or email. Be prepared!

- **Start early.** California's county elections officials must send ballots to military and overseas voters no later than 45 days before Election Day. Fill out a voter registration application early at registertovote.ca.gov to ensure that you receive your voting materials in time and can return your voted ballot by Election Day.
- **Know your options.** When registering to vote as a military or overseas voter, you can choose to have your ballot mailed, faxed, or emailed to you. Additionally, you may visit your county elections official's website for information about how to download your ballot and election materials. You may return your voted ballot to your county elections official by mail or, in certain circumstances, by fax. If you meet the requirements to return your ballot by fax, you must also fax the Oath of Voter form (available from your county elections official) waiving your right to a confidential ballot.

Alert! The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) has discontinued their service of faxing military and overseas voters' election materials to county elections officials.

What this means: you can no longer send your voted ballot to fax@fvap.gov.

If you wish to return your voted ballot by fax, you must send it directly to your county elections official.

- **Stay in touch.** Once you register as a military or overseas voter, you will continue to receive a ballot and election materials from your county elections official before each statewide election. However, you will need to update your voter registration if you change your address, your name, or your political party preference. Visit sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/ for more election resources designed especially for you.

Dates to remember:

October 20, 2025: Last day for military and overseas voters to register to vote for the Statewide Special Election.

October 21–November 4, 2025: Same Day Registration is available. You may “conditionally” register to vote and vote a provisional ballot during this time. Contact your county elections official for more information.

November 4, 2025: Election Day. Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Mailed ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day **and** received by your county elections office no later than November 12, 2025. Faxed ballots must be delivered to your county elections office by close of polls, no later than 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Election Day.

For more information contact:

California Secretary of State



(800) 345-VOTE (8683)



sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/

Federal Voting Assistance Program



(800) 438-VOTE (8683)



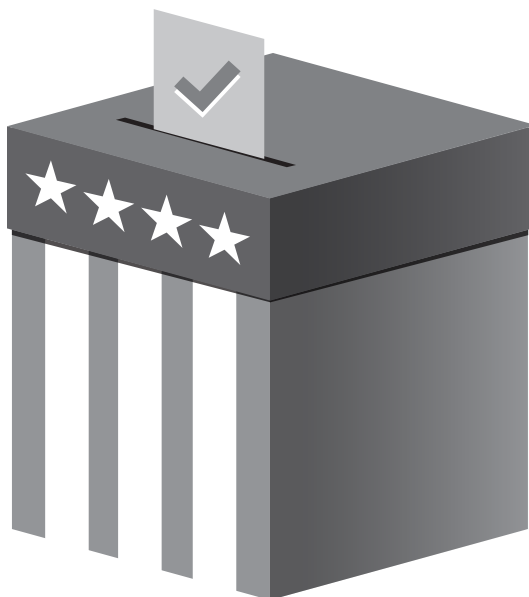
www.fvap.gov

WARNING: ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITED!

Violations can lead to fines and/or imprisonment.

WHERE:

- Within the immediate vicinity of a person in line to cast their ballot or within 100 feet of the entrance of a polling place, curbside voting, or drop box, the following activities are prohibited.



WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- **DO NOT** ask a person to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure.
- **DO NOT** display a candidate's name, image, or logo.
- **DO NOT** block access to or loiter near any ballot drop boxes.
- **DO NOT** provide any material or audible information for or against any candidate or ballot measure near any polling place, vote center, or ballot drop box.
- **DO NOT** circulate any petitions, including for initiatives, referenda, recalls, or candidate nominations.
- **DO NOT** distribute, display, or wear any clothing (hats, shirts, signs, buttons, stickers) that include a candidate's name, image, logo, and/or support or oppose any candidate or ballot measure.
- **DO NOT** display information or speak to a voter about the voter's eligibility to vote.

The electioneering prohibitions summarized above are set forth in Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

WARNING: CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED!

Violations subject to fine and/or imprisonment.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- **DO NOT** commit or attempt to commit election fraud.
- **DO NOT** provide any sort of compensation or bribery to, in any fashion or by any means induce or attempt to induce, a person to vote or refrain from voting.
- **DO NOT** illegally vote.
- **DO NOT** attempt to vote or aid another to vote when not entitled to vote.
- **DO NOT** engage in electioneering; photograph or record a voter entering or exiting a polling place; or obstruct ingress, egress, or parking.
- **DO NOT** challenge a person's right to vote or prevent voters from voting; delay the process of voting; or fraudulently advise any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.
- **DO NOT** attempt to ascertain how a voter voted their ballot.
- **DO NOT** possess or arrange for someone to possess a firearm in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- **DO NOT** appear or arrange for someone to appear in the uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- **DO NOT** tamper or interfere with any component of a voting system.
- **DO NOT** forge, counterfeit, or tamper with the returns of an election.
- **DO NOT** alter the returns of an election.
- **DO NOT** tamper with, destroy, or alter any polling list, official ballot, or ballot container.
- **DO NOT** display any unofficial ballot collection container that may deceive a voter into believing it is an official collection box.
- **DO NOT** tamper or interfere with copy of the results of votes cast.
- **DO NOT** coerce or deceive a person who cannot read or an elder into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to their intent.
- **DO NOT** act as an election officer when you are not one.

EMPLOYERS cannot require or ask their employee to bring their vote-by-mail ballot to work or ask their employee to vote their ballot at work. At the time of payment of salary or wages, employers cannot enclose materials that attempt to influence the political opinions or actions of their employee.

PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS cannot attempt to determine how a voter voted their ballot or, if that information is discovered, disclose how a voter voted their ballot.

The prohibitions on activity related to corruption of the voting process summarized above are set forth in Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

Look for Trusted Sources of Election Information

The Secretary of State is committed to ensuring elections are free, fair, safe, secure, accurate, and accessible. Misinformation, intentional or otherwise, continues to confuse voters and create distrust in the electoral process. California has one of the most extensive voting system testing and certification programs in the nation.

Our best defense against rumors and misinformation is you! False election information is more common than you think. If a claim seems outrageous or designed to upset you, it may not be true.

The best sources for trusted election information are your local and state elections officials. To find out more about election facts or common rumors being spread, visit catrustedinformation.sos.ca.gov.

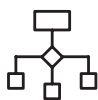
Report misinformation to votesure@sos.ca.gov.

California Election Security Safeguards



Secure Technology

- County voting systems are not connected to the internet
- Strong security techniques are practiced regularly
- Routine threat monitoring and vulnerability scanning in collaboration with our state and federal partners
- Rigorous voting system testing and certification performed by the California Secretary of State
- Only authorized elections staff have access to systems relevant to their role



Secure Processes

- VoteCal is a centralized statewide voter registration database. VoteCal checks against official records and is regularly updated
- Ballots and election technology must adhere to strict chain-of-custody procedures
- Paper ballots for all registered voters are available
- Post-election audits are performed by elections officials
- Signatures are verified on all vote-by-mail ballot envelopes
- Emergency planning for fire, flood, cyber incidents, and more



Secure Facilities and People

- Physical access control and security of locations
- Security and accessibility assessments completed for all locations
- Ballot drop boxes are secured and monitored
- Election processes open to observation during specific hours of operation
- Phishing and cybersecurity training provided for all staff



California Voter ID & Registration Requirements

✓ Who Can Register to Vote in California?

To register, you must be:

- A United States citizen and a California resident
- 18 years or older on Election Day (or 16 or 17 years old to pre-register)
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for a felony
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

✓ Do I Need to Show ID to Vote in California?

In most cases, NO. California does not generally require voters to show identification at the polls.

✓ When MIGHT You Be Asked for ID?

You may need to show ID only if ALL the following apply:

- You're voting for the first time in a federal election
- You registered by mail or online, AND
- You did not provide your CA ID or SSN when registering

You'll be notified in advance if this applies to you.

Poll workers may only request an ID if the voter list clearly indicates it's required.

For more information, visit *vote.ca.gov* or call our Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

✓ What Forms of ID Are Acceptable (if required)?

You can show a photo or non-photo ID, including:

- California Driver's License or State ID card
- U.S. Passport
- Student or Military ID
- Official mail from a government agency
- Paycheck or government check
- Utility bill or bank statement

For a complete list, see: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/hava-id-standards

Photo ID is not required, it's just one of many valid options. ID does not need to show your address or be government-issued.

✓ Don't Have ID When Voting?

You can still cast a provisional ballot. Your ballot will be counted after elections officials have confirmed you are registered to vote in that county, and you did not already vote in that election.

✓ Check Your Voter Status Online

Visit the Secretary of State's My Voter Status page at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov to check your voter status, find your polling place or a vote center, and much more.

To check your voter status, you will need to enter your first name, last name, date of birth, and your California driver's license or California identification card number, or the last four digits of your social security number.

Visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov for important voter details.

Voting Rights Restored for Persons with a Prior Felony Conviction

You can register and vote if you are:

- A U.S. citizen and a resident of California
- 18 years old or older on Election Day
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony

If you meet these requirements, you can vote even if you:

- Have a misdemeanor conviction (a misdemeanor will never prevent you from voting)
- Are on parole supervision or probation
- Are on post-release community supervision (PRCS)

For more information, please visit votingrightsrestored.sos.ca.gov.

Register or re-register to vote today!

If you were registered to vote and convicted of a felony, your previous registration may have been canceled.

Register or re-register to vote today online at registertovote.ca.gov. You can also request a paper voter registration card by calling the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

Democracy Needs You! Serve as a Poll Worker

Help your community members exercise their right to vote by signing up to be a poll worker. As a poll worker, you can make sure voters can easily and safely cast their vote. Gain hands-on experience and take part in the single most important right in our democracy—Voting! Complete your form today at pollworker.sos.ca.gov.

For more information about being a poll worker, contact your county elections office or call the California Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE (8683), or visit vote.ca.gov.

New to voting? Get started with 3 easy steps!

1. Register!

- Register to vote by **October 20, 2025**. Register online at registertovote.ca.gov or have a voter registration form mailed to you by calling the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683). Voter registration forms are also available at your county elections office, local post office, or library.
- Same Day Voter Registration, known as Conditional Voter Registration in state law, is a safety net for Californians who miss the voter registration deadline of October 20, 2025. Visit vote.ca.gov or see page 29 of this guide for more information.
- You are eligible to register to vote and vote if you are a United States citizen and a resident of California, 18 years old or older on Election Day, not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

2. Get informed!

- As a registered voter you will receive two information resources in the mail:
 - This Voter Information Guide, which contains information about the statewide ballot measure, the election process, and how to vote. To receive your guide in a different language, call (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or visit voterguide.sos.ca.gov.
 - A county Voter Information Guide, which contains a sample ballot, your polling place or vote center location, and other helpful information.
- State campaign expenditure and contribution information related to candidates or ballot measure committees is available at sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying.

3. Vote!

- You can return your ballot:



By drop box: Every active, registered voter in California will be mailed a ballot for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election. You may personally deliver your ballot to any polling or ballot drop-off location in California by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.



In person: Polling locations are established by county elections officials and are open from **7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2025**. To find a location to vote early before Election Day, visit caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov.

By mail: Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received no later than November 12, 2025.

Option for voters with disabilities: Counties offer an accessible voting option called remote accessible vote-by-mail (RAVBM). RAVBM allows voters with disabilities to receive their ballots at home and mark them independently and privately before sending them back to elections officials.



The California Motor Voter program is making registering to vote at the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) more convenient and secure. All eligible individuals completing driver's license, ID card, or change of address transactions online, by mail, or in person at the DMV will be automatically registered to vote unless they choose to "opt out" of automatic voter registration.

The California Motor Voter program applies to Californians who are 18 years or older and meet all the following criteria:

- A United States citizen.
- A resident of California.
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony.
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

Voter pre-registration is available for those 16 and 17 years of age. Their voter registration will become active automatically when they turn 18.

For more information, visit motorvoter.sos.ca.gov.

To register to vote online, visit registertovote.ca.gov.

Voter Registration Privacy Information

Safe at Home Confidential Voter Registration Program: Certain voters facing life-threatening situations may qualify for confidential voter status if they are active members of the Safe at Home program. This includes victims and survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, human trafficking, child abduction, and elder/dependent adult abuse, as well as public entity employees/contractors in fear for their safety because of their work for a public entity, and reproductive health care providers, employees, volunteers, and patients in fear for their safety because of their affiliation with a reproductive health care facility. For more information, contact the Secretary of State's Safe at Home program toll-free at (877) 322-5227 or visit sos.ca.gov/safeathome.

Voter Information Privacy: Information on your voter registration affidavit will be used by elections officials to send you official information on the voting process, such as the location of your polling place, and the measures and candidates that will appear on the ballot. Commercial use of voter registration information is prohibited by law and is a misdemeanor. Voter information may be provided to a candidate for office, a ballot measure committee, or other person for election, scholarly, journalistic, political, or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Driver's license and social security numbers, or your signature as shown on your voter registration card, cannot be released for these purposes. If you have any questions about the use of voter information or wish to report suspected misuse of such information, please call the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

California is committed to ensuring every voter is able to cast their ballot privately and independently.

For more detailed information about what assistance your county offers to voters with disabilities, please check out your county Voter Information Guide or contact your county elections official. County contact information is available at sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices.

Voting at a Polling Place or Vote Center

If you need help marking your ballot, you may choose up to two people to help you. This person cannot be:

- Your employer or anyone who works for your employer
- Your labor union leader or anyone who works for your labor union

Curbside voting allows you to park as close as possible to the voting area. Elections officials will bring you a roster to sign, a ballot, and any other voting materials you may need, whether you are actually at a curb or in a car.

All polling places and vote centers are required to be accessible to voters with disabilities and will have accessible voting machines.

Voting at Home

Remote accessible vote-by-mail (RAVBM) systems provide an accessible option for voters with disabilities to receive their ballots at home and mark them independently and privately before sending them back to elections officials. Contact your county elections official for more information.

Audio and Large Print Voter Information Guides

This guide is available in audio and large print versions as well in English, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese at no cost.

To order:



Visit vote.ca.gov



Call the Secretary of State's toll-free voter hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)



Download an audio MP3 version at voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio

County Elections Offices

Alameda County

(800) 834-6454
www.acvote.org

Alpine County

(530) 694-2281
www.alpinecountyca.gov/

Amador County

(209) 223-6465
www.amadorgov.org/government/elections

Butte County

(530) 552-3400 or (800) 894-7761
 (Within Butte County)
www.buttevotes.net

Calaveras County

(209) 754-6376 or (833) 536-8683
www.calaverasgov.us/

Colusa County

(530) 458-0500 or (877) 458-0501
www.countyofcolusa.org/elections

Contra Costa County

(925) 335-7800
www.contracostavote.gov/elections/

Del Norte County

(707) 464-7216
www.co.del-norte.ca.us/departments/Elections

El Dorado County

(530) 621-7480
www.edcgov.us/Government/Elections

Fresno County

(559) 600-8683
www.fresnovote.com

Glenn County

(530) 934-6414
www.countyofglenn.net/dept/elections

Humboldt County

(707) 445-7481
www.humboldt.gov.org/Elections

Imperial County

(442) 265-1060
www.elections.imperialcounty.org

Inyo County

(760) 878-0224
elections.inyocounty.us/

Kern County

(661) 868-3590 or (800) 452-8683
www.kernvote.com

Kings County

(559) 852-4401 or
 (800) 289-9981 ext. 4401
www.votekingscounty.com

Lake County

(707) 263-2372 or (888) 235-6730
www.lakecountyca.gov/818/Registrar-of-Voters

Lassen County

(530) 251-8217
www.lassencounty.org/dept/county-clerk-recorder/elections

Los Angeles County

(800) 815-2666
www.lavote.gov/home/voting-elections

Madera County

(559) 675-7720 or (800) 435-0509
www.votemadera.com

Marin County

(415) 473-6456
www.marinvotes.org

Mariposa County

(209) 966-2007
www.mariposacounty.org/87/Elections

Mendocino County

(707) 234-6819
www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/elections

Merced County

(209) 385-7541 or (800) 561-0619
www.mercedelections.org

Modoc County

(530) 233-6200
www.co.modoc.ca.us/departments/elections/

Mono County

(760) 932-5537 or (760) 932-5530
monocounty.ca.gov/elections

Monterey County

(831) 796-1499 or (866) 887-9274
www.montereycountyelections.us/

Napa County

(707) 253-4321
www.countyofnapa.org/396/elections

Nevada County

(530) 265-1298 or (888) 395-1298
www.nevadacountyca.gov/1847/Elections-Voting

Orange County

(714) 567-7600 or (888) 628-6837
www.ocvote.com

Placer County

(530) 886-5650 or (800) 824-8683
www.placercountyelections.gov

Plumas County

(530) 283-6256 or (844) 676-VOTE
www.plumascounty.us/142/Elections-Division-Home

Riverside County

(951) 486-7200
www.voteinfo.net

Sacramento County

(916) 875-6451 or (800) 762-8019
www.elections.saccounty.gov

San Benito County

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www.sanbenitocounty-ca-cre.gov/elections

San Bernardino County

(909) 387-8300
www.sbcountyelections.com

San Diego County

(858) 565-5800 or (800) 696-0136
www.sdvote.com/

San Francisco County

(415) 554-4375
sfelections.sfgov.org

San Joaquin County

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www.sjcrov.org

San Luis Obispo County

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www.slovote.com

San Mateo County

(650) 312-5222
www.smcacre.org

Santa Barbara County

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www.sbcvvote.com

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www.sccvvote.org

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Solano County

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Sonoma County

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Stanislaus County

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Sutter County

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Tehama County

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Trinity County

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Tulare County

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Yolo County

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Yuba County

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Check Your Voter Status Online



Visit the Secretary of State's My Voter Status page at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov to check your voter status, find your polling place or a vote center, and much more.

To check your voter status, you will need to enter your first name, last name, date of birth, and your California driver's license or California identification card number, or the last four digits of your social security number.

Visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov for important voter details.

What if I forgot to register to vote or update my registration?

No problem! If you missed the October 20, 2025, voter registration deadline, California law allows you to register to vote and vote until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at your county elections office or at any voting location in your county. This process is called Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) and is commonly referred to as Same Day Voter Registration.

Provisional Voting

Name not on the voter list at the polling place or the vote center?

You still have the right to vote with a provisional ballot.

What is a provisional ballot?

A provisional ballot is a regular ballot placed in a special envelope prior to being put in the ballot box. Provisional ballots are ballots cast by voters who believe they are registered to vote even though their names are not on the official voter registration list at the polling place or vote center.

A voter may need to cast a provisional ballot if they want to vote in person at a polling place or vote center but did not receive their vote-by-mail ballot or if they do not have their vote-by-mail ballot with them to surrender prior to voting in person.

Will my provisional ballot be counted?

Yes, your provisional ballot will be counted after elections officials have confirmed that you are registered to vote in that county, and you did not already vote in that election.

A provisional ballot may be used at any polling place or vote center in the county in which you are registered to vote. Only the election contests you are eligible to vote for will be counted.

How can you check the status of your provisional ballot?

Anyone who casts a provisional ballot has the right to find out from their county elections official if the ballot was counted and, if not, the reason why it was not counted.



You can check the status of your provisional ballot at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

How to Fix a Missing or Noncomparable Signature on Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot Return Envelope

✓ Possible Issues With Vote-by-Mail or Provisional Ballot Return Envelopes

- **Missing Signature:** You forgot to sign your vote-by-mail ballot return envelope.
- **Signature Doesn't Compare:** Your signature doesn't compare with the one on file with the elections official.

✓ What Happens Next?

- **Notification:** If there's an issue with your ballot, your county elections office will notify you by mail, phone, email, or from the Secretary of State's *Where's My Ballot?* tool.
- **How to Fix It:** You can access a form on your county elections official's website to provide your signature and confirm that you voted your ballot.
 - Check your mail or email for instructions from your county elections office
 - Fill out the form and follow instructions on how to return the form
 - Your options to return the form may vary by county
 - Failure to follow instructions may result in your ballot not being counted

✓ Stay Informed With *Where's My Ballot?*

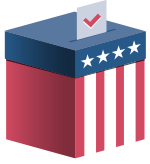
- **Track Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot:** Get automatic updates on your ballot's status by signing up for *Where's My Ballot?*
- Receive notifications via **text, email, or phone** about:
 - When your ballot is mailed
 - When it is received
 - If it has been counted
 - If there are issues that need to be fixed
- **Sign up today at:**
wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov

✓ Important Deadlines for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election:

- **Mail ballots:** Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Must be postmarked no later than **November 4, 2025**, and received no later than **November 12, 2025**.
- **Deadline:** The deadline to fix your missing or noncomparable signature is 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2025, two days prior to the day your county certifies the election.

For more information, visit *vote.ca.gov* or call our Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

DATES TO REMEMBER!



Don't Delay, Vote Today!

Early vote-by-mail ballot voting period is from **October 6 through November 4, 2025.**

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on **November 4, 2025, Election Day!**

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October 6

County elections officials will begin mailing vote-by-mail ballots on or before this date.

October 6–November 4

Voting period to return vote-by-mail ballot.

October 7

Vote-by-mail secure drop boxes open.

October 20

Last day to register to vote. Same day voter registration is available at your county elections office or voting location after the voter registration deadline, up to and including Election Day.

October 25

First day vote centers open in Voter's Choice Act counties for early in-person voting.

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Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Last day to vote in-person or return a vote-by-mail ballot by 8:00 p.m.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked no later than November 4.

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NOVEMBER 4, 2025

STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION

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English: (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

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हिन्दी/Hindi: (888) 345-2692

日本語/Japanese: (800) 339-2865

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한국어/Korean: (866) 575-1558

Tagalog: (800) 339-2957

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In an effort to reduce election costs, the State Legislature has authorized the State and counties to mail only one guide to each voting household. You may request additional copies by contacting your county elections official or by calling (800) 345-VOTE (8683).



EXHIBIT 17

Video: CPRTV Advertisement titled “Paint,” available at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7M8SPGiGVy8>

Provided to the Court via USB drive pursuant to Local
Rule 5-4.2 as “Ex.17 – CPRTV, Paint”

EXHIBIT 18

Video: CPRTV Advertisement titled “Prop 50 Stops Our Recovery,” available at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glXvmS1hALo>

Provided to the Court via USB drive pursuant to Local Rule 5-4.2 as “Ex.18 – CPRTV, Prop 50 Stops Our Recovery”

EXHIBIT 19

Video: CPRTV advertisement titled “They Know They Can’t Win Fairly,” available at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FuMiFnADhrA>

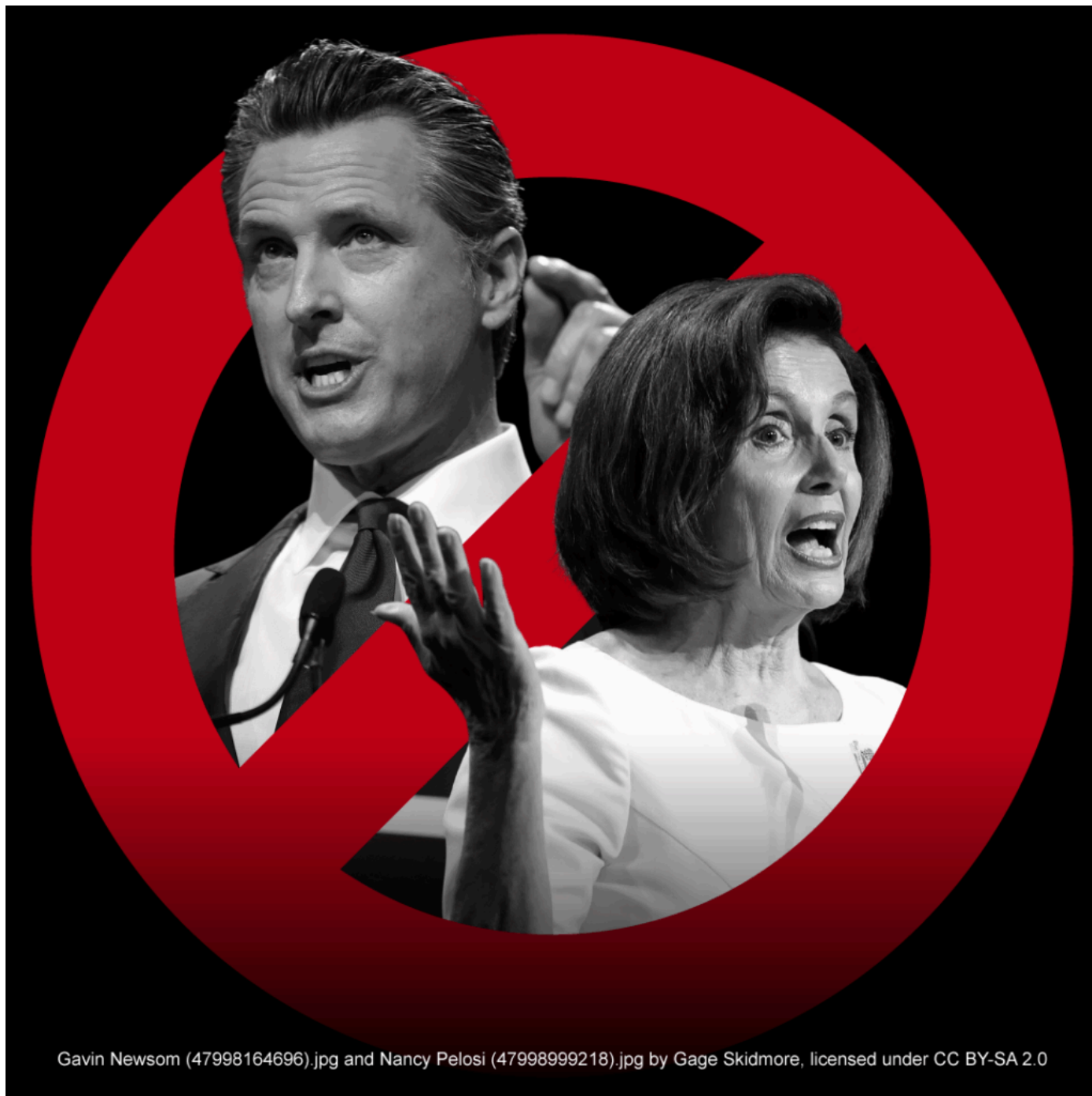
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EXHIBIT 20

Stop Prop 50



August 14, 2025



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Say NO to Gavin Newsom's Power Grab

Vote NO on Prop 50

Prop 50: A Scheme BY the politicians, FOR the politicians

Governor Gavin Newsom has called a special election for this November that will cost taxpayers nearly \$300 million.

Prop 50 will **repeal part of the 2010 Voters First Act for Congress**, which gave the power to draw California's Congressional districts to an independent 14-member Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Voting NO keeps the current voter-approved system and independent citizens in charge. Voting YES puts the State Legislature in charge of those maps.

Prop 50 is a return to the old days before important voter reforms, when Sacramento politicians drew their own districts in the dark of backrooms and out of public scrutiny. **Unless defeated, it will lead to self-dealing and corruption.**

Prop 50 is sponsored by the same Sacramento career politicians who crippled California with the nation's:



Highest cost of living



Highest poverty rate



Highest gasoline prices



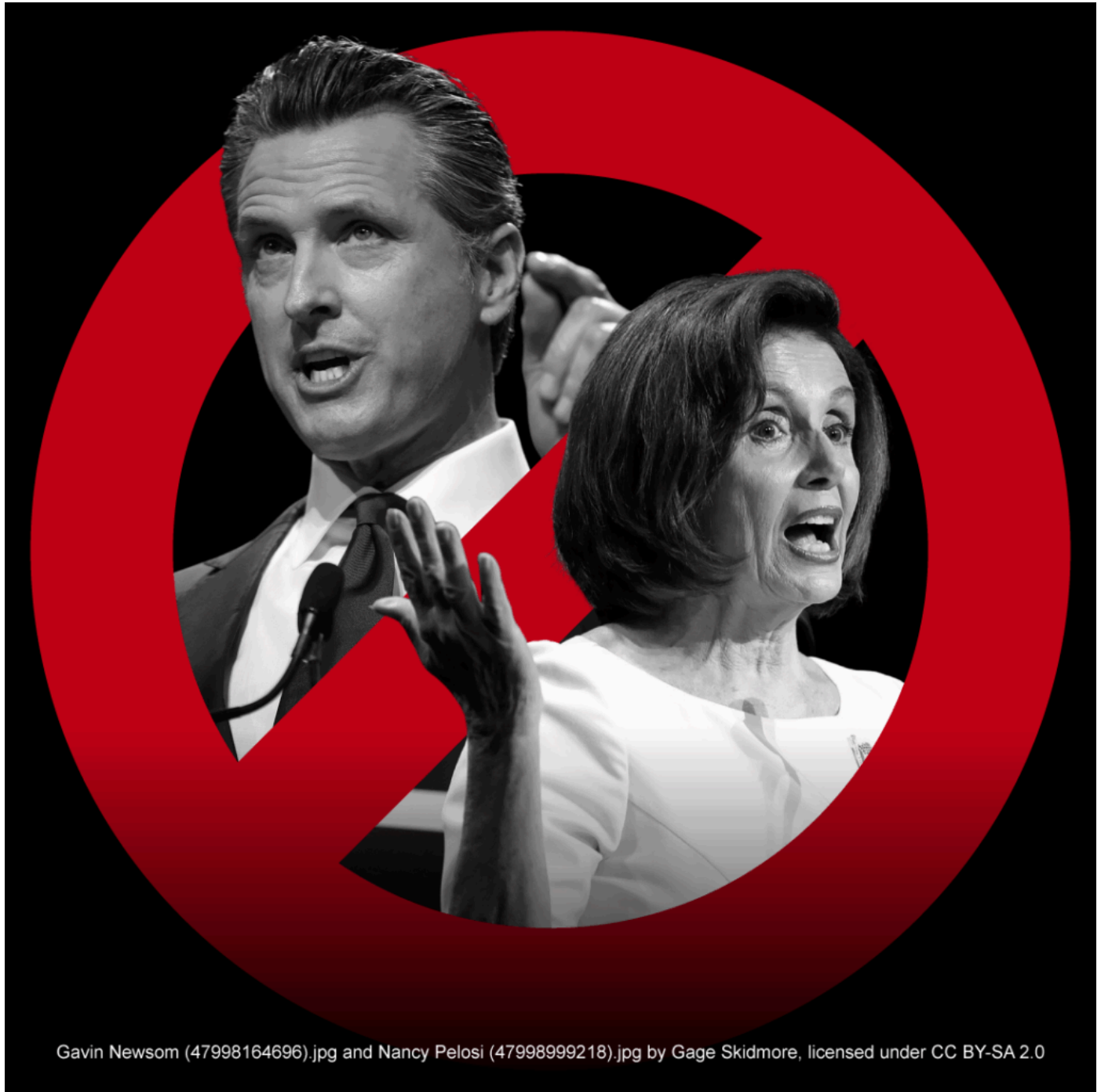
Highest utility costs

Stop Sacramento's Power Grab.
Vote NO on Prop 50.

Why Vote NO on Proposition 50

- **⊗ Costs taxpayers nearly \$300 million to pay for the special election, amid a \$20 billion budget deficit that the politicians created**

- **✘** Puts Gavin Newsom and other politicians in the State Legislature in charge of drawing congressional districts, **letting them rig the system to guarantee reelection and punish political opponents**
- **✘** **Changes the constitution** to replace the voter-approved California Citizens Redistricting Commission
- **✘** **Attacks California's gold standard model for independent redistricting**, allowing Democrats to push a partisan gerrymandering plan to take more seats in Congress



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Join the fight to defeat Prop 50.

Stop Gavin Newsom and the Politicians' Power Grab.

Protect Independent Redistricting.

[Join the Coalition](#)

[Our Coalition](#)

Paid for by No on Prop 50 - Stop Sacramento's Power Grab.

Committee Top Funders No on Prop 50 Congressional Leadership Fund, Kevin McCarthy for Congress, and Thomas M. Siebel.

EXHIBIT 21

No On Prop 50 - Protect the Voters FIRST Act

 noonprop50.org



A Threat to California's Landmark Election Reform

For decades, Sacramento politicians drew their own district boundaries behind closed doors with no public oversight — guaranteeing their reelection, denying voters a real choice, and shutting out many women and people of color from elected office.

In 2010, California voters overwhelmingly approved the Voters FIRST Act for Congress — entrusting the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw fair congressional districts.

Now, career politicians want to abolish citizen-drawn maps and put themselves back in charge of redistricting.

Prop 50 creates one of the most extreme partisan gerrymanders in modern American history — creating politician-drawn maps that experts call "one of the two worst gerrymanders of the last 50 years."

Gerrymandering is wrong in all 50 states

– when political parties subvert the will of the electorate for their own political advantage,
it weakens democracy everywhere.

Join us to help protect democracy.

Vote NO on Gerrymandering and Join the Coalition to Protect the Voters FIRST Act!

Who is Charles Munger, Jr.?



EXHIBIT 22

Unofficial Election Results

Proposition 50

Congressional Redistricting

Visit the **County Reporting Status** (<https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov/returns/status>) page to determine if a county has submitted its latest report.

Highlight a county to display county-specific results.

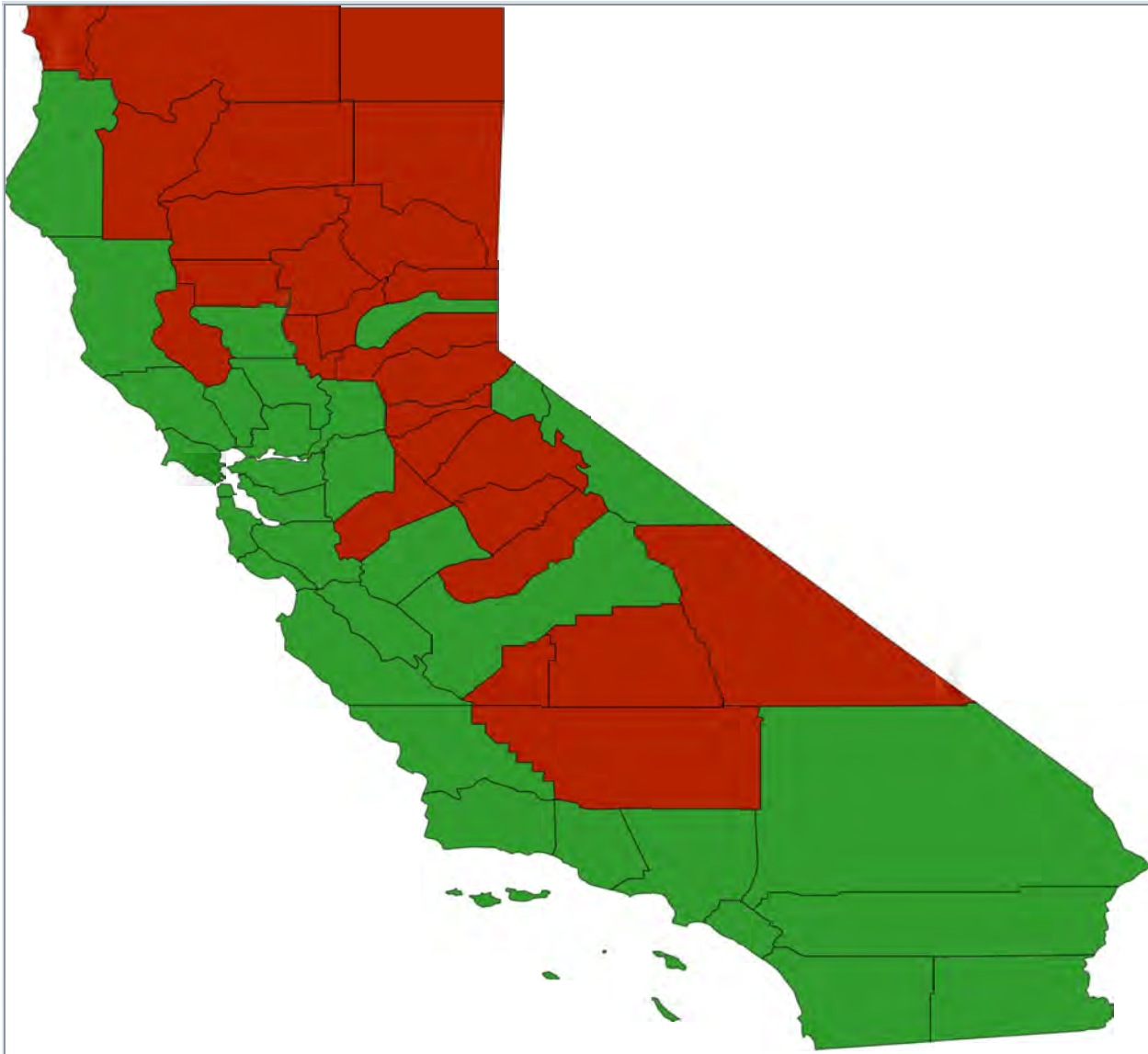
Other Links

Click or tap on a county to view more election results for that county.

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Statewide Results

100.0% (18,399 of 18,399) precincts reporting as of November 19, 2025, 5:48 p.m.

Exhibit 22

Votes

175

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Maps for Statewide Contest

Proposition 50: Congressional Redistricting (<https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov/returns/maps/ballot-measures/prop/50>)

Voter Turnout (<https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov/returns/maps/voter-turnout>)

Other Links

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Maps (<https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov/maps>)

Close Contests (<https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov/returns/close-contests>)

My Voter Status [🔗](https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov) (<https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>)

EXHIBIT 23



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Latino Voters and the November 2025 Special Election: Redistricting and Representation

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Executive summary: This nonpartisan and educational report analyzes the impact of the proposed Proposition 50 map on Latino representation across California, with a focus on how the proposed map would alter Latino-majority and Latino-influence congressional districts if it is adopted by voters. Our analysis finds that the proposed map will likely not negatively impact Latino voting power. The proposed map instead diffuses and enhances that power across more districts, and in many ways reflects the changing demographics of communities within the state. While the current map increased Latino voting power over the previous map, we also find that the proposed Proposition 50 map will further increase Latino voting power over the current Commission map. The proposed map will likely *increase* Latino voting power, given its creation of two new Latino community influence districts and the expansion of the Latino electorate in other districts.

Key findings of this report:

- The current map has 16 Latino-majority districts, and the proposed Proposition 50 map maintains 16 Latino-majority districts. From our review of the maps, both the current map passed by the Commission and the Proposition 50 map being presented to voters enhance Latino voting strength and Latino communities of interest over their predecessor maps.
- The current map has 14 Latino-majority districts that frequently elect candidates preferred by Latino voters, and the proposed map is likely to improve Latino representation by creating 16 Latino-majority districts that frequently elect Latino voters' preferred candidates.
- The current map has 6 Latino-influence districts, and the Proposition 50 map will increase the number of Latino-influence districts to 8.
- The proposed Proposition 50 map will likely increase Latino descriptive representation—the election of Latino representatives—via the creation of a new Latino-majority District 41 in southeastern Los Angeles County, as well as the likely reelection of the Latino representative in

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neighboring District 42. New Latino-influence districts in the proposed map may also provide new opportunities for Latino candidate emergence.

- Latino voters are the largest minority group in California and are increasingly flexing voting power. Both the current map passed by the Commission and the Proposition 50 map reflect this Latino voting power in the state, though differential turnout between Latino voters and non-Latino voters in California plays a critical role in who gets elected and who is represented.
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I. Introduction & Context

Purpose of the Report

This nonpartisan and educational report examines the potential effects of California's Proposition 50 on Latino voters, who constitute nearly forty percent of the state's population and 32% of the citizen voting-age population, and play a central role in shaping the state's political future. Although redistricting has implications for all Californians, the Latino electorate merits focused analysis because of its size, regional distribution, and internal diversity. Latino communities are not a uniform constituency; they differ significantly across urban, suburban, and rural regions in terms of socioeconomic status, citizenship rates, linguistic backgrounds, and political participation. These variations influence both how district boundaries translate into political representation and how redistricting changes may amplify or diminish Latino influence in congressional elections.

By isolating the specific effects of Proposition 50 on Latino voters, this report aims to identify where the proposed temporary redistricting process may alter opportunities for representation. Specifically, we examine and compare the current congressional map and the new map that would be put in place temporarily if Prop 50 passes. Understanding these differences is essential to determining whether Proposition 50 strengthens or weakens pathways to equitable representation for California's Latino population.

Background on Proposition 50 and Redistricting

Proposition 50, officially titled the *Election Rigging Response Act*, proposes a temporary transfer of congressional redistricting authority in California from the California Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to the state Legislature for the 2026, 2028, and 2030 election cycles. The measure would allow voters to put into place a new congressional map put on the ballot by the Legislature that complies with federal requirements such as equal population and contiguity. After the 2030 Census, redistricting authority would revert to the Citizens Redistricting Commission under the standard decennial process.

California's independent redistricting framework was established through voter initiatives in 2008 and 2010 to reduce partisan influence and enhance public accountability. The Citizens



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Redistricting Commission has since been regarded as a model for transparent and nonpartisan mapmaking. Proposition 50 would temporarily alter this structure, introducing new maps that voters will consider in 2025. Understanding this institutional shift provides essential context for evaluating its potential implications for Latino political representation and the broader distribution of congressional influence across the state.

How Redistricting Has Historically Shaped Latino Representation in California

Redistricting has played a decisive role in shaping Latino political representation in California. Major gains in Latino representation have occurred in response to redistricting, such as historic local changes made through *Garza v. County of Los Angeles* and other significant redraws. Across successive census cycles, boundary changes have expanded and constrained Latino electoral influence, affecting the creation and preservation of majority-Latino and Latino-opportunity districts under the Voting Rights Act—and preserving and enhancing Latino communities of interest. The establishment of the Citizens Redistricting Commission in 2010 marked a significant institutional shift toward greater transparency and reduced partisan manipulation, and commission-drawn maps have generally corresponded with increases in Latino-majority districts and officeholders.

Nevertheless, disparities persist between Latino population size and political representation, reflecting not only the enduring sensitivity of redistricting to Latino voting power but also broader structural factors such as turnout, citizenship, and candidate recruitment. As such, redistricting remains a central mechanism through which Latino inclusion and influence in California’s democratic process continue to be negotiated.

II. Demographic Overview

Latino Population Trends in California

Latinos comprise roughly 40 percent of California’s total population, making them the state’s largest demographic group ([NALEO 2024](#)). Their political influence continues to expand within the *Citizen Voting-Age Population* (CVAP)—the segment of residents aged 18 and older who are U.S. citizens and therefore eligible to vote—which serves as a key metric in voting-rights and redistricting analyses ([U.S. Census Bureau 2025](#)). As of the most recent 2019–2023 CVAP tabulation, Latinos constitute approximately 32.4 percent of California’s total CVAP, underscoring their growing weight within the state’s eligible electorate ([NALEO 2024](#) & [Redistricting Data Hub 2025](#)).

From 2012 to 2022, the Latino CVAP expanded from 6.4 million to 8.5 million—an increase of 32.5 percent that accounted for more than 90 percent of the state’s overall growth in eligible voters during that period ([NALEO 2024](#)). This sustained expansion positions Latino voters as an



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increasingly central constituency in California’s political landscape and a focal point for assessing electoral equity under any proposed redistricting changes.

Spatially, Latino populations are most concentrated in Los Angeles County, which remains the single largest Latino population center in the United States. The Inland Empire (Riverside and San Bernardino Counties) is now majority Latino—about 52 percent of residents identify as Latino (OCPSC 2025)—and the Central Valley also hosts numerous majority-Latino counties. Significant concentrations extend across the Central Coast, San Diego, Imperial, and inner Bay Area regions as well ([UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute 2021](#); U.S. Census 2020). At least 11 of California’s 58 counties now have Latino majorities.

While the overall state population has stabilized, Latino growth within the electorate has continued due to natural increase, naturalization, and aging into voting eligibility. Recent *CVAP* data from the 2019–2023 American Community Survey confirm that Latinos are steadily increasing their share of California’s eligible-voter base ([U.S. Census 2025](#)).

These demographic and geographic patterns are directly relevant to redistricting. Latino population concentration—particularly in the Inland Empire and the Central Valley—creates opportunities for drawing districts where Latino voters can flex electoral power and elect candidates of their choice. Conversely, uneven growth or dispersed settlement in suburban regions raises the risk that new district lines could divide cohesive Latino communities, diluting their collective influence. As Proposition 50 proposes temporary changes to congressional map-drawing authority, these evolving demographic realities underscore the importance of evaluating how any interim maps will reflect, or potentially distort, California’s Latino electorate.

Political Participation in Congressional Elections

Latino engagement in California is increasingly consequential in congressional contests, though participation remains uneven and sensitive to electoral context. Registration among Latinos has grown, but gaps persist relative to their share of the citizen voting-age population. According to NALEO’s 2024 portrait, Latino registered voters make up about 30% of California’s total registered voters—while Latinos account for roughly 36% of the state’s eligible electorate (i.e., citizen voting-age population). This disparity suggests that a nontrivial share of eligible Latinos have not yet registered, limiting their potential influence in all elections, including those for the U.S. House.

When it comes to turnout in congressional and midterm cycles, Latino participation tends to fluctuate with electoral competitiveness. Historical data from the [California Voter Turnout Project](#) show that, in general elections, Latino voters are under-mobilized in off-year cycles compared to presidential years. Given that congressional elections typically occur in these lower-turnout contexts, the consistency of Latino engagement is especially critical to representation and



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policy responsiveness. Further, while Latino voters often prefer Democrats in California, cohesion levels can vary within the diverse Latino voter populace.³

Examples of Districts in Current Map Where Latino Participation Was Key in 2022 and 2024

In several recent House races, Latino turnout—and the success or underperformance of Latino-preferred candidates—was pivotal:

- **CA-13 (Central Valley):** A majority-Latino district (50.2% Latino CVAP) where Democrat Adam Gray defeated Republican John Duarte by just 187 votes in 2024, following Duarte's 564-vote win in 2022. Latino voters supported Gray both cycles, and minor shifts in turnout likely determined the outcome.⁴ While the Latino-preferred candidate won narrowly in 2024, the opposite occurred in 2022.
- **CA-22 (Kings, Tulare, and Kern Counties):** A 59% Latino CVAP district where Rep. David Valadao (R), who is of Portuguese descent, has not been the Latino-preferred candidate. Most Latino voters supported Democrat Rudy Salas, yet Valadao's victories in 2022 and 2024 were sustained by lower Latino turnout and stronger participation among non-Latino voters. This pattern highlights how turnout gaps—rather than a simple focus purely on the Latino CVAP—can dilute Latino electoral power.
- **CA-27 (Northern Los Angeles County):** Roughly 33% Latino CVAP, this district defeated the incumbent in 2024 after several close contests, reflecting the influence and mobilization among younger and suburban Latino voters in a competitive district.
- **CA-41 (Inland Empire):** At 29.7% Latino CVAP, this district remained competitive across 2022 and 2024, with margins narrow enough that Latino turnout increases could materially affect future results if this district is not changed. This district did not elect candidates in 2022 and 2024 preferred by Latino voters, but was electorally competitive.

In sum, Latino political participation in congressional elections reflects a dynamic interplay of voter registration levels, turnout volatility, Latino voter cohesion, and generational renewal. Because U.S. House outcomes in California can hinge on narrow margins, mobilizing Latino voters—especially in competitive and Latino-majority districts—can directly shape representation. Proposition 50's temporary redistricting framework must therefore be assessed not only in terms of population balance, but also in how new district boundaries either strengthen or weaken the ability of Latino-preferred candidates to translate community support into electoral success.

³ Jarred R. Cuellar. 2025. "Fe y Políticas: Latino Evangelical Vote Choice in the 2020 Presidential Election." *Religions* 16(6):708. Also see Matt Barreto. 2010. *Ethnic Cues: The Role of Shared Ethnicity in Latino Political Participation*.

⁴ These data on voting preferences are taken from analysis of individual-level survey data and additional analysis of homogenous precincts. For survey data, please see the [California Elections and Policy Poll of 2024](#) California congressional districts. In California, survey data shows that a majority of Latino voters prefer Democratic candidates of choice.



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III. Latino Representation in Current vs. Proposed Maps

Current Map: 16 Latino-majority Districts and 6 Latino-influence Districts

The maps created by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission during the 2020 redistricting cycle [resulted in a noteworthy 16 Latino-majority districts and 6 Latino-influence districts](#). *Latino-majority districts* are districts in which Latinos make up a majority of the citizen voting age population, meaning campaigns in these districts are incentivized to campaign for and mobilize Latino voters. We define *Latino-influence districts* as those in which Latinos are a significantly sized minority, meaning they are at or above 30.0% of the district's CVAP but below 50.0% Latino CVAP. In these districts, Latinos are a large enough portion of the voting population to play an influential role in election outcomes.

The current map was drawn to comply with the Voting Rights Act, ensuring that Latino voters have fair opportunities to elect candidates of their choice in districts where they form a sufficiently large and cohesive community.⁵ Many of these districts are concentrated in the Central Valley and interior communities including San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial Counties. Table 1 lists all Latino-majority districts under the current map, and Table 2 lists the Latino-influence districts in the current map. The districts are listed in order of highest to lowest Latino CVAP.

Table 1: Latino-Majority Congressional Districts Under Current Map

District	Representative	% Latino CVAP in Commission map
22	Valadao	59.4%
35	Torres	57.4%
34	Gomez	56.1%
38	Sánchez	55.6%
31	Cisneros	54.7%
29	Rivas	54.2%
21	Costa	53.3%
25	Ruiz	52.5%
33	Aguilar	52.5%
42	Garcia	52.4%
39	Takano	51.2%
52	Vargas	51.1%

⁵ Christian R. Grose and Lucien LaScala. 2023 [“The Supreme Court Supports Voting Rights - with massive implications for congressional redistricting.”](#) 3Streams Blog/Medium.



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44	Barragán	51.0%
18	Lofgren	50.5%
46	Correa	50.5%
13	Gray	50.2%

Source: <https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/final-maps/>. Percentages rounded to nearest tenth, based on 2020 Census for each district as reported by the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Table 2: Latino Community Influence Districts Under Current Map

District	Representative	% Latino CVAP in Commission map
43	Waters	44.0%
37	Kamlager-Dove	38.7%
27	Whitesides	33.3%
23	Obernolte	32.8%
26	Brownley	31.6%
9	Harder	31.0%

Source: <https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/final-maps/>. Percentages rounded to nearest tenth, based on 2020 Census for each district as reported by the CA Citizens Redistricting Commission.

With Latino-majority districts totaling approximately 30% of California’s 52 congressional districts, it is clear why Latinos are an important group within the electorate. When including the six Latino-influence districts in the current map, Latinos are a sizable portion of the electorate in over 40% of the state’s districts. Latino-majority districts are spread throughout the state, generally found in places with historically large concentrations of Latinos. Of the five districts with the highest Latino CVAP, one is in the Central Valley (CD 22); three are in the greater Los Angeles region (CDs 31, 34, and 38); and one is in the Inland Empire (CD 35). Most of these districts are concentrated in the Central Valley or further south.

However, just because Latinos are the majority (or even a large minority) of a district does not mean it is a guarantee that a Latino candidate of choice will be elected. Racial turnout gaps and fluctuations in electoral competitiveness sometimes result in lower than expected levels of support for Latino candidates of choice, even within Latino-majority districts. For example, in the rural and agricultural communities of CD 22, lower Latino turnout in part led to the Latino candidate of choice losing the 2024 election. Increases in the size of the Latino electorate even in already Latino-majority districts in the proposed map could result in meaningful differences in election outcomes. These changes could be especially palpable in districts like CD 22 where the Latino electorate tends to be lower in socioeconomic status and younger, making mobilizing lower-propensity voters especially challenging. Similarly in the current Commission-drawn CD 13, the Latino candidate of choice has not always won in this district.

Taking into account how frequently Latino candidates of choice are elected in these districts, the current map has 14 districts that are effectively providing an opportunity to elect Latino voters’ preferred candidates in every election since the map was put into place. However, two of the 16



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Latino CVAP-majority districts in the current map passed by the commission—CD 13 and CD 22—are not effectively providing Latino voters’ preferred candidates the opportunity to win. In 2022, the Latino-preferred candidate lost in both CD 13 and CD 22; and in 2024, Latino voters’ preferred candidate lost in CD 22.⁶

Proposed Map: 16 Latino-majority Districts and 8 Latino-influence Districts

The new map maintains the same number of Latino-majority districts as the current map, and it increases the number of districts that will provide effective opportunities for Latino voters to elect candidates of choice. Even with changes to district boundaries, the proposed Proposition 50 map will result in 16 Latino-majority congressional districts. Table 4 shows the percentage of the Latino CVAP in each of the majority-Latino districts in the proposed map. In general, most of the Latino-majority districts under the current map remain a Latino-majority district in the proposed map. The Prop 50 map maintains the same number of Latino-majority districts as the current map.

In fact, a number of Latino-majority districts in the proposed Proposition 50 map change very little relative to the current map. For instance, the Latino-majority District 18 and the Latino-majority District 34 had only minimal changes over the current map. District 18 was created by the Commission in 2020 to provide an additional Latino-opportunity district representing Salinas Valley communities of interest. This district faces minimal changes in the proposed Proposition 50 map and thus maintains Latino voting strength in this region. District 34 is a historically Latino district that has existed over many redistricting cycles and includes eastern sections of the city of Los Angeles, and this district is maintained with significant Latino voting strength.

There is one new Latino-majority district created in the Proposition 50 map that was a non-Hispanic white-majority district in the current map (CD 41, bolded in Table 4). This white-majority CD 41 is represented by Ken Calvert in the current map. The proposed map shifts CD 41 to the west to create a new Latino-majority district centered in the Gateway cities area of southeastern Los Angeles County. This shift of CD 41 into a new Latino-majority district caused one district (CD 42) to have a meaningful decrease in Latino CVAP. It appears that this change occurred because CD 42 was altered to create CD 41 around the Gateway cities community of interest area and to increase the Latino CVAP of CD 41. Public testimony during the 2020 Commission process frequently identified the northern Gateway cities as a community of interest and the city of Long Beach as a separate community of interest, and this significant level of testimony may have factored into the newly proposed CD 41 in the Proposition 50 map.

⁶ We examined individual-level survey data in these districts, as well as conducted an analysis of homogenous precincts to draw these empirical conclusions. For instance, surveys we have conducted of congressional districts showed that the Latino-preferred candidates lost in both CD 13 and CD 22 in 2022, and in CD 22 in 2024. Thus, while these districts are majority-Latino CVAP, the districts are not effectively electing the candidates that a majority of Latino voters voted for.



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Where CD 41 is not a Latino-influence district in the current map, in the proposed map it has the third highest Latino CVAP proportion in the state. The current map's CD 42 is Latino-majority, and in the new map it is centered in Long Beach and coastal Orange County. The proposed CD 42 is a racially and ethnically diverse district with slightly less than half of the district's CVAP being voters of color. CD 42 will likely continue to elect the Latino representative who currently represents Long Beach in the current map if Proposition 50 passes and if voters of color vote in coalition for this Latino representative, even though it is no longer Latino-CVAP majority.

Table 4: Majority Latino Congressional Districts in Prop 50 Proposed Map

District	Representative	% Latino CVAP	Change from 2020 Commission Map
22	Valadao	65.4%	+6.0%
44	Barragán	62.3%	+11.3%
41	Calvert	55.0%	+25.3%
34	Gomez	54.9%	-1.2%
33	Aguilar	54.5%	+2.0%
21	Costa	54.4%	+1.1%
39	Takano	54.3%	+3.1
13	Gray	53.8%	+3.6%
29	Rivas	53.6%	-0.6%
35	Torres	53.1%	-4.3%
18	Lofgren	53.0%	+2.5%
46	Correa	52.7%	+2.2%
38	Sánchez	52.6%	-3.0%
31	Cisneros	52.2%	-2.5%
25	Ruiz	52.1%	-0.4%
52	Vargas	51.8%	+0.7%

Source: <https://aelc.assembly.ca.gov/proposed-congressional-map>. Percentages rounded to nearest tenth, based on 2020 Census for each district as reported by the CA State Assembly.

While the number of Latino-majority districts remains the same, the proposed map does shift the share of Latino voting power across districts. There is an increase in the Latino CVAP of ten districts, and in eight of those districts, the Latino CVAP would be at least two percentage points higher than in the current map. Such a change is noteworthy because even a two percentage point increase in Latino CVAP can make a meaningful difference for Latino candidates of choice, and two districts see even greater jumps in their Latino CVAP. If Proposition 50 is passed, CD 22 in the Central Valley would have a 6 percentage point higher Latino CVAP and CD 41 in southern California would have a 25 percentage point higher Latino CVAP than in the current map.

Not all districts in the proposed map would increase the size of their Latino electorate. The Latino CVAP would decrease in six Latino-majority districts. However, these decreases would generally be small, hovering around one percentage point or less. Of the Latino-majority districts



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in the Proposition 50 map, CD 35 and CD 38 are the two districts that would see the largest decreases in their Latino electorate, with about a 4%-point drop to 53.1% and a 3.0%-point drop to 52.6%, respectively. However, given that these districts still have high enough Latino CVAPs to not even fall to the bottom of the list in Table 4, there is reason to believe the proposed map would not significantly dilute the Latino voting power in these districts.

To summarize, the Latino CVAP increased in a number of proposed districts where Latino voters have not had meaningful voting strength, and the percentage point increases are relatively significant. In districts where Latino CVAP declined, most of these declines are relatively small and in districts where Latino voters' preferred candidates are winning in the current Commission map and will likely continue winning in the Proposition 50 map. Only in CD 42 was there a significant decrease in Latino CVAP in the proposed map, though it was offset by the significant increase in Latino CVAP in CD 41.

Table 5: Latino Community Influence Congressional Districts in Prop 50 Proposed Map

District	Representative	% Latino CVAP	Change from 2020 Commission Map
43	Waters	46.5%	+2.5%
37	Kamlager-Dove	39.8%	+1.1%
27	Whitesides	39.5%	+6.2%
23	Obernolte	37.0%	+4.2%
26	Brownley	33.9%	+2.3%
48	Issa	32.0%	+10.6%
20	Fong	31.8%	+6.4%
9	Harder	31.0%	+0.0%

Source: <https://aelc.assembly.ca.gov/proposed-congressional-map>. Percentages rounded to nearest tenth, based on 2020 Census for each district as reported by the CA State Assembly.

Table 5 shows the congressional districts that are not Latino CVAP majority but would meet the over 30% Latino CVAP threshold to be considered a Latino community influence district. **While the current map includes a noteworthy six Latino-influence districts, the proposed map would increase the number of Latino-influence districts to eight.** None of these districts would face decreases in their Latino CVAP under the new map boundaries. Many would see significant increases in the Latino portions of their electorate, strengthening the relative power of the Latino vote in those communities. The one district with little change in Latino CVAP under the new map would be CD 9, in which Latinos would remain the same 31% of the CVAP as the current map.

Of particular noteworthiness are the two new Latino influence districts, CD 20 and CD 48 (bolded in Table 5). Neither district has a sufficiently large enough Latino CVAP under the current map to be classified as a Latino influence district (25.4% and 21.4% respectively). With the proposed map, however, CD 20 would have a Latino CVAP of nearly 32% and CD 48 would also have a Latino CVAP of 32%. These are significant shifts in districts that under the current



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map have much larger non-Hispanic white majorities. While the current map has a notable number of Latino-influence districts, the proposed map creates a heightened Latino electoral advantage through the creation of two new Latino-influence districts and generally larger Latino CVAPs than in pre-existing influence districts in the current map.

In addition, at least two of these proposed Latino-influence districts have majority-minority CVAPs, providing additional opportunities for Latino voters to flex strength if voting cohesively and in concert with other minority groups. Voters of color are more than 60% of the CVAP in Proposition 50's CD 9, while voters of color were about 55% of the district's CVAP in the Commission map. Latino voters may be able to elect preferred candidates if there is a multiracial coalition in this district. In both the current and proposed maps, District 27 has a majority-minority CVAP. Latino voters are the largest minority group in District 27 in the Proposition 50 map, and this district could provide electoral strength to Latino voters who vote in coalition with other voters of color or with crossover white voters.

To summarize, the Proposition 50 map increases the number of Latino-influence districts, defined as districts with Latino CVAP of 30% to 50%, relative to the current map. Both the current map and the proposed map provide meaningful influence for Latino voters in influence districts (6 influence districts in the current map and 8 influence districts in the proposed map).

IV. Key Districts of Interests for Latinos

The table below summarizes several of the largest net gains and net losses in Latino CVAP in the Proposition 50 map relative to the current map. As can be seen, several districts in southern California (CA-41, CA-44, CA-48) and the Central Valley (CA-20, CA-22) have gains in Latino CVAP in the proposed Proposition 50 map. Several other districts, all in southern California (CA-29, CA-31, CA-35, CA-38, CA-42), have reductions in Latino CVAP in the proposed Proposition 50 map relative to the current map.

Table 6: Proposed Districts with Largest Net Gains and Losses in Latino Eligible Voters

District	Representative	Net Change Latino CVAP (in Percentage Points)
41	Calvert	+25.3
44	Barragán	+11.3
48	Issa	+10.6
20	Fong	+6.4
22	Valadao	+6.0
42	Garcia	-27.8
35	Torres	-4.3
31	Cisneros	-2.5
38	Sánchez	-3.0



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29	Rivas	-0.6
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Source: <https://aelc.assembly.ca.gov/proposed-congressional-map>,
<https://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/final-maps/>. Percentages rounded to nearest tenth, based on 2020 Census for each district as reported by the CA State Assembly.

V. Regional Breakdown of Latino Representation Shifts in the Proposed Map

Los Angeles County / San Gabriel Valley

Latino-majority representation in Los Angeles County remains robust under the proposed map but becomes more geographically balanced. The greater Los Angeles region trades one concentrated Latino-majority district for broader, multi-district Latino influence. This change will likely promote continued competitiveness and representation for Latino voters in the region.

- **CA-35 (Norma Torres, D)** and **CA-38 (Linda Sánchez, D)** record small declines (−4.3 percentage points in CA-35, and −3 percentage points in CA-38) but remain safely majority-Latino.
- **CA-42 (Robert Garcia, D)** shows the largest Latino CVAP decline statewide, falling from 52 % → 25 % (about a −27 percentage point change). Southeast L.A. County’s Latino population is redistributed into nearby districts—especially CA-41 and CA-44—broadening, rather than eliminating, Latino voting power, while CA-42 continues to have Long Beach as its anchor population and making the former mayor of Long Beach, Garcia, likely to win in the new district.
- **CA-44 (Nanette Barragán, D)** gains +11 percentage points, rising to 62% Latino CVAP. This change consolidates South L.A. County and Harbor communities into a stronger Latino majority seat.

Central Valley (Fresno, Kern, Stanislaus, Tulare)

The Central Valley continues to be a cornerstone of Latino political power. Overall, the map deepens Latino representation in agriculture-based counties while extending influence into previously lower-representation areas.

- **CA-13 (Adam Gray, D)** increases from 50.2 % Latino CVAP to about 54% Latino CVAP (approximately a +4 percentage point increase), allowing greater opportunity for Latino voters to choose the winning candidate.
- **CA-20 (Vince Fong, R)** increases from 25.4 % Latino CVAP → 31.8 % Latino CVAP (+6.4 percentage point increase), becoming a new Latino-influence seat.



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- **CA-21 (Jim Costa, D)** in the Fresno area has a slight increase in Latino CVAP between the current map and the proposed map, and is a district in which Latino voters' preferred candidates are likely to win in either the current map or the proposed map.
- **CA-22 (David Valadao, R)** climbs from 59.4 % Latino CVAP → 65.4 % Latino CVAP (+6 percentage point change), strengthening its ability for Latino voters to affect the outcome of the election.

Inland Empire (Riverside, San Bernardino, Ontario, Corona)

The Inland Empire emerges as California's new hub of Latino electoral growth. Latino voters are consolidated across Riverside County and the broader area, shifting the region's political center of gravity toward Latino-majority representation.

- **CA-25, CA-33, CA-35, CA-39** are all majority-Latino districts in the Inland Empire region in the current map and in the Proposition 50 map.
- **CA-41 (Ken Calvert, R)** posts the largest statewide gain in the Proposition 50 map—**+25.3 percentage points**, from 29.7% to 55.0% Latino CVAP—transforming into a new majority-Latino district (and moving the district to L.A. County in the Proposition 50 map).

Orange County / San Diego

Latino representation grows markedly in northern Orange County and remains strong along the border. Overall, Orange County's Latino communities, once split among multiple suburban districts prior to this decade now form a more cohesive district in CA-46 in both the current and the proposed map, while San Diego's Latino influence increases in the proposed map in CA-48.

- **CA-46 (Lou Correa, D)** and **CA-52 (Juan Vargas, D)** remain securely majority-Latino in both the current and the proposed maps. In the proposed maps, these two districts are both at or near 53% Latino CVAP, and in the current map both are Latino CVAP majority. CA-46 is centered in Santa Ana and inland Orange County and CA-52 is centered in San Diego and suburban San Diego County communities near the Mexico border.
- **CA-48 (Darrell Issa, R)** rises from 21.4 % → 32.0 % (+10.6 percentage points) in the Proposition 50 map, creating a new Latino-influence district centered on the transportation corridor connecting San Diego County to Temecula and Palm Springs in Riverside County.

Bay Area & Northern California

Latino representation remains smaller in number but steady in influence. Overall, the Bay Area sees continuity rather than major change, maintaining current levels of Latino political presence within multi-ethnic urban districts.



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- **CA-18 (Zoe Lofgren, D)** gains modestly (+2.5 percentage points → 53.0 % Latino CVAP) and remains majority-Latino. This was a new Salinas Valley-based Latino CVAP-majority district created by the Commission in 2020, and it continues with greater Latino CVAP strength in the proposed Proposition 50 map.
- Other Bay Area districts (e.g., CA-12) maintain coalition and crossover-based representation where Latino, Asian-American, and Black voters have the potential to collectively shape outcomes in both the current map and in the proposed map.

Statewide Takeaway

Adopting the proposed Proposition 50 map would largely redistribute—not diminish—Latino voting strength. Latino influence would expand across fast-growing inland and suburban regions while preserving or enhancing long-standing majority-Latino representation in Los Angeles and the Central Valley.

Rather than concentrating Latino voters into a limited number of extremely safe seats, the proposed map broadens their reach into more districts, creating more opportunity for Latino communities to have a decisive and influential voice in a greater share of California’s 52 congressional races. This geographic rebalancing reflects the state’s ongoing demographic evolution—where Latino population growth in suburban and inland corridors now reshapes the political landscape—making equitable representation increasingly dependent on sustained engagement and turnout among Latino voters statewide.

VI. Conclusion

Having examined the data under the current map and the proposed Proposition 50 map, we find that there is no change in the number of Latino-majority CVAP districts across both maps. Each map has 16 Latino-majority districts, meaning there is significant opportunity for Latino representation. We also conclude that—when considering Latino voting patterns in each district—Proposition 50’s map increases the number of districts wherein Latino voters are likely to end up on the winning side, electing preferred candidates. In the current map, 14 Latino-majority districts regularly observe candidates preferred by Latino voters winning. In the Proposition 50 map, our data analysis suggests this will likely increase to 16 Latino-majority districts where Latino voters are able to regularly elect their preferred candidates. Because of changes to CD 13 and CD 22, in particular, Proposition 50’s map enhances the opportunity for Latino voters’ preferred candidates to win, without significantly altering Latino voters’ decisive role in the other 14 Latino-majority districts. However, while our analysis suggests that Proposition 50’s map is more likely to allow for Latino voters’ preferred candidates to win in all 16 Latino-majority districts, we conclude that both the current Commission map and the proposed Proposition 50 map provide significant opportunities for Latino voters.



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In terms of Latino-influence districts, the proposed map includes more influence districts than the current map. This increase of two districts could provide opportunities for greater Latino representation. Our analysis also suggests that the number of Latino descriptive representatives will likely increase in 2026 if the Proposition 50 map passes, but this does not diminish the fact that Latino descriptive representation was significantly improved by the current map over its predecessor map.

We present this nonpartisan and educational analysis in order to understand how the current and proposed maps would affect Latino voters in California. We also want to emphasize that more research is needed on the effects of redistricting maps on Latino voters and Latino representation. Attempts to increase Latino representation in California have historically occurred via the courts and redistricting. Voters now face a choice at the ballot box that will have implications for the future of Latino representation in California.

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How Would the Prop 50 Redistricting Plan Affect Racial and Geographic Representation?

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Governor Newsom and the California Legislature have put Proposition 50, a congressional redistricting plan, on a special election ballot this fall. Prop 50 aims to give California Democrats several additional US House seats as a response to redistricting in Texas that gives more seats to Republicans. To achieve this objective, Prop 50 supporters want to temporarily set aside the legal requirements that helped shape the existing plan. We have already evaluated the new plan's partisan impact. Here we assess two factors that the current plan—drawn by California's independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC)—is required to consider: racial and geographic representation. Because voters are being asked to suspend these requirements, it makes sense to evaluate the proposed map's impact in these areas.

The CRC's map had to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Voting Rights Act (VRA), which include drawing districts for voters of color who hold politically cohesive views and are numerous enough to make up a majority within a single geographical area. Historically, Latinos are the only group to clear this bar for the congressional map. The CRC's current congressional plan includes 16 majority-Latino districts, as does the Prop 50 plan. Neither Black nor Asian Californians have a majority district in either plan.

Districts can also have shares of voters of color that are large enough to “influence” (or help decide) electoral outcomes. Here, we use 30% as the threshold for influence. The CRC plan includes 6 Asian American, 2 Black, and 7 Latino districts that are at or above this threshold. Here, too, the proposed plan matches the current one almost exactly: it adds one more Latino influence district but otherwise replicates the status quo.

The Prop 50 plan largely matches the CRC plan on racial representation

	Majority districts	Influence districts
Asian American		
Current districts	0	6
Proposed districts	0	6
Black		
Current districts	0	2
Proposed districts	0	2
Latino		
Current districts	16	7
Proposed districts	16	8

SOURCES: Statewide Database (2019–2023 ACS block-level data); Citizens Redistricting Commission (block equivalency files for current plan); California State Assembly Committee on Elections (block equivalency files for proposed plan).

NOTES: In “majority” districts, a majority of the citizen voting-age population (CVAP) identifies as part of a given group. In “influence” districts, a given group constitutes 30%–50% of the CVAP.

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The CRC is also required to consider certain geographic criteria: district compactness (simple shapes rather than strange ones) and the number of cities and counties split into separate districts. (It must also keep “communities of interest” whole, but since there is no consensus definition of this term, we do not analyze it here.) The Prop 50 plan is also very close to the CRC plan on these dimensions. The CRC plan keeps one more county intact (31) than the proposed plan (30), and the two plans include the same share of intact cities (88% in each, though the lists of split cities differ). According to one popular measure of compactness, the Prop 50 map is slightly less compact than the existing plan. However, it is worth noting that the current CRC plan is also less compact than the previous CRC plan.

The Prop 50 plan's geographic metrics are very similar to the CRC plan

	Intact counties (#)	Intact cities (%)	Compactness
Current districts	31	88	0.208
Proposed districts	30	88	0.189

SOURCES: US Census Bureau (county and city shapefiles); Citizens Redistricting Commission (shapefiles for current plan); California State Assembly Committee on Elections (shapefiles for proposed plan); PlanScore (compactness)

The proposed redistricting plan has a single overriding goal: to elect more Democrats. While its supporters propose to set aside current legal requirements, the Prop 50 map largely matches the existing map on the sort of criteria the CRC was required to consider. The metrics considered here are statewide, so they do not speak to representation for specific communities. The CRC listened to many hours of testimony about community interests, while the Prop 50 plan was drawn quickly and without such input. As such, some communities may have complaints about specific lines drawn by the proposed plan. But the plan as a whole is very similar to the current one in most respects: it deviates mostly by creating more Democratic seats.

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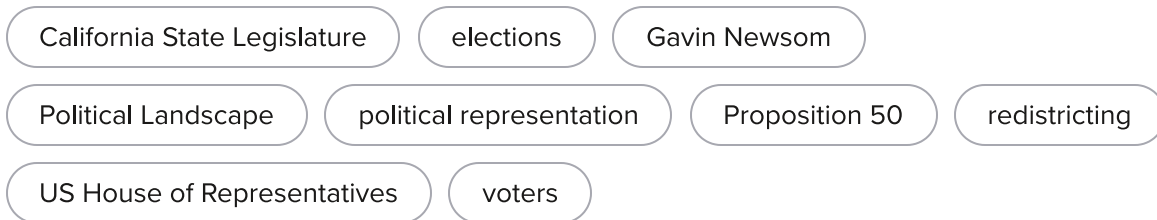


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District	Total Population	Deviation	% Deviation	%Latino CVAP	%Black CVAP	%Asian CVAP	%White CVAP
1	760066	0	0.00%	14.03%	1.99%	4.75%	75.07%
2	760067	1	0.00%	10.95%	1.77%	4.26%	79.12%
3	760065	-1	0.00%	10.15%	1.53%	5.87%	79.84%
4	760065	-1	0.00%	19.95%	3.25%	7.85%	66.56%
5	760065	-1	0.00%	18.14%	2.29%	5.65%	71.32%
6	760066	0	0.00%	16.90%	11.22%	10.55%	58.34%
7	760066	0	0.00%	20.39%	12.83%	21.11%	41.94%
8	760065	-1	0.00%	22.76%	19.33%	19.53%	34.99%
9	760066	0	0.00%	31.00%	8.48%	14.97%	42.90%
10	760066	0	0.00%	13.35%	5.23%	17.13%	62.20%
11	760067	1	0.00%	10.76%	5.96%	31.60%	50.06%
12	760065	-1	0.00%	14.49%	19.94%	21.39%	41.69%
13	760065	-1	0.00%	50.24%	4.08%	6.21%	37.08%
14	760065	-1	0.00%	19.31%	7.39%	31.91%	38.67%
15	760066	0	0.00%	19.55%	3.88%	36.83%	37.17%
16	760067	1	0.00%	13.68%	2.46%	25.45%	56.69%
17	760066	0	0.00%	15.35%	3.40%	46.55%	33.03%
18	760065	-1	0.00%	50.52%	2.77%	14.01%	30.81%
19	760067	1	0.00%	17.44%	2.72%	17.07%	60.56%
20	760067	1	0.00%	25.40%	3.90%	6.68%	62.11%
21	760065	-1	0.00%	53.33%	6.39%	9.62%	28.65%
22	760067	1	0.00%	59.42%	6.06%	4.02%	28.58%
23	760066	0	0.00%	32.84%	8.74%	4.02%	52.26%
24	760066	0	0.00%	25.27%	2.18%	5.50%	65.37%
25	760066	0	0.00%	52.52%	5.16%	2.82%	37.35%
26	760067	1	0.00%	31.55%	2.44%	8.68%	55.94%
27	760067	1	0.00%	33.30%	10.57%	9.52%	44.93%
28	760066	0	0.00%	23.73%	5.18%	35.32%	34.39%
29	760066	0	0.00%	54.24%	5.81%	9.10%	29.85%
30	760066	0	0.00%	19.64%	4.65%	13.13%	61.20%
31	760066	0	0.00%	54.68%	3.27%	18.90%	21.77%
32	760067	1	0.00%	19.65%	5.30%	12.11%	61.79%
33	760067	1	0.00%	52.51%	13.54%	6.37%	25.82%
34	760067	1	0.00%	56.08%	6.77%	19.77%	15.88%
35	760067	1	0.00%	57.38%	7.81%	9.94%	22.89%
36	760066	0	0.00%	14.45%	4.57%	16.82%	62.58%
37	760066	0	0.00%	38.73%	36.12%	6.87%	16.83%
38	760065	-1	0.00%	55.64%	2.45%	20.95%	19.87%
39	760067	1	0.00%	51.17%	11.51%	6.69%	29.28%
40	760066	0	0.00%	18.88%	2.19%	17.36%	60.49%
41	760067	1	0.00%	29.67%	5.54%	7.21%	55.77%
42	760066	0	0.00%	52.35%	8.53%	9.52%	28.14%
43	760067	1	0.00%	44.02%	34.39%	9.22%	10.37%
44	760065	-1	0.00%	51.01%	15.02%	12.91%	18.66%
45	760067	1	0.00%	23.02%	2.94%	36.86%	35.60%
46	760067	1	0.00%	50.51%	2.74%	19.07%	26.00%
47	760066	0	0.00%	13.54%	1.85%	19.27%	63.60%

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48	760065	-1	0.00%	21.39%	3.88%	7.08%	64.79%
49	760066	0	0.00%	20.08%	3.07%	7.01%	68.11%
50	760067	1	0.00%	16.65%	3.68%	11.65%	66.02%
51	760065	-1	0.00%	19.54%	7.04%	15.74%	55.70%
52	760066	0	0.00%	51.06%	10.16%	16.93%	19.94%

Data Sources:

(1) 2020 Census Redistricting Data [P.L. 94-171] Adjusted Summary File, U.S. Census Bureau

(2) Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) Adjusted Special Tabulation from the 2014-2019 Five-Year American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

CVAP = Citizen Voting Age Population

Estimates were rounded and therefore the detail may not exactly add to the total