



COMMUNITY
LEGAL SERVICES
IN EAST PALO ALTO

California Proposition Endorsements

YES on 15

Prop 15 will **provide new funding to local governments and schools.** Years of budget cuts forced reductions in school programs and higher class sizes. Prop 15 restores funding by assessing taxes on commercial properties worth more than \$3 million based on current market value rather than purchase price. Prop 15 will not affect taxes on homes.

YES on 16

Prop 16 seeks to allocate government resources more equitably by allowing state and local governments to consider race, sex, ethnicity, color, and national origin in public education, public employment, and public contracting. To the extent permitted by federal law, Prop 16 will increase equitable representation in government jobs and **access to fair wages, good jobs, and quality schools.** It combats wage discrimination and systemic racism.

YES on 17

Prop 17 restores formerly incarcerated **peoples' right to vote after they complete their prison sentence,** provided that they register to vote. Currently, people are not eligible to vote until they have completed parole.

YES on 21

Prop 21 seeks to **reduce tenant displacement and stabilize communities.** Current state law prevents local jurisdictions from regulating rents in units built after 1995 or following a vacancy. Prop 21 will give cities and counties the authority to control rents (1) on residences built more than 15 years ago, (2) following a vacancy in a rental unit (while still permitting a landlord to increase rents up to 15% in the three years after a vacancy), and (3) on single family homes (if the landlord owns three or more homes).

NO on 20

Prop 20 would overturn criminal justice reform that voters passed in 2014. It would increase punishment for crimes and spending on carceral costs that **could force draconian cuts** to rehabilitation, schools, and to resources to treat mental health and prevent homelessness.

NO on 22

Prop 22 creates a special exemption allowing big companies like Uber, Lyft, and DoorDash to **take protections away from their workers** by classifying them as independent contractors rather than employees. The current law requires giant app-based delivery and transportation companies to pay their workers the minimum wage and provide basic rights and benefits like health care options, paid sick leave, unemployment benefits, and workers' compensation coverage. Prop 22 would take those rights and benefits away.

CLSEPA has taken a position on these statewide propositions because they relate to our legal advocacy in the areas of housing, workers' rights, or criminal reentry.