California Asian Pacific Islander
Voter Guide

Your VOTE Counts!
Vote November 4, 2014

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2014

This November, Asian Pacific Islander voters will play a key role in shaping the future of our country, our state and our communities. California is home to the largest Asian Pacific Islander population nationwide and we believe that an informed Asian Pacific Islander electorate will benefit our entire state.

We want to help you get the information you need to be an informed and engaged voter, so we created a statewide Asian Pacific Islander Voter Guide to educate Asian Pacific Islander voters on a wide range of issues.

A lot of people will be voting this November and it is going to be a close election. Your vote will make the difference. Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2014!

Take me with you to vote, November 4, 2014!

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PROP 1	**Neutral**	Prop 1 will allow the state to borrow $7.5 billion to further build out the state's water storage and delivery system.
PROP 2	**Neutral**	Prop 2 would require California to pay down current debt using surplus funds from the state budget.
PROP 45	**Yes**	Prop 45 will protect Californians from skyrocketing health insurance premiums.
PROP 46	**No**	Prop 46 may lead to a drastic increase in medical lawsuits filed against health care providers and drive up costs for patients.
PROP 47	**Yes**	Prop 47 will reclassify non-violent and non-serious crimes from felonies to misdemeanors.
PROP 48	**Neutral**	Prop 48 would ratify two gaming compacts between California and the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians and the Wiyot Tribe.

PROP
1
Neutral

Water Bond

Prop 1 will allow the state to borrow $7.5 billion to further build out the state's water storage and delivery system. This is the largest water bond in California's history and will cost the state $560 million annually over the next 40 years. The bond makes smart investments in clean drinking water, groundwater storage and water recycling programs. Unfortunately, approximately 33% of the bond can be spent to build and maintain dams, an inefficient and wasteful use of precious resources.

PROP
2
Neutral

State Budget Reserve Act

The state currently has a budget surplus. Prop 2 would require California to pay down current debt using this surplus. If any funds remain after paying down the debt, additional revenue is specifically earmarked for infrastructure, local school districts and community colleges. The reallocation of resources will leave less money for other state priorities, like public education and health care. Spending money on paying down debt first will leave less money for vital services for our communities, like public education and health care.

PROP
45
Yes

Healthcare Rate Protection Act

Prop 45 will protect Californians from skyrocketing insurance premiums by requiring health insurance companies to get approval by the California Insurance Commissioner before raising their rates. Health insurance rates have risen at five times the rate of inflation in California. Prop 45 will ensure that 6 million consumers will not see our health care costs rise unless the increases are justified.

Supporting Organizations

Asian Immigrant Women Advocates
Asian Pacific Environmental Network
Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council
Filipino Advocates for Justice
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum – San Diego
Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance
Thai Community Development Center

Neutral Organizations

Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance – Alameda County Chapter
Mobilize the Immigrant Vote

PROP
46
No

Medical Malpractice Act

Prop 46 will quadruple the current cap on medical malpractice awards from $250,000 to $1 million. This drastic increase will lead to more medical lawsuits filed against health care providers and drive up costs for patients. The nonpartisan and independent Legislative Analyst Office said that Prop 46 may increase costs to state and local governments by several hundred million dollars annually.

Supporting Organizations

Asian Health Services
Asian Immigrant Women Advocates
Asian Pacific Environmental Network
Filipino Advocates for Justice
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PROP
47
Yes

Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act

Prop 47 will reclassify non-violent crimes from felonies to misdemeanors, unless the defendant has prior convictions for violent or serious crimes. This change will prevent the state from spending funds on imprisoning non-violent offenders. Instead, millions of dollars saved will be used towards proven crime prevention services, including dropout prevention, mental health and substance abuse treatment and victim services.

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Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus
API Equality – Northern California
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Chinese for Affirmative Action
Chinese Progressive Association
Filipino Advocates for Justice
Khmer Girls in Action
Korean Resource Center
Mobilize the Immigrant Vote
National Asian Pacific Women's Forum – San Diego
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Thai Community Development Center

PROP
48
Neutral

Indian Gaming Act

Prop 48 would ratify two gaming compacts between California and the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians and the Wiyot Tribe. The compacts would allow the tribes to build two new off reservation casinos. Prop 48 also exempts the tribes from the California Environmental Quality Act for construction of the casinos.

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