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## 2026 Public Voter Guide Survey

### Legislative Candidates

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#### IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS

Do you publicly oppose the Department of Homeland Security's unlawful actions which have resulted in racially discriminatory raids across the state and country, detaining people without evidence or due process simply because of the color of their skin, the language they speak, or the work they do?

XXX YES  NO

Will you publicly denounce the expansion of immigration detention in the state of California and work with communities across the state to continue demanding oversight and accountability for the existing facilities?

XXX YES  NO

#### VOTING RIGHTS

Will you publicly support policies that remove redistricting authority from local elected officials and transfers that authority to non-partisan, independent citizen commissions?

XXX YES  NO

The U.S. Supreme Court has been chipping away at our voting rights, from gutting Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act (VRA) to holding that federal courts cannot review allegations of partisan gerrymandering. More recently, the Eighth Circuit held that private litigants can no longer bring lawsuits under Section 2 of VRA, threatening enforcement of what remains of the law. Will you support strengthening California's state voting rights laws?

**XXX YES**  **NO**

## **LGBTQ+ RIGHTS**

The federal administration is attacking gender-affirming health care and its providers. Will you publicly support investment of California resources to ensure continued access to medically necessary gender affirming hormones and surgery for adolescents and adults?

**XXX YES**  **NO**

## **RACIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE**

California has failed to make consistent, ongoing investments in affordable housing, homelessness, and tenant protection programs. While considerable one time funding was invested as a result of the budget surpluses over the last several years, ongoing funding for housing and homelessness constitutes less than 0.5% of the state's annual budget. Will you publicly support policies that require the State of California to create and fund a financing plan to provide ongoing funding at the scale needed to fully address housing insecurity and homelessness around the state?

**XXX YES**  **NO**

For too long, Californians in need of safe, permanent, affordable housing have been subject to skyrocketing market-rate rent, the increased financialization of housing, and wait lists for subsidized affordable housing that can stretch on for a generation or more. And instead of investing in proven affordable housing solutions to curb homelessness, local and state decision-makers have turned to criminalization and attempts to banish unhoused neighbors who don't have anywhere else to go.

Will you publicly support policies to amend the state constitution to recognize the human right to housing and require that state and local jurisdictions take progressive steps to fully actualize adequate housing for all Californians?

**YES**     **NO**

Will you publicly support policies that prohibit discrimination and criminalization based on housing status to fully protect the equal rights of our housing insecure and unhoused neighbors?

**XXX YES**  **NO**

## **EDUCATION EQUITY**

Studies consistently show that young people are harmed by even minimal contact with the

juvenile or criminal legal systems. Moreover, students of color and with disabilities are disproportionately referred to law enforcement, cited, and arrested in school as a form of addressing behavioral issues. Will you publicly support policies to significantly reduce law enforcement involvement in addressing student behavioral issues, substance use and mental health crises, empowering schools to adopt more supportive, health-based approaches?

**XXX YES**  **NO**

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Do you agree that indigent defense, mental health diversion, drug treatment, and reentry programs that defend, treat, rehabilitate, employ, and house people convicted of a crime are more effective crime prevention solutions than increasing sentences and classifying more low-level crimes as felonies?

**XXX YES**  **NO**

Will you publicly advocate for greater investment in community-based programs and services and reject legislation that lengthens sentences and increases penalties?

**XXX YES**  **NO**

Will you publicly support efforts to ensure that public defenders' offices are adequately staffed and funded to ensure that a Californian's right to counsel and to a fair trial does not hinge on wealth?

**XXX YES**  **NO**

## **POLICE PRACTICES**

Will you publicly support policies that shift responsibility of public safety responses away from law enforcement and instead to trained social service providers for homelessness and mental health incidences?

**XXX YES**  **NO**

Will you publicly support greater public access to law enforcement records and strong local civilian oversight of law enforcement practices?

**YES**  **NO**

Will you publicly support banning the use of facial recognition technology in police-worn body cameras, which are known to result in the misidentification of Black and brown individuals?

**XXX YES**  **NO**

## REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

One of the enduring “war on drugs” policies is that of drug-testing pregnant people and their newborns, even when it is not medically necessary. Drug testing pregnant people without consent funnels families into the family policing system, erodes trust with health care providers, and discourages people from seeking care. Will you publicly support policies that require informed consent for any drug testing or screening of a pregnant person or newborn?

**XXX YES**  **NO**