

2020 General Election Ballot Measures

Summary: SCANPH supports and encourages voters to vote YES on Props 15, 16, and 21, and Measure J.

Vote YES on California Proposition 15

What is Prop 15? Prop 15, the Schools and Communities First campaign, is a statewide initiative that would partially roll back 1978's Prop 13 – for commercial properties only – which permanently tied property tax levels to the 1975 assessed value of a property.

Background: The estimated billions of dollars in new state revenue raised by Prop 15 would fund local governments, K-12 public schools, and community colleges. Prop 15 would begin to tax commercial and industrial real property based on current market value. Prop 15 **would not** affect residential properties.

Why SCANPH supports Prop 15: Cities and counties in the SCANPH region will receive significantly more funding for social services, **which can be used** to reduce homelessness, build affordable housing, and address other community priorities. Prop 15 would exempt commercial spaces in mixed use developments where the value of the commercial space is less than \$3 million and where the residential component is greater than 75%.

For more information, visit [Yes15.org](https://www.yes15.org).

Vote YES on California Proposition 16

What is Prop 16? Prop 16 is a statewide initiative that would overturn the ban on affirmative action in California by removing Section 31 of Article I of the California Constitution.

Background: Prop 16 would repeal 1996's Prop 209, which banned affirmative action statewide. California is one of only nine states that prohibit affirmative action, a major tool for racial and gender equity and justice. Prop 16 would allow affirmative action policies that positively benefit members of disadvantaged groups in housing, education, and employment.

Why SCANPH supports Prop 16: Prop 16 aligns with SCANPH's values of racial and gender equity and justice – in housing and in all aspects of life.

For more information, visit [VoteYesOnProp16.org](https://www.voteyesonprop16.org).

Vote YES on California Proposition 21

What is Prop 21? Prop 21 is a statewide initiative that would amend the Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995, which restricted local governments' ability to establish rent and vacancy control.

Background: Prop 21 would enable county and municipal governments to limit annual rent increases on properties more than 15 years old. The measure also allows rent increases to be capped at 15% above an immediately preceding tenant over the first 3 years of a new tenancy. Prop 21 would exempt individual landlords who own 1-2 rental homes from new rent control policies.

Why SCANPH supports Prop 21: By limiting rent increases, California can stabilize communities, prevent the displacement effects of gentrification, and preserve naturally occurring affordable housing.

For more information, visit [YesOn21CA.org](https://www.yeson21ca.org).

Vote YES on LA County Measure J

What is Measure J? Measure J is a Los Angeles County initiative that would require the County to dedicate at least 10% of its general fund to community programs and alternatives to incarceration.

Background: The ReImagine LA Coalition has led calls for the LA County Board of Supervisors to redirect funding away from policing and toward community-serving programs, which culminated in adding Measure J to the general election ballot. Measure J would amend the county charter to guarantee at least \$1 billion per year for community investment and alternatives to incarceration.

Why SCANPH supports Measure J: This measure would lead to significant funding increases in LA County to address the affordable shortage, homelessness, and other community-based priorities.

For more information, visit [ReImagine.LA](https://www.reimagine.la).

The mission of the Southern California Association of NonProfit Housing (SCANPH) is to facilitate affordable housing development across Southern California by advancing effective public policies, sustainable financial resources, strong member organizations, and beneficial partnerships. For more information, contact Frank Martinez, Policy Director, at FMartinez@scanph.org.