

Liberty Hill

2020 VOTER GUIDE

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE



Register and create a plan to vote!
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Last day to register in this election is:
OCTOBER 19, 2020



About Liberty Vote!

At **Liberty Hill**, we believe the people most affected by injustice should be leading the fight for change—from the community meeting to the protest march to the ballot box.

Our **Liberty Vote!** Initiative includes grants, ballot measure endorsements, and other electorally focused initiatives, including this voter guide.

Liberty Vote! Has Three Goals:

Build electoral power in communities most impacted by systemic oppression to win progressive public policy

Build the organizational capacity of grassroots nonprofits to incorporate voter empowerment activities into their programs

Increase voter turnout in areas with the lowest voter participation

To learn more, please visit:

libertyhill.org/libertyvote

Uniting Grassroots Hustle & Electoral Muscle Across L.A.

Liberty Vote! will embrace the VOTE acronym ([USC 2019 VOTE Report*](#)) as we allocate electoral organizing resources and reach beyond what is winnable and towards the kind of change that is needed.



VOTE

a focus on tipping points, turnout, and technology to have decisive influence on closely-contested electoral outcomes.



ORGANIZE

a strategic approach to supporting local grassroots organizing groups committed to developing leaders, recruiting voters, and bridging local-state work.



TRANSFORM

a vision of governance that redefines notions of citizenship and civic participation among those who have been traditionally excluded from voting.



ENGAGE

a commitment to engaging voters in the most impacted communities, year-round and between elections to address pressing issues and challenge biases.

Liberty Hill's Recommendations on Select Propositions on the November Ballot

These recommendations are informed by activists on the frontlines of social change and individuals directly impacted by the issues. Liberty Hill makes recommendations on initiatives about which our grantees are actively campaigning, and does not take a position on measures where our grantees have taken opposing views.

YES on Prop 15

Schools & Communities First

Closing California's commercial property tax loophole restores \$12 billion for schools, community colleges and other vital community services, including emergency responder services, parks, libraries, health clinics, trauma centers, affordable housing, homeless services, and roads. Many of our longstanding community partners are leading the effort to pass Proposition 15, including the Million Voter Project, California Calls, Community Coalition, LAANE, ACCE, and many others.

YES on Prop 16

Repealing the Ban on Affirmative Action

This ballot measure will repeal Proposition 209 and restore affirmative action in California. This proposition will address deeply rooted inequities and provide greater opportunities for people of color through public employment, public education, and public contracting.

YES on Prop 17

Restoring Voting Rights to Individuals on Parole

Nearly 50,000 Californians who have returned home from prison cannot vote even though they are raising families, holding jobs, paying taxes, and contributing to society in every other way. Proposition 17 will fix this injustice and restore voting rights to Californians returning home from prison on parole.

YES on Prop 18

Youth Vote

Proposition 18 would allow 17-year-olds who will be 18 at the time of the next general election to vote in primary elections and special elections that year. Young people are the generation most impacted by the policies being made today, and this measure allows them to have a say in the decisions being made about their futures.

NO on Prop 20

Rolling Back Criminal Justice Reform

This measure would roll back effective criminal justice reforms passed in California between 2011 and 2016. More specifically, Proposition 20 would convert certain theft crimes into felonies, limit the number

of people eligible for early parole, as well as mandate DNA collection for some non-violent crimes. Liberty Hill's criminal justice partners worked hard to pass Assembly bill 109, Proposition 47, and Proposition 57. We don't want to see that progress erased.

YES on Prop 21

Rent Control

Proposition 21 will allow for the expansion of rent control throughout California for housing units built more than 15 years ago. If passed, the measure would give local governments the power to implement tenant-friendly protections that limit annual rent increases, prevent displacement, and make living in California more affordable.

To Culver City residents: Liberty Hill recommends a **NO** vote on **Measure B**, since it will rollback existing rent stabilization.

To Burbank residents: Liberty Hill recommends a **YES** vote on **Measure RC** to expand renter protections.

YES on Measure J

Reimagine L.A. County

Measure J will amend LA County's charter to permanently redirect at least 10% of the county's general fund budget (about \$1B) to community investments like affordable housing, mental health services, youth development programs, and job-creation. This measure rebalances our budget to reflect our priorities by shifting funds away from law enforcement and punitive systems and into alternatives to incarceration. Many of Liberty Hill's community partners are leading this effort, including the JusticeLA Coalition, the LA Community Action Network (LACAN), Youth Justice Coalition, and many others.

YES on Measure RR

Repair and Renovate LAUSD Schools

Measure RR will modernize and replace aging school facilities, update technology, and address inequities in LAUSD children's schools. To cover the expenses, this measure will authorize the sale of \$7 billion in bonds, without increasing the tax rate currently authorized for voter-approved school district bonds. This ballot measure is endorsed by Liberty Hill's community partners InnerCity Struggle and Brotherhood Crusade, the Los Angeles Democratic Party, labor unions, and business organizations.

