



Activist Training Series

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What to expect from this training

- Community building
- Intro to the Yes on Prop 17 campaign
- Topline messages
 - **Featured Speaker:** Asm. David Chiu
- Ways to support the campaign
 - **Featured Action:** How to complete and return your ballot
- Resources
- Q&A

Building Community

Community Agreements

- Person-centered language
- Make space/take space (aka, step up/step back)
- One mic
- Mindful listening
- Assume best intentions

Breakout Pods

- Questions:
 - Name, org, pronouns, city
 - What brought you to this training today?
 - Ballots are being mailed out in the upcoming week to all registered voters - what are some ways to encourage early voting?
- 5 minutes

Getting to know Prop 17...



Intro to Yes on Prop 17: What is it?

- On the November 3rd California statewide ballot
- Restores voting rights to Californians immediately upon release from prison
- Amends state constitution to eliminate disenfranchisement for people on parole
- Formerly known as “ACA 6”
- Prop 17 *does not*:
 - Affect voting rights of people in prison or affect any criminal sentencing laws
 - Affect states other than California

Intro to Yes on Prop 17: Who is behind it?

FREE =
THE VOTE

is now...

YES =
ON 17

FREE THE VOTE

Intro to Yes on Prop 17: Who is behind it?

ACLU
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
California

ARC
Anti-Recidivism Coalition

BRENNAN
CENTER
FOR JUSTICE

INITIATE
JUSTICE ✓

LWV
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF CALIFORNIA

MIFAMILIA
VOTA

Vote
Allies

WP4BL
WHITE PEOPLE & BLACK LIVES

**VOTING
RIGHTS
LAB
ACTION**

*Check out our endorsers -
and join us - at YesOn17.vote!*



Why is Prop 17 important...

Yes on Prop 17: Topline Messages

Prop 17 will:

- Allow 50,000 Californians who are returning home from prison reintegrate into society after they've finished their prison term by restoring their right to vote
- Help combat voter suppression among Black and Brown communities, who are over-policed and subject to systemic inequalities within our criminal legal system
- Make our communities safer as voting and civic engagement reduce the likelihood that people will be rearrested
- Give Californians who have completed their prison sentence--who are working, raising families, and paying taxes--a say in the policies and representatives who affect their lives
- Make democracy fairer, more inclusive, and in line with other progressive states

Featured Speaker:

Assemblymember David Chiu

- Represents District 17 (East San Francisco)
- First elected in 2016 and has been re-elected ever since
- Supporter of ACA 6 when it was in the legislature



Ways to support Prop 17...



Ways to support Prop 17

- **VOTE!!! And make sure your friends do too!**
- Donate to the Yes on 17 campaign
- Follow us on social media
- Become a Yes on 17 Fundraising Captain or Social Media Ambassador
- Get your agency or community group to endorse Yes on Prop 17
- Call or text 5 friends to join our email list using sample script
- Ask another activist to join you at our next training - Fri, Oct. 16, 1pm

VOTE: Registration

- **Do I need to register/re-register?**
 - Never voted or haven't voted in 4+ years*
 - Moved since the last time you voted*
 - Changed your name or political party
 - Recently regained the right to vote (*congrats to Ms. Betty!*)
- **When should I register/check my registration?**
 - **Right now!** RegisterToVote.ca.gov
- **How can I register to vote?**
 - Regular registration “deadline”: Oct. 19, 2020 (15 days before Election Day)
 - Online, paper form, or by phone
 - Same-day registration: From Oct. 20 through Election Day
 - Polling place or vote center

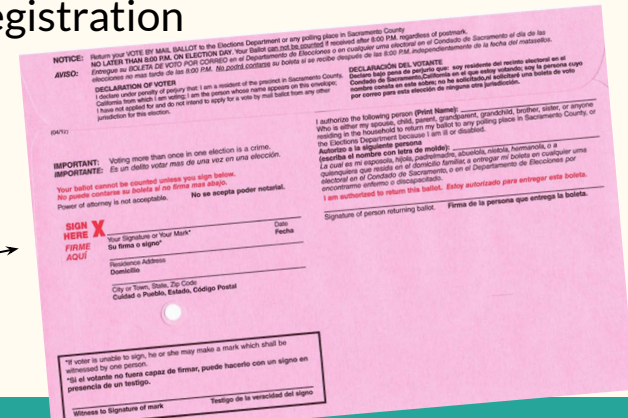
VOTE: Vote-by-mail

- AKA “absentee voting” - safe, secure, easy
- Because of COVID all active, registered CA voters will be automatically sent a ballot in the mail
 - You can still vote in person if you need or prefer to
- **Ballots start hitting mailboxes on Monday (Oct. 5)!**
- **Track your ballot round-trip! california.ballottrax.net/voter**
- **Options for returning your ballot:**
 - *Mail back using postage-paid envelope (must be postmarked by Nov. 3)*
 - *Place in official ballot drop box (check avail. in your county)*
 - *Return to any polling place or vote center*
- **Voting early helps everyone!**



VOTE: Completing your mailed ballot

- Vote the whole ballot if you can! Or just YES ON 17 
 - President, US House of Reps, CA Senate/Assembly, state propositions, local candidates and propositions
- What's all this stuff on my ballot? votersedge.org/ca
- Sign and date the postage-prepaid ballot envelope
 - Your signature is matched to the one(s) in your voter registration
 - Usually from the DMV or voter registration card
 - Watch the mail for notice to fix your signature →



NOTICE: Return your VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT to the Elections Department or any polling place in Sacramento County, NO LATER THAN 8:00 PM, ON ELECTION DAY. Your ballot can not be accepted if received after 8:00 PM, regardless of postmark, or if it is not marked as received by the Elections Department. Envelope must be received by the Elections Department by 8:00 PM on Election Day. If you do not receive your ballot by 8:00 PM, you may still vote in person on Election Day.

DECLARATION OF VOTER: I declare under penalty of perjury that I am a resident of the precinct in Sacramento County, California, from which I am voting; I am the person whose name appears on this envelope; I have not applied for and do not intend to apply for a vote by mail ballot from any other jurisdiction for this election.

DECLARATION OF THE VOTER: I declare that I am a resident of the precinct in Sacramento County, California, from which I am voting; I am the person whose name appears on this envelope; I have not applied for and do not intend to apply for a vote by mail ballot from any other jurisdiction for this election.

IMPORTANT: Voting more than once in one election is a crime. Es un delito votar más de una vez en una elección.

YOUR BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED UNLESS YOU SIGN BELOW. **NO PUEDE CONTEARSE SU BOLETA SI NO FIRMA MÁS ALLÁ.**

Power of attorney is not acceptable. No se permite poder notarial.

SIGN HERE X Your Signature or "Your Mark" Su firma o signo

FOLD HERE Date Fecha

ACQU Residence Address Domicilio

City or Town, State, Zip Code Ciudad o Pueblo, Estado, Código Postal

"If voter is unable to sign, he or she may make a mark which shall be witnessed by one person." **"Si el votante no fuera capaz de firmar, puede hacerlo con un signo en presencia de un testigo."**

Witness to Signature of Mark Testigo de la veracidad del signo

VOTE: Voting is a social activity!

- Throw a ballot completion party over zoom/video!
- “Ballots and bubbles” or “ballots and baked goods”
- Make an inspiring playlist or video backdrop
- Share a selfie with your “I Voted!” sticker and a #YesOn17 message
 - Tag us: FB/IG - @YesonProp17; TW - @FreetheVoteCA
- Make your own ballot guide, fill out your sample ballot, or fill out your real mailed ballot



Yes on Prop 17: Resources

- Website: YesOn17.vote
 - Social media:
 - FB/IG: @YesOnProp17
 - TW: @FreeTheVoteCA
 - [Take Action](#) page is your one-stop shop!
- Next activist training: **Fri. 10/16, 1pm**
- Contact us: info@yeson17.vote; media@yeson17.vote

Questions?

Please put your questions in the chat-box!



Turning training into action!

- Breakout Pods (5 min):
 - What's one thing you learned today?
 - How will you implement what you learned here?
 - After: share your commitment to action in chat box



Thank you!

- Check out our website: **YesOn17.vote**
 - Donate!
- Join us for our next training on **Fri, 10/16, at 1pm**
 - Bring a friend!