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Election 2020 - What's At Stake?

Why We Must Get Out The Vote

By **ALICE HUFFMAN**
President,
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With each edition of the Minority News, we have told you that the upcoming election is the most important election ever. Believe me, this time we really mean it. Because of the damage to our nation as a whole and the unprecedented harm and assault on communities of color, especially African Americans, recent past elections pale in comparison considering the importance of the 2020 General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. We saw how important it was for the Democrats to "Take Back the House of Representatives" in the 2018 midterm elections. Democrats lost the House in 2010 due to hatemongering about the election of President Barack Obama and the backlash to passage of the Affordable Care Act. By reclaiming the

House, Democrats led by California's own, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, were able to stop the Republican agenda and force Donald Trump to negotiate on spending bills and some new laws.

Regaining only the House, however, was not enough to create balance. Not when the Republican-led Senate and Donald Trump were singularly focused on undoing every policy put in place by President Barack Obama. Not when they threw out the rules of diplomacy and instead sought to govern our country like an oligarchy. Not when Donald Trump was so singularly focused on reversing policy that he signed a record number of Executive Orders in his first 100 days. Not when the Republican led Senate ushered in Supreme Court Justices who have the ability to change the course of history with decisions about individual rights, affirmative action, voting rights and so much more.

In November's General Election, in

addition to winning the White House back, the Democrats must pick up three Senate seats in order effectuate real change. Those three seats will



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determine who will be the next Supreme Court Justice, they will help to break the log-jam on sound policy proposals put forth by congressional leaders and they will help to control key budget decisions at a time when millions of American are unemployed and we are in the midst of yet another recession.

Collectively, there is too much at stake for us to take this election lightly. Our people and our country cannot

withstand another four years of destructive actions of the current occupant of the White House. African Americans are and have been the backbone of the Democratic Party for years and now, more than ever, the value of our vote has been validated by the selection of California Senator Kamala Harris as Vice President Joe Biden's running mate. This is why we must cast our vote and not sit out this election. We must vote in order to salvage the democratic process of checks and balances and we must vote to ensure that our voices are heard.

That is why the 2020 General Election on November 3, 2020 is so important. We have to and will further Secure the House. We must Take Back the Senate. And we must return the White House to the people. The General Election is our opportunity to Build Back Better. We must vote as though our lives depend on it.

Prop. 15 Will Hurt Minority-Owned Businesses

By **WILLIE L. BROWN JR.**
Institute on Politics and Public Service

This November, special interests are pushing Proposition 15, the largest property tax increase in California history — a shortsighted initiative made even more myopic given the walloping we're experiencing with the COVID-19 crisis.

Today, tens of thousands of small businesses across California have shuttered their stores. Still, Prop. 15 proponents are proceeding full speed ahead with a proposal that will require

business properties to be reassessed at current market value at least every three years, generating a tax bill they surely can't afford.

Prop. 15's unprecedented property tax increase will raise costs to businesses by up to \$11.5 billion annually or, if they lease, lead to significant rent increases. Businesses, in turn, will pass these higher costs on



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to consumers — families and other small businesses — ultimately making everything we buy more expensive and income inequality even worse.

Proponents of Prop. 15 attempt to portray their measure as "small business friendly" by claiming small businesses are exempt. This assertion demonstrates a general lack of awareness of how most small businesses operate. Most small businesses rent the property where they operate and have what's called a "triple net lease," where property taxes, insurance and maintenance costs are passed directly onto tenants.

Worse still, as a former legislator and leader in California's African American community, for African American small business owners, Prop. 15's skyrocketing property tax increases will be particularly devastating.

Look at the facts: According to the 2012 Survey of Business Owners by the U.S. Census Bureau, 46 percent of all businesses in the state are owned by racial minorities including African Americans. They often rent their

property and are subject to higher rents when property taxes increase. And, African American-owned small businesses are nearly twice as likely to fail because they have insufficient cash flow or sales to cover their costs than U.S. businesses as a whole.

Even before the unpredictable, tumultuous events of COVID-19, Prop. 15's massive property tax increase demonstrates an insensitivity and lack of awareness about the struggles that small businesses, particularly minority small businesses, face.

If small business owners manage to stay in business — which is no guarantee — adding to their challenges is neither prudent nor advised. Prop. 15 will not only be costly to you and me, but it will also be costly for California and our economy as a whole.

I'm voting NO on Prop. 15 this November and hope that you'll join me.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Willie Brown is a former San Francisco mayor and the longest serving Speaker of the California Assembly.

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VOTE NO on PROP 15*

STOP HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES



“Prop 15’s property tax increase will end up on us. Our businesses will be forced to pay sky-high rents and our families will pay as much as \$960 more for what they buy, making income inequality even worse.”

Alice A. Huffman, PhD

State President, California Hawaii NAACP

Lacks Accountability to Taxpayers

Politicians can spend the higher property tax revenue on anything they want, including outside consultants, pay raises, and pensions.

Threatens Homeowners

Supporters of Prop 15 admitted that this was the first step in a plan to end Prop 13 in California, which could mean skyrocketing property tax increases for all homeowners every year.

Hurts Small Businesses

Prop 15 will make the economic crisis worse — devastating small businesses including neighborhood restaurants, barbershops, and dry cleaners by raising their rents.



www.NOonProp15.org

Yes On Prop. 16: Opportunity For All

By SHIRLEY N. WEBER

California, the most diverse state in the union, is one of just nine states that ban equal opportunity programs like affirmative action. Proposition 16 will give voters the chance to reverse the ban on equal opportunity policies and allow California's elected leaders to enact programs that provide for access to good jobs, better wages access to government contracts and access to the greatest university systems in the nation.

Prior to Proposition 209's passage in 1996, California was a leader in the number of businesses owned by women, African Americans, Asian Pacific Islanders, Latinos and other groups formerly unable to compete for state contracting. In the past 24 years, however, we have watched those numbers dwindle and today, women and minority business owners are locked out of the equivalent of over 1.1 billion dollars in contracting opportunities.

Similarly, prior to Proposition 209, our university systems provided educational opportunities at average rates for students of color and now that same student population has been relegated to seeking admission solely on the basis of test scores which researchers have shown are not a valid predictor of student success and college potential.

AB 209 was ill-conceived and deeply deceptive when it was marketed as a civil rights initiative when, in fact, removed essential tools to fight discrimination against women and people of

color.

Californians have built the fifth largest economy in the world, but too many hard-working Californians are locked out of our state's opportunity and prosperity. The disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black, Latino, Native American and Filipino-American com-



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munities has highlighted the failure of the state to address these long-standing inequities. Beyond the infection and death rates, national indicators find that these communities are being hit harder by the economic impacts of the crisis, including twice the job loss among Latino and high rates of minority business being shuttered. The coronavirus crisis has made clear that we need to address this law that perpetuates inequality now.

Proposition 209 has hindered public policy, thwarted opportunity and maintained economic disparity long enough.

Proposition 16 gives California voters the chance tonight this wrong.

Proposition 16 is about equal opportunity for all and investment in our communities. Together, we can stand up for our values and help stop gender and racial discrimination in California. On November 3, we must stand together and VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 16.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. represents California's 79th Assembly District and chairs the California Legislative Black Caucus.

Biden/Harris: The Choice Is Clear



When Joseph R. Biden, Jr., chose Kamala Harris to be his running mate, he said "the choice we make in November is going to decide the future of America for a very, very long time." To further quote Biden, he stated, "this is a moment of real consequence for America. Everything we care about, our economy, our health, our children, the kind of country we live in, it's all on the line."

There is much on the line for African Americans to an even greater degree and we cannot afford to sit out this election. Be sure to cast your vote on November 3 to elect Joseph Biden and Kamala Harris for the next President and Vice-President of the United States.

Join the NAACP and CA Democratic Party: VOTE YES ON PROP 19*



WE SUPPORT PROP 19

Visit Yeson19.vote

- California State Conference NAACP
- California Black Chamber of Commerce
- California State Federation of Labor AFL-CIO
- Black Small Business Association of California
- California Democratic Party
- California Professional Firefighters
- Congress of California Seniors
- Californians for Disability Rights

PROPOSITION 19 WILL:

Provide Housing and Tax Relief for Seniors, Families, and Disabled Homeowners

Close Unfair Tax Loopholes used by Wealthy Trust-Fund Heirs on Vacation Homes

Generate Billions in Funding for Local Schools, Cities, Vital Programs

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NO ON 21^{*}

Prop 21 is Bad for Renters and Homeowners

- X NO** immediate relief for renters
- X NO** requirements to lower rents
- X NO** increased funds for affordable housing



“Renters across California will be forced out of their longtime homes if Prop 21 passes. Prop 21 encourages landlords to evict tenants so they can convert their units into condos and townhomes, leading to **less rental housing supply, higher housing costs, and even more homelessness.**”

Alice A. Huffman, PhD
State President, California Hawaii NAACP

www.NOonProp21.org

Let's Honor John Lewis By Restoring The Voting Rights Act

By **DERRICK JOHNSON**,
President & CEO, NAACP

When John Lewis led a peaceful march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, he was beaten bloody and nearly bludgeoned to death in the fight to secure the right to vote. His courage, conviction, and devotion to nonviolent activism was a driving force behind the successful passage of the Voting Rights Act, which was signed 55 years ago today and effectively ended Jim Crow era voter suppression.

The Voting Rights Act is John Lewis' legacy. He was willing to give his life to ensure that Black people could vote without fear, without barriers, without taxes or tests.

Seven years ago the Supreme Court gutted crucial measures that barred practices deemed discriminatory because "there is no longer a [racial] disparity" in voter registration. Since this decision, efforts to suppress the Black vote have intensified, and we're seeing the effects all across the country.

Black voters risked their lives for generations to secure the right to vote, it has been hard fought and hard won. In the wake of the passing of Civil Rights giant, Congressman John Lewis, we must honor him by fully restoring the Voting Rights Act to secure access to the ballot box.

We must have the ability to vote as if our lives depend on it – because they do!



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Remembering John Lewis

NO on
PROP 25*

**PROP 25
INCREASES
RACIAL BIAS
AND LEADS TO MORE
DELAYS IN THE JUSTICE
SYSTEM**

StopProp25.com

Proposition 25 eliminates our right to put up bail for someone who has been arrested and replaces this right with more racial profiling.



"Prop 25 will be even more discriminatory against African Americans, Latinos and other minorities. Biased computer algorithms were used by banks to deny us loans, and they'll be just as biased against us when we are stuck in jail."

ALICE HUFFMAN, PRESIDENT, CALIFORNIA NAACP

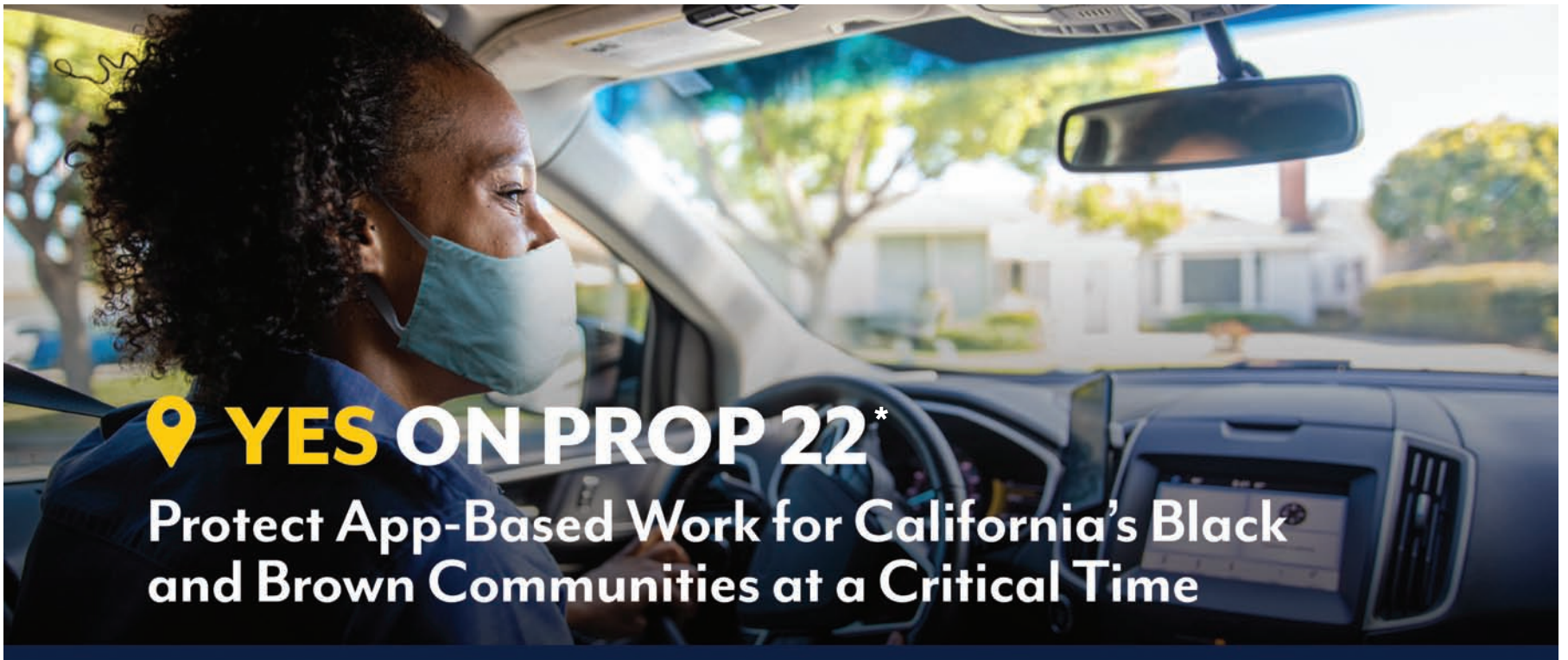


"Our communities can't afford Prop 25. It will lead to long delays in the justice system that could keep people needlessly locked up for days - if not indefinitely - leading to job loss, missed bills, and even homelessness."

REVEREND MAC SHORTY, COMMUNITY REPOWER MOVEMENT

VOTE NO ON PROP 25

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Four million Californians are out of work. But hundreds of thousands have been able to make ends meet by driving with app-based platforms, delivering food, groceries, prescriptions and other essential supplies and items to keep our communities safe. Large numbers of Black families in California count on the income and flexible schedules that this independent app-based work provides.

→ **That's why we need PROP 22.**



PROP 22 protects rideshare and delivery drivers' ability to choose to be independent contractors. **More than 70% of drivers want to be independent.**



PROP 22 provides new earning guarantees and benefits like health care.



PROP 22 saves hundreds of thousands of jobs at risk of being eliminated due to a new state law that takes away the ability to work independently.

We Support PROP 22!



“ Prop 22 saves jobs and the essential app-based services that millions of small businesses and consumers are relying on, especially now.”

ALICE HUFFMAN,
President, NAACP CA



“ Many Black families, when they found themselves without a source of income, turned to app-based driving. We need to ensure app-based driving remains an option for everyone. We strongly support Prop 22.”

JAY KING,
President & CEO, California Black Chamber of Commerce

 www.YesOn22.com

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Reject the Dangerous & Costly Dialysis Proposition

NO 
PROP 23*

Stop Dangerous & Costly
Dialysis Proposition

The California State Conference of the NAACP, Minority Health Institute, American Nurses Association\California, California Medical Association, patient advocates and social justice leaders all strongly OPPOSE Prop 23. Prop 23:

Puts patient lives at risk.

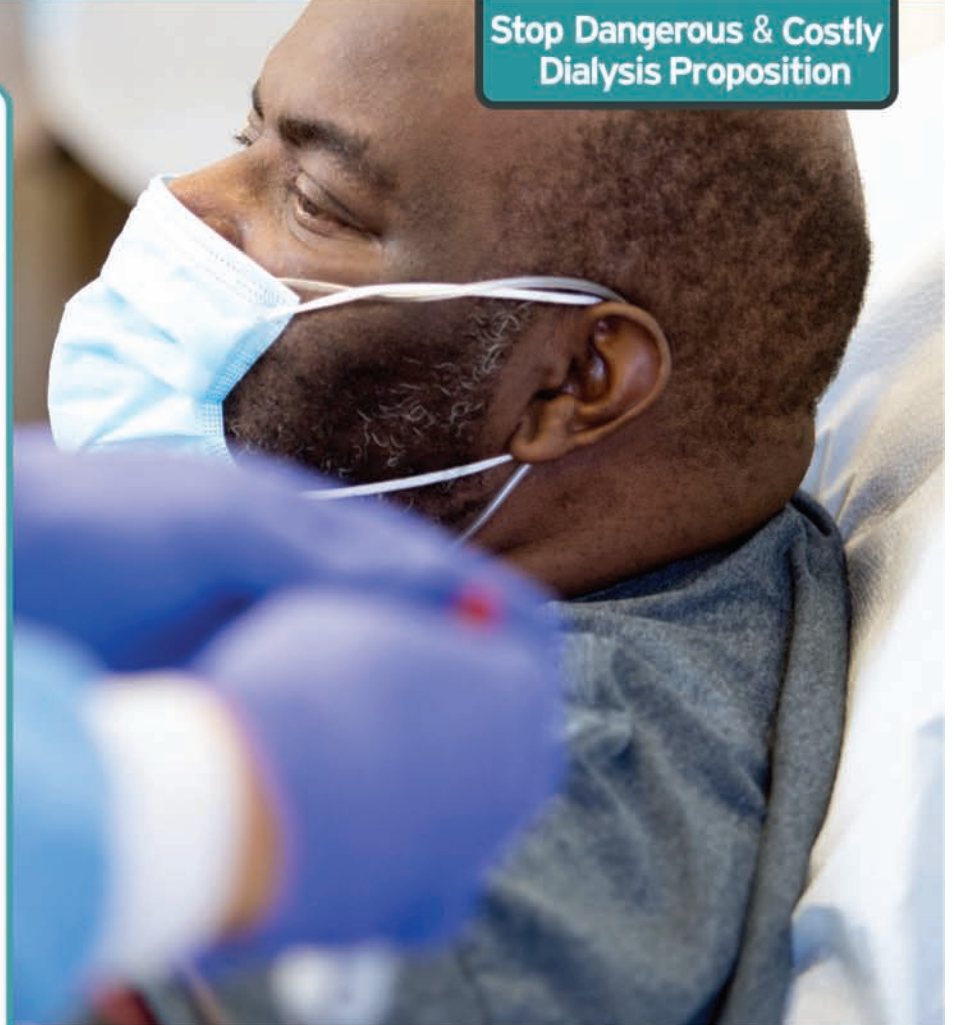
- ▶ Nearly 80,000 Californians get dialysis treatments three days a week, four hours at a time to stay alive. Missing even one treatment increases the risk of death by 30%.
- ▶ Prop 23 would impose costly, unnecessary new mandates that would increase dialysis clinic costs by hundreds of millions of dollars every year - putting many clinics at risk of closure.

Disproportionately hurts people of color.

- ▶ According to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease, African Americans are 3.5 times more likely to develop kidney failure and need dialysis treatment.
- ▶ Prop 23 hurts the poorest and most vulnerable individuals in our communities by reducing access to the care they need to stay alive.

Increases health care costs by hundreds of millions each year.

- ▶ Prop 23 would result in a dramatic increase in health care costs that would be a real burden for many California families.



Prop 23 is opposed by:

- California State Conference NAACP
- Minority Health Institute
- California Medical Association
- American Nurses Association\California
- Chronic Disease Coalition
- Dialysis Patient Citizens
- Network of Ethnic Physician Organizations
- More than 100 organizations

Learn more at NoProp23.com

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a coalition of dialysis providers, nurses, doctors and patients

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MINORITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot Initiatives			
PROP. 14	Bonds	Issues \$5.5 billion in bonds for state stem cell research institute.	YES
PROP. 15	Taxes	Requires commercial and industrial properties to be taxed based on market value and dedicates revenue.	NO
PROP. 16	Affirmative Action	Repeals Proposition 209 (1996), which says that the state cannot discriminate or grant preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education, or contracting.	YES
PROP. 17	Suffrage	Restores the right to vote to people convicted of felonies who are on parole.	YES
PROP. 18	Suffrage	Allows 17-year-olds who will be 18 at the time of the next general election to vote in primaries and special elections.	YES
PROP. 19	Taxes	Changes tax assessment transfers and inheritance rules.	YES
PROP. 20	Law Enforcement	Makes changes to policies related to criminal sentencing charges, prison release, and DNA collection.	NO
PROP. 21	Housing	Expands local governments' power to use rent control.	NO
PROP. 22	Business	Considers app-based drivers to be independent contractors and enacts several labor policies related to app-based companies.	YES
PROP. 23	Healthcare	Requires physician on-site at dialysis clinics and consent from the state for a clinic to close.	NO
PROP. 24	Business	Expands the provisions of the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) and creates the California Privacy Protection Agency to implement and enforce the CCPA.	YES
PROP. 25	Trials	Replaces cash bail with risk assessments for suspects awaiting trial.	NO