

UC-AFT ENDORSEMENTS 2020 General Election

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President: Joe Biden and Kamala Harris

To reach this endorsement, the UC-AFT followed the presidential endorsement process approved at its January 2020 Council meeting. First, we polled our members, asking which of the presidential tickets that appear on official California ballots they prefer. One hundred ninety-four members responded; 95% favored Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. In accordance with our approved process, the results were then ratified in the October 6 UC-AFT Local Presidents' call.

California Proposition Recommendations

The UC-AFT Legislative Committee voted to follow the proposition recommendations of the California Federation of Teachers, our parent union. The Executive Board then approved that decision. The UC-AFT Anti-Racism independently created a list of proposition recommendations, which, with the exception of Proposition 25, were in line with those approved by Legislative Committee. **The Anti-Racism Committee also created an election guide to accompany its list. It begins on the third page of this document.**

Proposition	UC-AFT Recommendation
15: Schools & Communities First	YES
16: Repeal of Proposition 209	YES
17: Allows parolees to vote	YES
18: Allows first-time voters to participate in the full election cycle	YES
20: A "NO" vote avoids a rollback of criminal justice reforms	NO
21: Allows for local rent control	YES
22: Uber/Lyft Challenge to AB 5	NO
25: Replace cash bail with risk assessment	YES*

*Please see the comments by the UC-AFT Committee on Anti-Racism comments at the end of this document.

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Other UC-AFT Endorsements

The UC-AFT has chosen to endorse several other candidates for office because of their alignment with its interests.

California Senate

Senate District	UC-AFT Endorsement
9 (Berkeley)	Nancy Skinner
37 (Irvine)	David Min
39 (San Diego)	Toni Atkins

California Assembly

Assembly District	UC-AFT Endorsement
21 (Merced)	Adam Gray
60 (Riverside)	Sabrina Cervantes
61 (Riverside)	Jose Medina
73 (Orange County)	Scott Rhinehart
80 (San Diego)	Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher

Irvine City Council

UC-AFT Endorsement
Larry Agran
Lauren Johnson-Norris

Merced City Council

District	UC-AFT Endorsement
3	Bertha Perez

UC-AFT Committee on Anti-Racism 2020 General Election Propositions Guide

PROPOSITIONS LINKED TO RACIAL JUSTICE IN CALIFORNIA IN NOV. 2020

Dear UC-AFT members,

UC-AFT's Committee on Anti-Racism would like to draw members' attention to state-wide ballot propositions that address racial justice issues in California. While it's vital that we work to develop anti-racist practices in our union, we also need to align ourselves with wider anti-racist initiatives. So here are our recommendations on Propositions 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, and 25. We include both explanations for the vote and actions that locals or individuals may want to take.

In solidarity,
UC-AFT Committee on Anti-Racism

YES on Proposition 15

SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TAX REFORM

Endorsed by the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) & California Federation of Labor (CLF).

What it would do (from CFT web site): "When it passes, Prop 15 will reform decades-old tax law that allows corporations to avoid paying property taxes at fair market value, resulting in public education and community services losing \$7 to \$12 billion each year from uncollected corporate property taxes. Prop 15 will correct this inequity, while also protecting homeowners and renters, small businesses, and agricultural property."

CLF analysis: https://www.cft.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/clf_prop-15_schools_and_communities_first.pdf

How to get involved: Organize your UC-AFT local, or UC Union Coalition, or UC students and workers to join virtual phone banks sponsored by CFT: <https://www.cft.org/volunteer>

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YES on Proposition 16

SUPPORT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Endorsed by the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) & California Federation of Labor (CLF).

What it would do (from CFT web site): “A ‘yes’ vote supports this constitutional amendment to repeal Proposition 209 (passed in 1996) which prohibited the state from discriminating against or granting preferential treatment to persons on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, and public contracting.”

CLF analysis: https://www.cft.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/clf_prop-16_affirmative_action-aca_5.pdf

How to get involved: Use this from the Yes on Prop 16 campaign to organize a “text bank” or “phone bank” training for UC-AFT members, UC Union Coalition members, or UC campus events (see examples on the list from such schools as UC Merced): <https://www.mobilize.us/voteyesonprop16>

YES on Proposition 17

SUPPORT PAROLEES RIGHT TO VOTE

Endorsed by the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) & California Federation of Labor (CLF)

<https://yeson17.vote/>

How to get involved: The campaign seems primarily to be enlisting volunteers to support them on social media, but there may be other ways.

NO on Proposition 20

AVOID THE ROLL BACK OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Endorsed by the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) & California Federation of Labor (CLF)

<https://noprop20.vote>

CLF analysis: https://www.cft.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/clf_prop-20_restricts-parole.pdf

How to get involved: The campaign seems primarily to be enlisting volunteers to support them on social media, but there may be other ways.

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NO on Proposition 22

SUPPORT LABOR RIGHTS AND FIGHT GIG ECONOMY EXPLOITATION

“No” position supported by the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) & California Federation of Labor (CLF)

What it would do (from the CFT web site): “A ‘no’ vote opposes this ballot initiative, meaning California Assembly Bill 5 (signed into law in 2019) could be used to decide whether app-based drivers are employees or independent contractors.”

CLF analysis: https://www.cft.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/clf_prop-22_gig_company.pdf

How to get involved: Organize your UC-AFT local, or UC Union Coalition, or UC students and workers to join a virtual phone bank sponsored by Rideshare Drivers United <https://act.drivers-united.org>

Proposition 25

END CASH BAIL

This proposition is highly contested among racial justice activists. Instead of an endorsement, we have included resources here for both the “yes” and “no” vote.

KQED analysis of Yes and No positions: <https://www.kqed.org/news/11841209/proposition-25-would-end-cash-bail-so-why-are-some-progressive-groups-against-it>

CA Court information on the bail alternative: <https://www.courts.ca.gov/pretrial.htm>

YES - END CASH BAIL

A “yes” vote is supported by the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) & California Federation of Labor (CLF)

<https://yesoncaprop25.com/>

CLF analysis: https://www.cft.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/clf_prop-25_referendum_to_overturn_end_of_cash_bail.pdf

How to get involved: The campaign seems primarily to be enlisting volunteers to support them on social media, but there may be other ways.

NO - THIS WILL LEAD TO MORE INCARCERATED BIPOC

A “no” vote is supported by the NAACP, Defund Police San Diego, and the American Bail Coalition <https://stopprop25.com/>

Defund Police San Diego: <https://www.instagram.com/defundpolicessd/>

KNOCK analysis: <https://knock-la.com/vote-no-on-prop-25-cash-bail-sb-10-bad-cd9fe3d3af19>