



## **Prop 5 Empowers Local Communities to Meet Climate Goals and Develop Sustainable Infrastructure**

California is committed to taking bold steps to protect our environment and confront the urgent challenges posed by climate change. Local voters want to take action to develop climate-resilient infrastructure, reduce carbon emissions, and promote clean air and water systems in our communities.

But current state law requires an undemocratic two-thirds vote to approve local public infrastructure and housing bonds – including those for climate-related projects. That restricts communities’ ability to help meet our state’s climate and environmental goals.

Prop 5 empowers local voters to approve bonds for public infrastructure and affordable housing with a 55% vote – if those bonds have strict accountability and oversight.

Prop 5’s definition of public infrastructure includes local environmental, transportation, and climate-related projects. In addition to cities and counties, Prop 5 applies the 55% voter approval threshold to eligible projects in local districts for:

- Water and wastewater
- Fire protection
- Parks and recreation
- Air
- Public transit
- Airports and seaports

## **Prop 5 Supports Climate-Resilient Infrastructure and Natural Disaster Protection**

As wildfires, extreme heat events, rising sea levels, and earthquake risks become more frequent and severe, it's critical that we upgrade our infrastructure and emergency response systems to keep our communities safe. Prop 5 gives local voters more tools to protect against natural disasters and develop climate-resilient infrastructure for projects including:

- Emergency response and preparedness, including fire stations, fire engines, ambulances, and early-warning systems for natural disasters
- Modernizations and repairs to vital water and wastewater systems
- Infrastructure upgrades to mitigate impacts of sea-level rise in coastal communities
- Seismic retrofit projects to secure essential facilities like local hospitals

## **Helps Develop Affordable, Low-Carbon Housing and Provides New Tools to Create Parks and Green Space**

Affordable housing is a critical climate solution. Prop 5 gives communities the power to integrate housing and transportation with greenhouse gas reducing infrastructure – while accelerating building decarbonization by requiring projects to comply with carbon reduction laws for construction and operations. These projects can include:

- Building new sustainable housing that is affordable for working families, seniors, and veterans
- Supporting infill housing to promote greater density near high-quality public transit which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation
- Building supportive housing for people with disabilities and people experiencing homelessness
- Repairing and renovating existing affordable housing

Prop 5 also includes projects to develop and protect parklands and greenfield sites – giving local voters more power to approve projects that support the climate health of the communities where they live.

## Helps Communities Meet Climate Goals by Accelerating Clean Air and Transportation Projects

Modernizing public transit and accelerating the state’s transition to zero-emission vehicles is crucial to improving the air quality of our communities and meeting ambitious state climate goals. Prop 5 will give local jurisdictions more power to approve projects that support the transition to clean energy, including:

- Developing and improving public transportation systems that will reduce traffic congestion and dependency on gas-powered cars
- Building more renewable power infrastructure, including public charging stations for EVs
- Creating new bicycle-related amenities like improved bike lines, bike sharing infrastructure and bicycle parking

## Environmental Organizations Supporting Prop 5:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asian Pacific Environmental Network</li> <li>• California Environmental Justice Alliance</li> <li>• California Green New Deal Coalition</li> <li>• Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice</li> <li>• Clean Water Action</li> <li>• Climate Center</li> <li>• Climate Resolve</li> <li>• Environmental Protection Information Center</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greenbelt Alliance</li> <li>• LA Waterkeeper</li> <li>• LandWatch Monterey County</li> <li>• Los Angeles Climate Reality Project</li> <li>• Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative</li> <li>• Rise South City</li> <li>• Save The Bay Action Fund</li> <li>• Social Eco Education</li> </ul> |
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