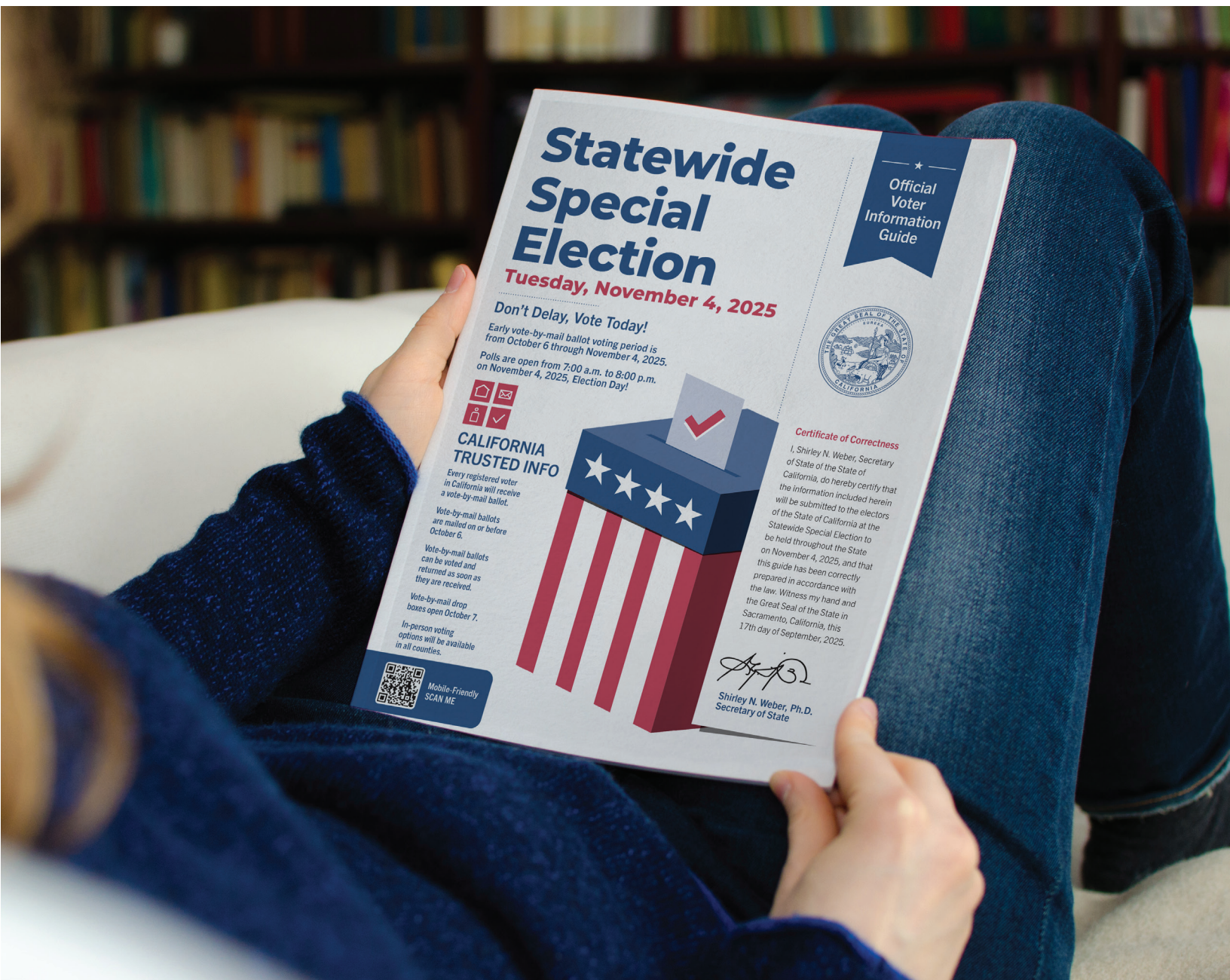


READING BETWEEN THE LINES

The Voter Information Guide is packed with details on the special election and Proposition 50, but you sometimes have to read between the lines to get the full story.



This annotated guide highlights fine print, flags omissions, and helps separate fact from spin.

Statewide Special Election

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Don't Delay, Vote Today!

Early vote-by-mail ballot voting period is
from October 6 through November 4, 2025.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
on November 4, 2025, Election Day.



CALIFORNIA TRUSTED INFO

Every registered voter
in California will receive
a vote-by-mail ballot.

Vote-by-mail ballots
are mailed on or before
October 6.

Vote-by-mail ballots
can be voted and
returned as soon as
they are received.

Vote-by-mail drop
boxes open October 7.

In-person voting
options will be available
in all counties.



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Prop 50 is the only measure on
the ballot and it's **costing us
nearly \$300 MILLION** for the
special election so make sure
you vote.

Certificate of Correctness

I, Shirley N. Weber, Secretary
of the State of
California, do hereby certify that
the information included herein
has been submitted to the electors
of the State of California at the
Statewide Special Election to
be held throughout the State
on November 4, 2025, and that
the information has been correctly
prepared in accordance with
the law. Witness my hand and
the Great Seal of the State in
Sacramento, California, this
17th day of September, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shirley N. Weber'.

Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.
Secretary of State

VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

1 The right to vote if you are a registered voter. You are eligible to vote if you are:

- a U.S. citizen living in California
- at least 18 years old
- registered with the county elections official
- not currently in prison, on parole, or on probation for a felony conviction
- not currently in the military and not voting by absentee ballot

2 The right to vote by mail even if you are not on the voter list. You will vote by mail ballot. Your vote by mail ballot is counted at the elections office. You are eligible to vote by mail if you:

3 The right to vote by mail when the polls are closed.

4 The right to cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.

5 The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake, if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:

- Ask an elections official at a polling place for a new ballot,
- Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place, or
- Vote using a provisional ballot.

6 The right to get help casting your ballot from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.

The right to drop off your completed mail ballot at any polling place in California.

The right to get election materials in a language other than English if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.

The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures during the election process. If the elections official cannot answer your question, they must send you to the elections official for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.

10 The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

- On the web at www.sos.ca.gov
- By phone at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
- By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

During the last statewide special election you had the right to know the cost of the election — it was printed right here in the Voter Information Guide.

That right doesn't exist for this special election. **Politicians don't want you to know Prop 50 will cost nearly \$300 MILLION.**

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DENIED ANY OF THESE RIGHTS, CALL THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
CONFIDENTIAL TOLL-FREE VOTER HOTLINE AT (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

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Top Contributors to State Candidates and Ballot Measures

When a committee (a person or group of people who receive or spend money for the purpose of influencing voters to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures) has contributed more than \$100,000 to the top 10 contributors to the California Fair Political Practice Committee, the list of contributors will be updated when there is any change.

These lists are available on the FPPC website at:
fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors.html

To research campaign contributions for candidates and ballot measures, visit the Secretary of State's website at powersearch.sos.ca.gov.

Visit the Secretary of State's

- Research campaign contributions and lobbying activity powersearch.sos.ca.gov
- View this voter guide in other languages voterguide.sos.ca.gov
- Check your registration status and registration information myvote.sos.ca.gov
- Find your polling place or a vote center on Election Day voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
- Get vote-by-mail ballot information sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail
- Read helpful information for first-time voters sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california
- Watch live election results after polls close on Election Day electionresults.sos.ca.gov

See it for yourself. You can search top contributors to the campaigns here — you don't have to take anyone's word for who has given what.



Message from the Secretary of State

Dear California Voter,

Your participation in every election is vital to ensuring democracy thrives. As a California voter, you will have an opportunity to vote in the upcoming November 4, 2025, **Statewide Special Election**. This election will ask you to **approve or reject** a ballot proposition.

You have a number of ways to participate as California continues to protect and expand your right to vote. We uphold universal vote-by-mail ballots, multiple in-person voting approaches, same-day voter registration, and more to ensure voting is accessible and secure.

This Voter Information Guide provides information on Proposition 50. Inside, you will learn how to cast your ballot, as well as an impartial summary of the official arguments both in favor and against the proposition, so you can consider multiple perspectives.

Your Guide Includes:

- A neutral summary of the proposition, including contact information for supporters and opponents.
- Clear instructions on how to vote by mail, including contact information for your county election official.
- Information on **Where's My Ballot** alerts at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov.
- Details on extended voting days and vote centers in Voter's Choice Act counties, where you can register and vote on the same day. (PAGE 6)

Participating in elections is vital to having a say in decisions that affect our lives and how our community operates. I encourage you to take the time to learn about the issue and the implications of this election, then make your choice. Voting means your voice will be heard and you have a say in the future.

Thank you for keeping our democracy strong!

Here is a great tool for tracking your ballot.



QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

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AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY CHANGES TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS IN RESPONSE TO TEXAS' PARTISAN REDISTRICTING. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

SUMMARY

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

Requires temporary use of new congressional district maps through 2030. Directs independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to resume enacting congressional district maps in 2031. Establishes policy supporting nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. **Fiscal Impact:** One-time costs to counties of up to a few million dollars statewide to update election materials to reflect new congressional district maps.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: The state would use new, legislatively drawn congressional district maps starting in 2026. California's new maps would be used until the California Citizens Redistricting Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: Current congressional district maps drawn by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) would continue to be used in California until the Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Proposition 50—The Election Rigging Response Act—approves temporary, emergency congressional district maps to counter Donald Trump's scheme to rig next year's congressional election and reaffirms California's commitment to independent, nonpartisan redistricting after the next census. Vote Yes on 50 for democracy in all 50 states. Learn more at StopElectionRigging.com.

CON Prop. 50 was written by politicians, for politicians—dismantling safeguards that keep elections fair, removes requirements to keep local communities together, and eliminates voter protections that ban maps designed to favor political parties. Vote NO to protect fair elections and keep citizens—not politicians—in charge of redistricting.

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(916) 446-6572
info@votersfirstact.org
VotersFirstAct.org

Election Day Information

Polling locations are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. If you are in line before 8:00 p.m., you can still vote.

The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst Office wrote this plain summary of what your vote means.



Election results for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election are available after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on the California Secretary of State's Election Results website at electionresults.sos.ca.gov.

Results will begin to be posted at 8:00 p.m. and will be updated throughout Election Night. In the days afterwards, the results will be updated at 5:00 p.m. each day throughout the canvass as counties count the remaining ballots.

The official certified results of the election will be posted by December 12, 2025, at sos.ca.gov/elections.

More Days, More Ways to Vote

with the California Voter's Choice Act



Vote in person up to 10 days prior to Election Day

- Alameda
- Amador
- Butte
- Calaveras
- El Dorado
- Fresno
- Humboldt
- Kings
- Los Angeles
- Madera
- Marin
- Mariposa
- Merced
- Napa
- Nevada
- Orange
- Placer
- Riverside
- Sacramento
- San Benito
- San Diego
- San Mateo
- Santa Clara
- Santa Cruz
- Sonoma
- Stanislaus
- Tuolumne
- Ventura
- Yolo

In California, every active registered voter will receive a ballot in the mail before Election Day, regardless of voter registration status to ensure everyone has the opportunity to vote.

Use a drop box:

Return your ballot to a secure drop off location in any county up to **28 days before the election**

Vote center

- Vote in person at a secure location anywhere in your county up to **10 days before the election**
- Register to vote and vote at the same location
- Drop off your ballot

These counties have early in-person voting up to 10 days before Nov. 4.

Visit RegisterToVote.ca.gov or call (800) 345-VOTE (8683) to learn more.



Want to skip the line and vote early?
Scan the QR Code to learn more!



Don't Delay, Vote Today!

All California voters will be sent a vote-by-mail ballot with a prepaid postage return envelope for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election. County elections officials will begin sending vote-by-mail ballots no later than October 6, 2025.

The vote-by-mail ballot voting period begins as soon as ballots are in the mail. Make your voice heard early! Return your vote-by-mail ballot during the voting period of October 6 through the close of polls on November 4.

Voting by Mail is EASY.

Democracy is counting on you! Follow these five easy steps to exercise your right to vote:

- ✓ **Complete it.**
Mark your choices on your vote-by-mail ballot.
- ✓ **Seal it.**
Secure your ballot inside the vote-by-mail ballot return envelope and place it in your county elections office.
- ✓ **Sign it.**
Sign the outside of your ballot return envelope.
Make sure your signature is on your CA driver's license or one you provided when you registered. Your county elections office will verify them before they count your ballot.
- ✓ **Return it.**
By drop box—Drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at a secure official drop box in your county at any time between October 7 through the close of polls on November 4.
- ✓ **Track it.**
Sign up at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov to track the status of your vote by mail as soon as you receive it. Make sure your return envelope is postmarked on or before November 4.

Voting by mail is easy, but don't wait until the last minute. **Mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Nov. 4.**



All voters can get critical updates on their ballots through California's official "Where's My Ballot?" tracking tool. **Signing up takes less than three minutes!**

What you'll be able to track:



You can select to receive notifications on the status of your vote-by-mail ballot by text (SMS), email, or voice call, including alerts if there are any issues with your ballot and instructions for how to correct them to make sure your vote is counted.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to track your ballot every step of the way!

You can also copy this URL into your browser: wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov



PROPOSITION **50** AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY CHANGES TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS IN RESPONSE TO TEXAS' PARTISAN REDISTRICTING.
LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

OFFICIAL TITLE AND SUMMARY

PREPARED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The text of this measure can be found on page 18 and the Secretary of State's website at voterguide.sos.ca.gov.

- In response to Texas' mid-decade partisan congressional redistricting, this measure temporarily requires new congressional district maps, as passed by the Legislature in August 2025, to be used in the next congressional election.
- Establishes state policy supporting use of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide.
- Retains California's Citizens Redistricting Commission to redraw congressional district maps in 2031 and every ten years thereafter.

ANALYST'S ESTIMATE OF NET GOVERNMENT FISCAL IMPACT:

to counties of up to a few statewide. County costs would be reduced by the use of new district maps.

A Conflict of Interest

This is written by Attorney General Rob Bonta who refused to represent the Citizens Commission, but advised the Legislature and Governor and declared his support for Prop 50 before it was even placed on the ballot.

FINAL

PROPOSITION 50)
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ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATURE

BACKGROUND

U.S. CONGRESS

U.S. Congress. The U.S. Congress is the part of the federal government that makes laws. Congress has two parts: the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives (House). Each of the 50 states is represented by 2 senators, with 100 senators in total. The House has 435 members. The number of representatives in the House for each state depends on how many people live in that state. Each member in the House represents an area of the state called a congressional district. California currently has 52 congressional districts. Voters who live in each congressional district elect one member of the House every two years to represent them. The next election for all 435 representatives will be in 2026.

U.S. Census Counts States' Populations Every Ten Years. The number of people living in an area goes up and down over time. Every ten years, the U.S. Census counts the number of people who live in the U.S. The last census was in 2020, and the next census is in 2030. This count is used to determine how many people live in each state and how many

representatives in the House each state gets for the next ten years.

CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

Each State Draws Congressional District Maps Following the U.S. Census. Every ten years, after the U.S. Census is completed, states draw new congressional district maps to reflect their number of House representatives and where people live. This process is called "redistricting." Each state decides what process to use to draw its new district maps. When drawing new maps, each state must follow federal laws. For example, each congressional district in the state must represent about the same number of people.

States Typically Do Not Redistrict Sooner Than Every Ten Years. States typically only draw congressional district maps every ten years, unless a court orders changes to comply with the law. In August 2025, however, the Texas Legislature passed a bill to adopt new maps for the 2026 elections without a court order. Several other states also are considering changes to their maps before the 2026 elections.

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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Despite the “yes” campaign’s claim that Prop 50 supports independent redistricting, the nonpartisan analysis states that the measure “does not change federal law or require any particular action of Congress or the California Legislature.”

The nearly **\$300 MILLION** cost of the special election is missing from the Fiscal Effects!

require redistricting be done by “fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide.” **Proposition 50 expresses voter support for this idea, but does not change federal law or require any particular action of Congress or the California Legislature.**

FISCAL EFFECTS

Minor One-Time Costs to County and State Elections Officials. Counties run elections, and the state oversees them. Because most congressional districts in California would change at least some under the new maps, county and state elections officials would need to update election materials. This would result in one-time costs to counties of **up to a few million dollars** statewide and one-time costs to the state of **roughly \$200,000**. The state amount is much less than one-tenth of 1 percent (0.1 percent) of the state’s roughly \$220 billion General Fund budget. (The General Fund is the account the state uses to pay for most public services, including education, health care, and prisons.)

Current California Congressional Districts. The Commission drew the current maps for California’s 52 congressional districts. These maps were based on the 2020 U.S. Census and have been used since the 2022 congressional elections.

PROPOSAL

CALIFORNIA’S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS

Use Legislatively Drawn Congressional District Maps Until After the Next Census. Proposition 50 replaces California’s current congressional district maps with new, legislatively drawn maps. (The total number of districts would not change.) Proposition 50’s maps must follow federal law, but they are not required to follow the state requirements placed on the Commission. The state would use Proposition 50’s maps for congressional elections starting in 2026. The state would use these maps until the Commission draws new district maps, following the 2030 U.S. Census.

NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

Call for Change in Federal Law. Proposition 50 asks the U.S. Congress to change federal law and propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to

CURRENT AND PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS

This section shows maps of the current and proposed congressional districts (1) statewide, as shown in Figures 1 and 2; (2) in the northern part of the state, as shown in Figures 3 and 4; and (3) in the southern part of the state, as shown in Figures 5 and 6. A description of the census blocks represented by each district in the proposed maps can be found at the following website: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB604

Visit sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/cal-access-resources/measure-contributions/2025-ballot-measure-contribution-totals for a list of committees primarily formed to support or oppose this measure.

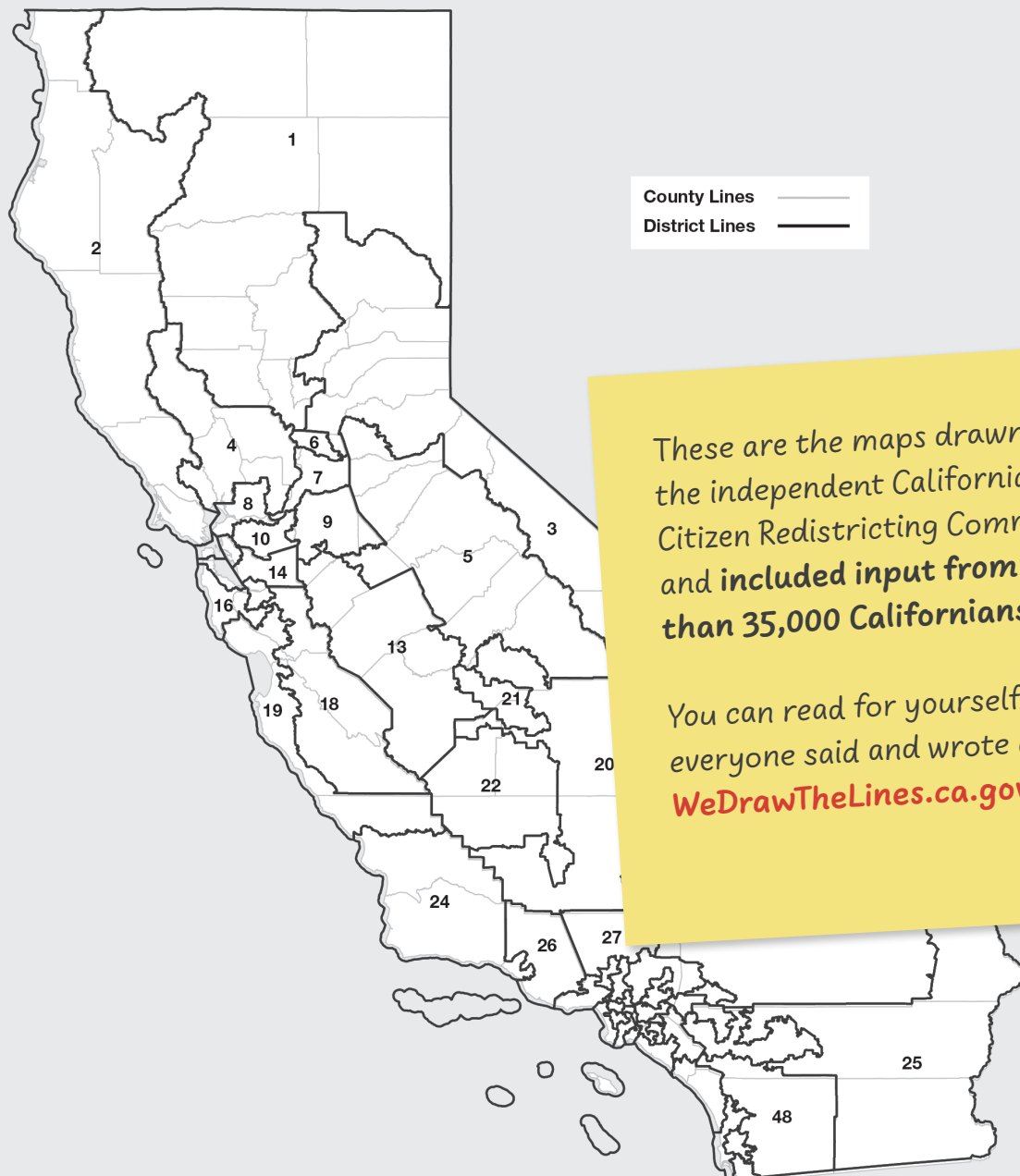
Visit fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors.html to access the committee’s top 10 contributors.

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Figure 1

Current Congressional Districts



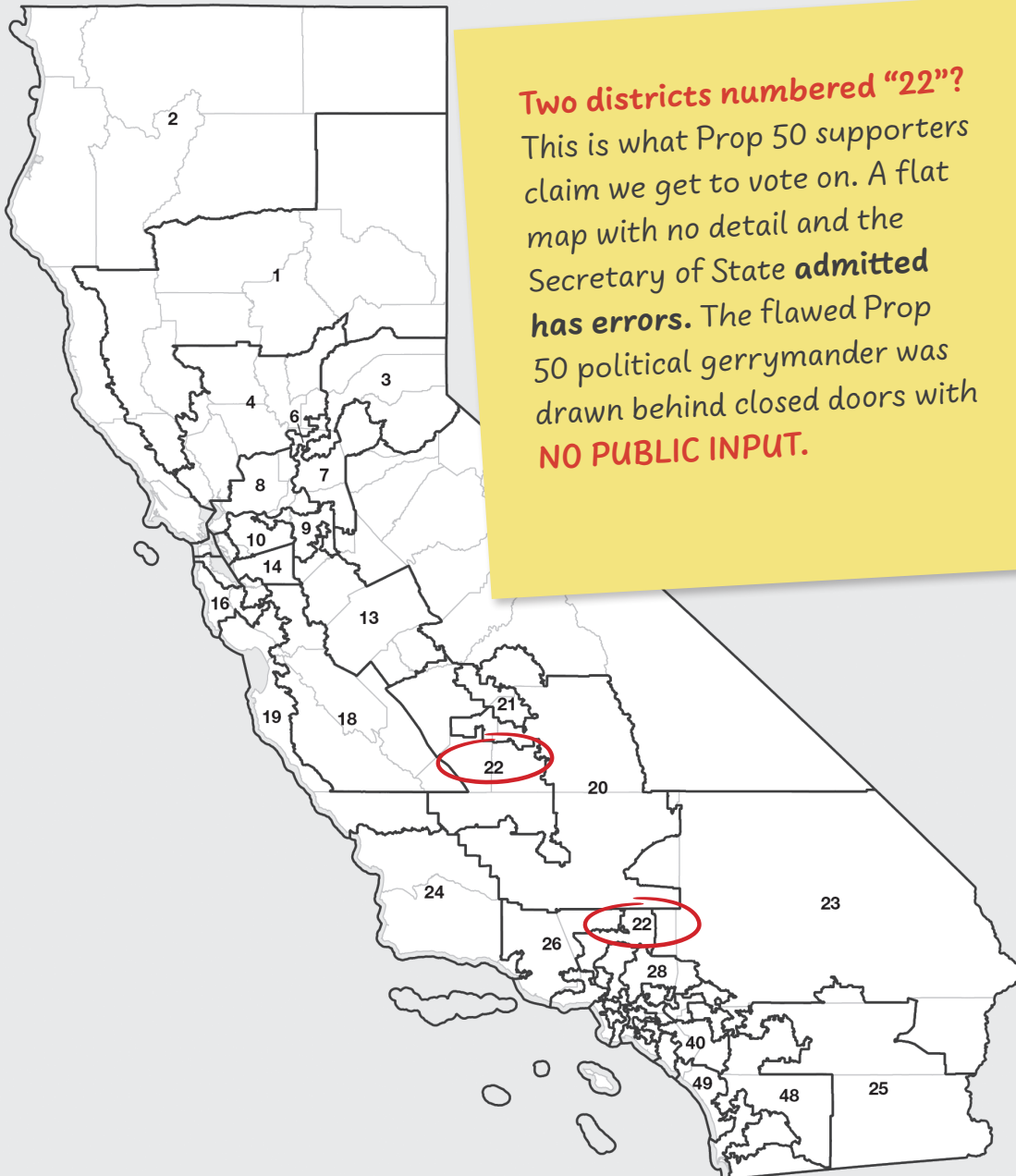
Note: See northern and southern congressional district maps for district numbers for the Bay Area and Los Angeles regions. Map reflects data posted to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission website.

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Figure 2

Proposed Congressional Districts

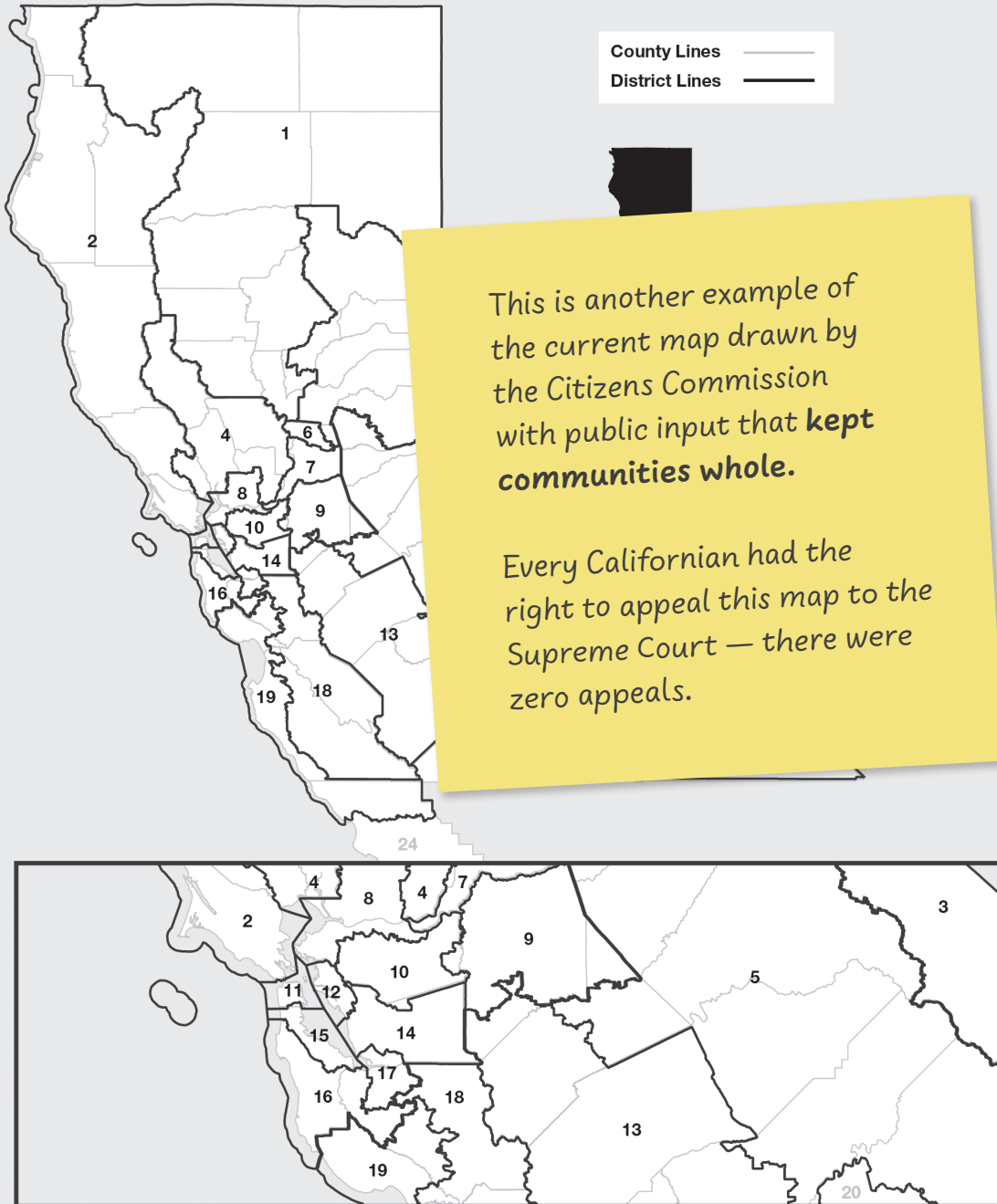


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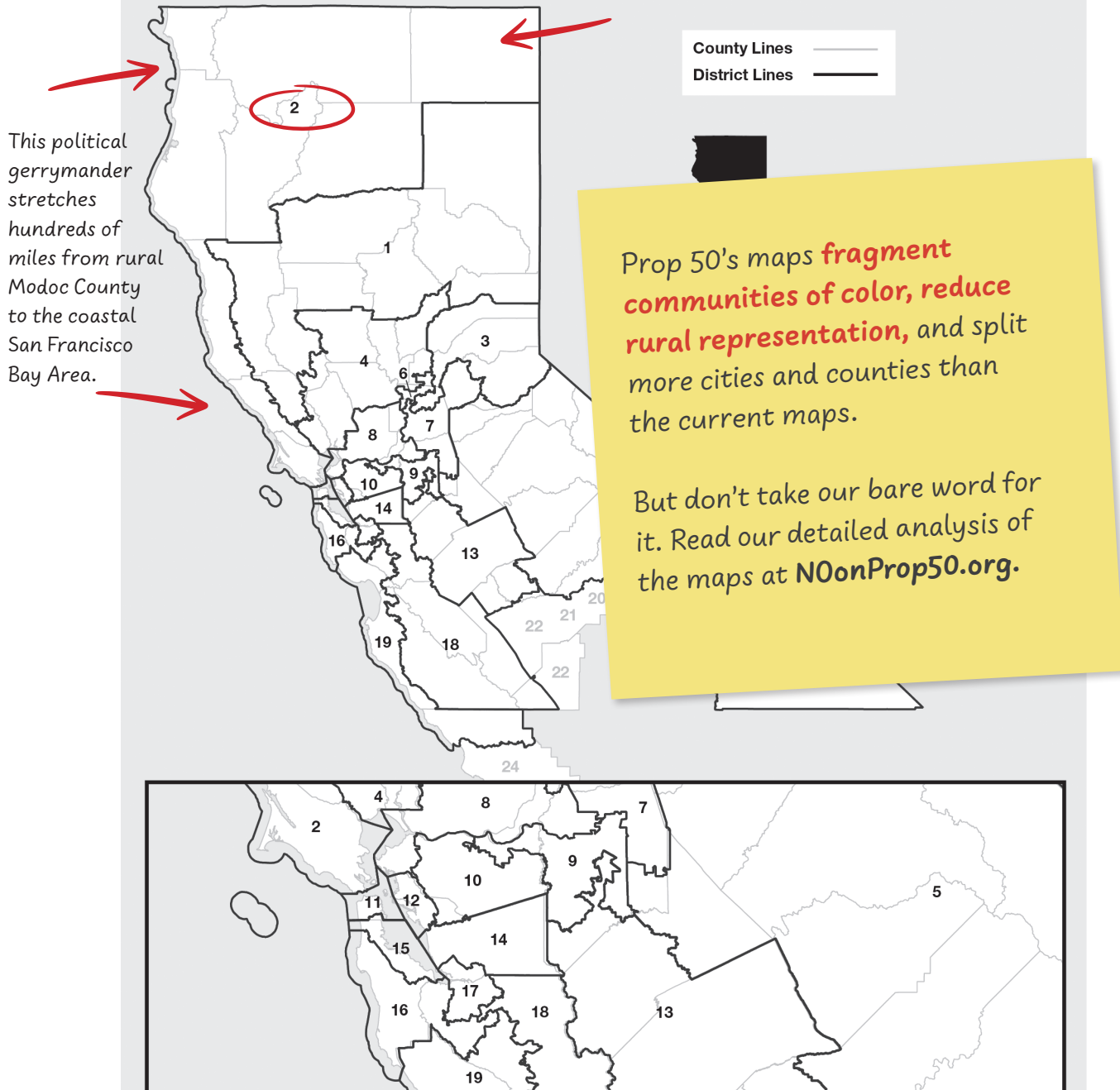
Current Northern Congressional Districts

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Figure 4

Proposed Northern Congressional Districts

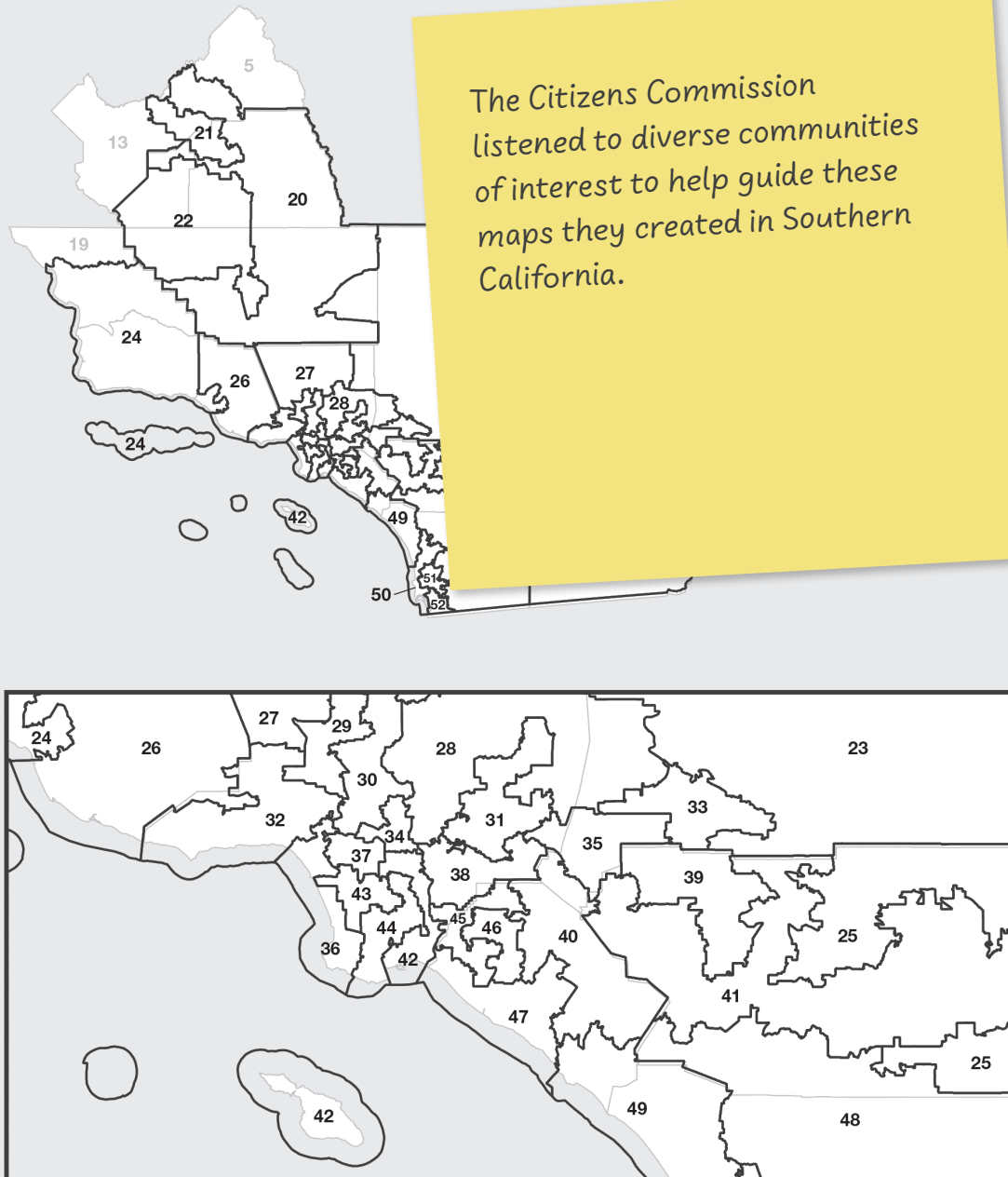


ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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Figure 5

Current Southern Congressional Districts



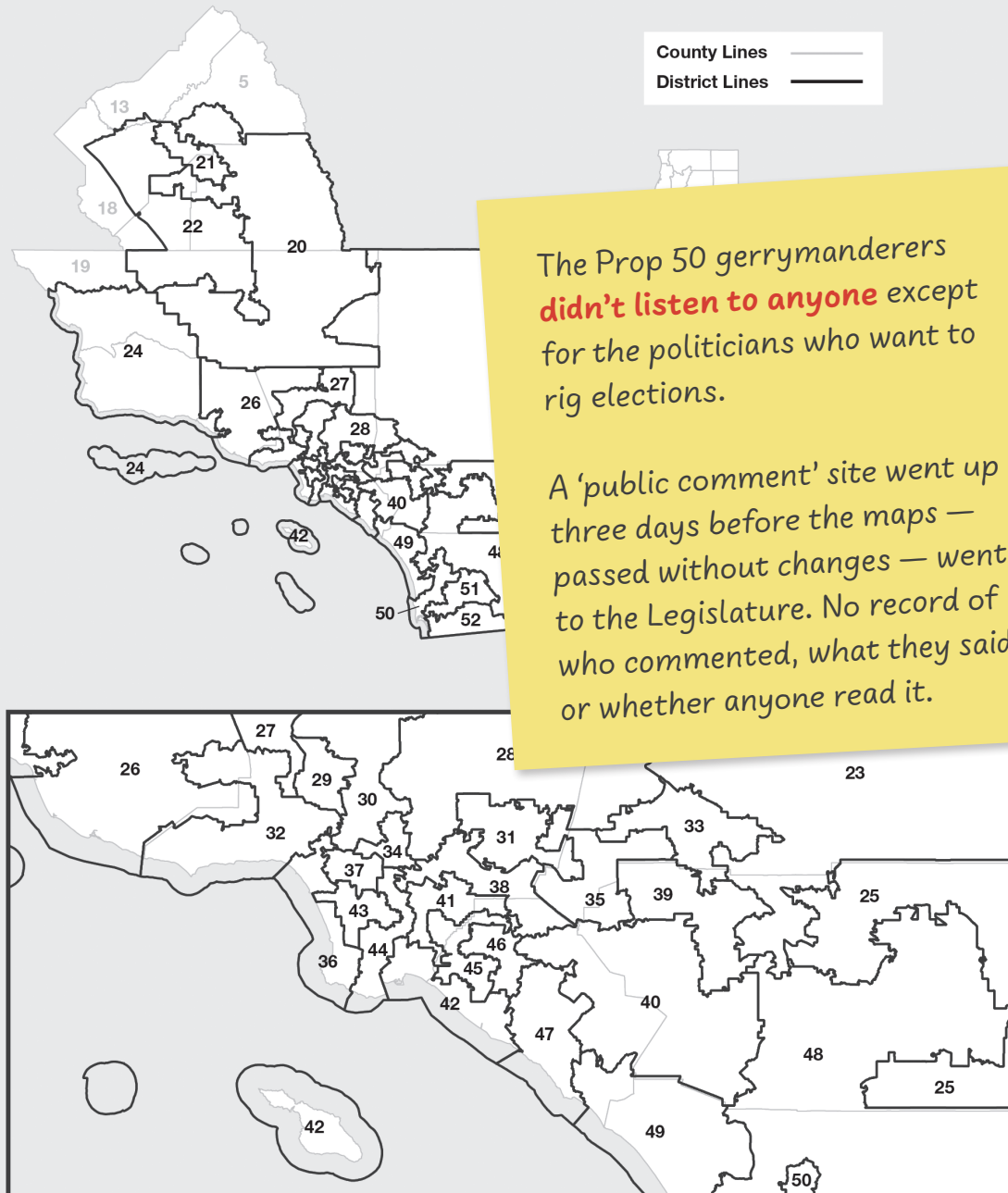
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ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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Figure 6

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★ ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 50 ★

STOP TRUMP FROM RIGGING THE 2026 ELECTION

Donald Trump and Texas Republicans are making an unprecedented power grab to steal congressional seats and rig the 2026 election before voting even begins.

Other Republican states are following suit. They want to steal enough seats to control Congress even if voters overwhelmingly reject their agenda.

This isn't politics as usual. It's an emergency for our democracy.

ENSURE FAIR REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS

We have already seen how Trump has recklessly imposed tariffs and hurt California families, denied disaster assistance to fire victims, and ordered mass arrests without warrants. The 2026 election for Congress represents our only chance to provide an essential check and balance on Trump's dangerous agenda.

If Californians don't act now, Donald Trump will seize total power for two more years. Proposition 50, the Election Rigging Response Act, will put a stop to their anti-democratic scheme. Here's what it does.

- **LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD.** Prop. 50 makes sure the 2026 mid-term elections are conducted on a level playing field without an unfair advantage for Republicans.
- **COMMITTS TO FAIR REDISTRICTING.** Prop. 50 reaffirms California's commitment to independent redistricting and calls for a nationwide commitment to fair and impartial maps.
- **GIVES VOTERS THE POWER.** Prop. 50 puts the power in the hands of the People of California, not backroom politicians, to approve emergency congressional district maps in response to Trump's election rigging scheme.
- **IS FAIR AND PROPORTIONAL.** Prop. 50 provides emergency maps only because Republicans moved forward with their power grab.
- **IS TEMPORARY.** These maps expire in 2030. Prop. 50 preserves California's award-winning redistricting reforms and

reaffirms the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's authority to draw congressional districts after the next census. The stakes couldn't be higher. If Republicans rig the election and steal control of Congress next year, they'll continue to eliminate healthcare for millions of Americans, slash funding for schools, and cut essential services for veterans to pay for tax breaks for billionaires and big corporations.

PROTECT DEMOCRACY IN ALL 50 STATES

California has a duty to defend democracy. To do that, we can't unilaterally disarm or fight with both hands tied behind our backs. When Trump tries to rig elections, we must fight back with every tool available.

Prop. 50 draws fair maps that represent California's diverse communities and ensure our voices aren't silenced by partisan gerrymandering in other states.

California leads the nation in protecting voting rights and fair elections. When other states try to silence our voices and rig the system, we must respond decisively.

Join President Barack Obama, Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Adam Schiff, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, election experts, independent redistricting commissioners, Planned Parenthood, the NAACP, California veterans, teachers, and nurses.

Vote YES on Prop. 50 to stop Trump's election rigging scheme.

Vote YES for checks and balances.

Vote YES to protect democracy in all 50 states.

Governor Gavin Newsom

U.S. Senator Alex Padilla

U.S. Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi

THE WRONG PATH—NO ON

We know American democracy is being undermined by gerrymandering only adds fuel to the fire to justify a power grab.

PROP. 50 DOES NOT DEFEND

Prop. 50 is not a magic pill to protect democracy, yet diminishes the power of the People. It is ineffective against any overreach.

California gerrymandering allows partisan seats without transparency to protect incumbents. By 2001, the Legislature was held hostage to the interests of a few. Voters rose up and handed line-drawing over to the People, resulting in:

- **Competitive Districts:** Previously, only 10% of seats were competitive. Now, 50% are.
- **Better Representation:** Women in the Legislature doubled, Asian representation tripled, Black representation nearly doubled, and Latino seats grew by 8%.

Here's the "yes" campaign's ballot argument. Voters deserve straight facts, but many of their claims are false and misleading. Keep reading to see our analysis...

PROPOSITION 50 ★

People: With more moderate leadership, the Legislature passed bipartisan legislation, in the best interests of all Californians.

to either party; they belong to the People. to call the shots—again. NO to a "pay-to-

temporary," yet the Legislature will bypass the Citizens Redistricting Commission again in the next map beyond. Don't be fooled.

map behind closed doors for you to rubber-stamp.

Gerrymandering. Vote NO on Prop. 50.

Chair
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Chair

First Citizens Redistricting Commission
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First they claim that we need Prop 50 because "This isn't politics as usual." But as these articles make clear — **attacking independent redistricting is exactly politics as usual.**

Both Democratic and Republican party bosses have a history of attacking independent redistricting.

Los Angeles Times

JAN. 18, 2010

REDISTRICTING REFORM STRUGGLES

A small group of Democratic political insiders is trying to repeal Prop. 11 and also torpedo a sequel that would extend the redistricting reform to congressional seats. They've filed an initiative for the November ballot.

Los Angeles Times

FEB. 10, 2012

JUDGE REJECTS GOP SUIT AIMED AT REDISTRICTING MAPS

A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit by Republicans seeking to overturn California's new congressional district maps, eliminating one of the last remaining challenges to the work of the citizens commission that drew new political lines for state and congressional offices.

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