

# The Racial Justice Impact of California Ballot Propositions 16, 17, 20, and 25

**October 22, 2020**

**4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Location**

Virtual

**Cost**

This event is free to the public.

**Event Code**

B200213

**SPEAKERS**

**Professor Hadar Aviram**

UC Hastings College of the Law

**Brittany Stonesifer**

Voting Rights Attorney, ACLU of Northern California

**John Windham**

Communications Fellow, Yes on 17

**MODERATOR**

**Valerie Brender**

Partner, Rukin Hyland & Riggin

Protests demanding justice for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and many others have ignited a broader conversation about racial justice in the United States. This panel will tackle four propositions on the ballot in California this year that could change California's racial justice landscape: Propositions 17, 20, 25, and 16. Proposition 17 expands the rights of people on parole by granting the right to vote to those on parole for felony convictions, whereas Proposition 20 limits the rights of those who are charged and incarcerated by adding crimes to the list of felonies for which early parole is restricted and adding sentencing enhancement for certain crimes. Proposition 25 ends the use of cash bail for all detained suspects awaiting trials and replaces it with a risk assessment to determine whether a detained suspect should be granted pretrial release. Finally, Proposition 16 repeals Proposition 209, which prohibits race-based and sex-based affirmative action in public institutions. The panelists will discuss the racial justice impact of these propositions in California.

Learn about four propositions on the ballot in November that could impact racial justice in California:

- **Proposition 16**, which repeals the ban on affirmative action in public institutions
- **Proposition 17**, which grants voting rights to people on parole for felony convictions
- **Proposition 20**, which creates sentencing enhancements and parole restrictions
- **Proposition 25**, which replaces cash bail with risk assessments for detained people awaiting trial.



*This program is brought to you by The Barristers Club Racial Justice Initiative, which seeks to educate the legal community and public about issues of racism, police brutality, criminal justice reform, and how to be an ally.*

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