



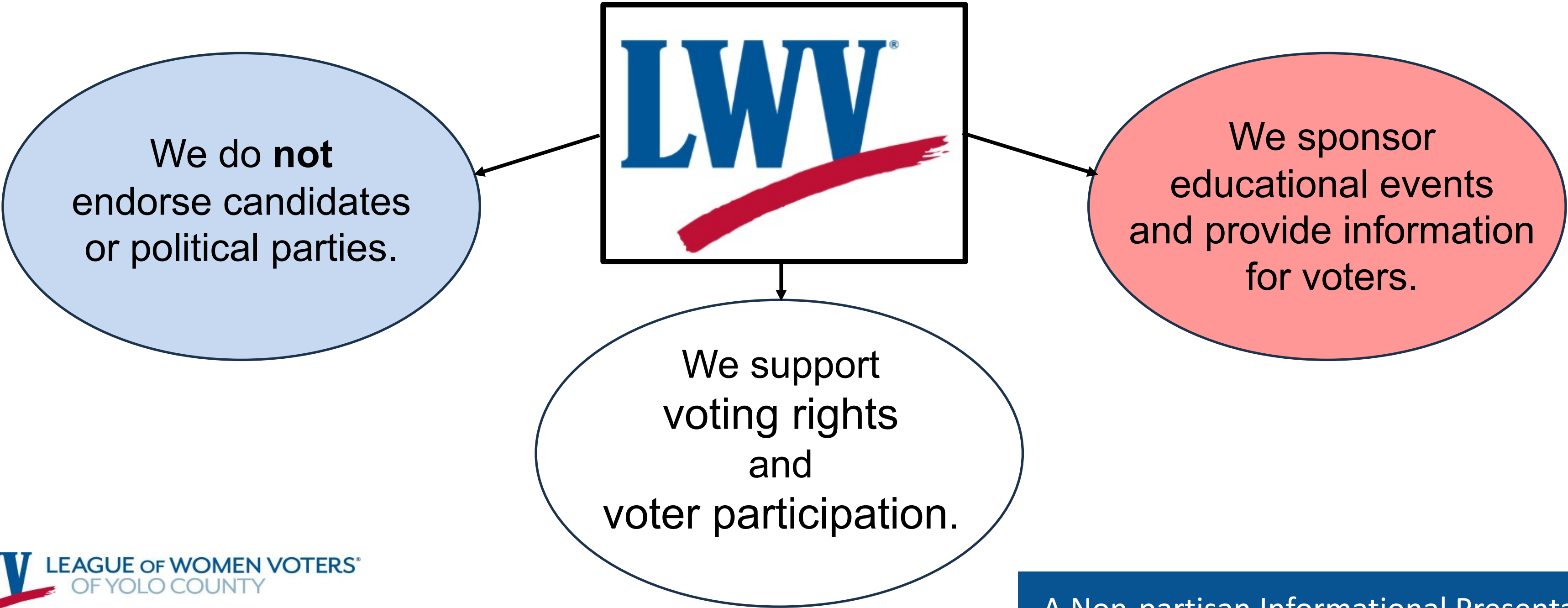
Understanding the PROPOSITION 50 Special Election: Non-partisan Voter Information

October 15, 2025



INTRODUCTION

Welcome – Michelle Famula, President
League of Women Voters of Yolo County



PROPOSITION 50

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS STATE State of California
Proposition 50 AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY CHANGES TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS IN RESPONSE TO TEXAS' PARTISAN REDISTRICTING. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. 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. ☐ Yes ☐ No
END OF BALLOT

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

- Ballot propositions and how they are placed on the ballot in California.
- History of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.
- Why this proposition requires a special election.
- Legislative provisions of Proposition 50.
- What a yes or no vote means.
- What opponents and supporters are saying about Proposition 50.
- Why voting is important in this special election.
- Written questions from the audience.



GUIDELINES FOR WRITTEN AUDIENCE QUESTIONS

One question per card. Please write legibly. Cards will be collected until ~ 7:30 PM

Questions should be: **Brief and concise.**

Related to the Proposition 50 Special Election.

Without rude language or personal attacks.

Cards will be screened to:

Combine similar questions and avoid duplication.

Represent a range of topics.

Eliminate inappropriate questions.

NOTE: There may not be sufficient time for all questions.

Please silence your cell phone and other devices.



No photos except League photographer and Woodland TV.



What are California Ballot Propositions?

Ivan Vonk

Propositions are: Proposed Laws placed on the Ballot that Require Voter Approval

Placed on the ballot

- With enough voter signatures
- By the state legislature

Require 50%+1
“YES” Vote to
become law

- Change current law
- Create new laws
- Amend the State Constitution

When do we have a Special Election?

Special Elections: Occur when a vote is needed before the next scheduled primary or legislative term election.

November 4th California Special Election contains the single ballot measure, Proposition 50, an amendment to our current California Constitution that will remain in effect through 2030.

Proposition 50

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STATE
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Proposition 50

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Establishes policy supporting nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. **Fiscal**

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☐ Yes

☐ No

END OF BALLOT

How to Assess a Ballot Proposition



What will the measure accomplish?

Who are the financial supporters and opponents?

If conflicts in law current law are created,
how will they be resolved?

Does the measure pay for itself or lead to new costs?

Are supporters or opponents stating facts?
half-truths? false statements?

Getting Ready to Vote

The League of Women Voters of California has not taken a position on Proposition 50



Understand how current law works.

Learn how Proposition 50 changes current law.

- How is the redistricting process changed?
- How will the new maps change current districts?

Read or hear the arguments 'for' and 'against'.

Decide what is best for

- Yolo County residents?
- Our state?

VOTE!

Cindy Young

HISTORY of the CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (CRC)

U.S. Constitution requires redistricting after each census (every 10 years).

2010

2020

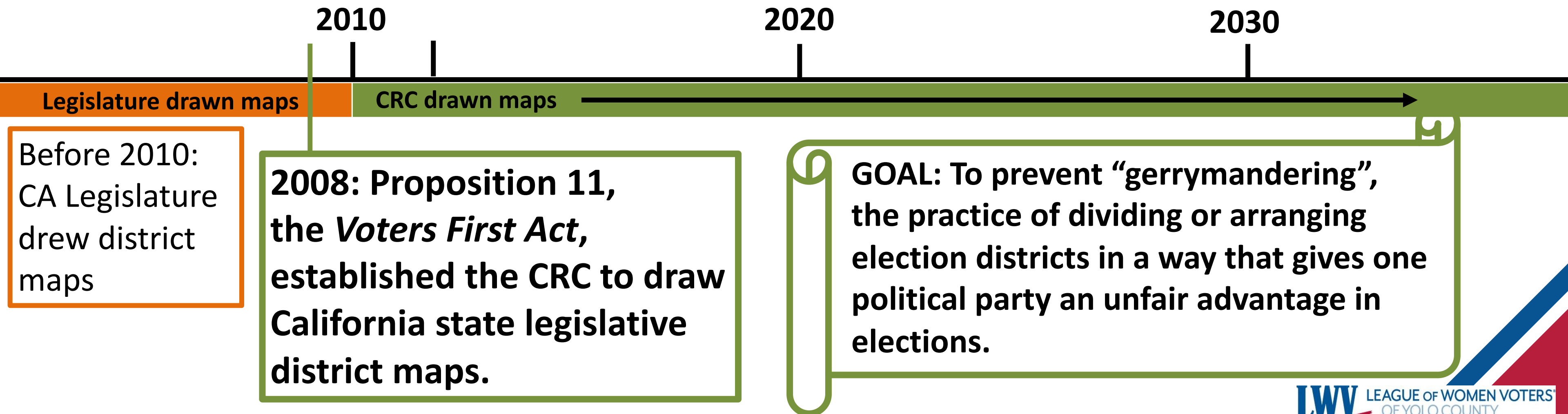
2030

Legislature drawn maps

**Before 2010:
The California
Legislature drew
district maps**

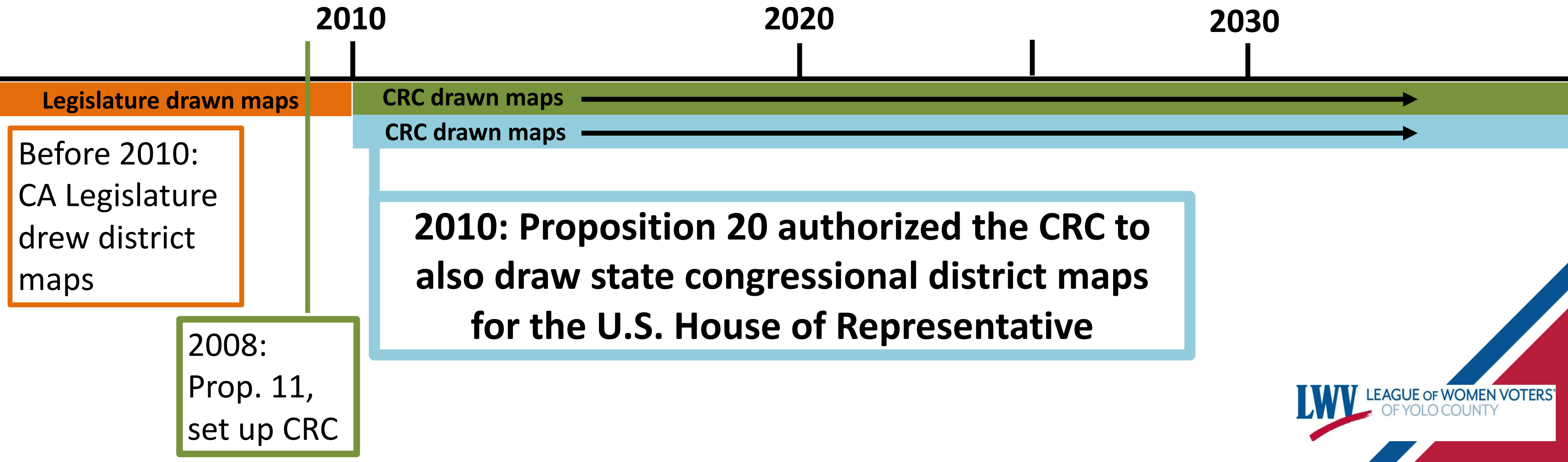
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CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (CRC)

NON-PARTISAN RULES

**To prevent “gerrymandering”,
the California Citizens
Redistricting Commission must
follow certain rules.**

**14 CRC
Members**

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5 registered Democrats
5 registered Republicans
4 not with either party

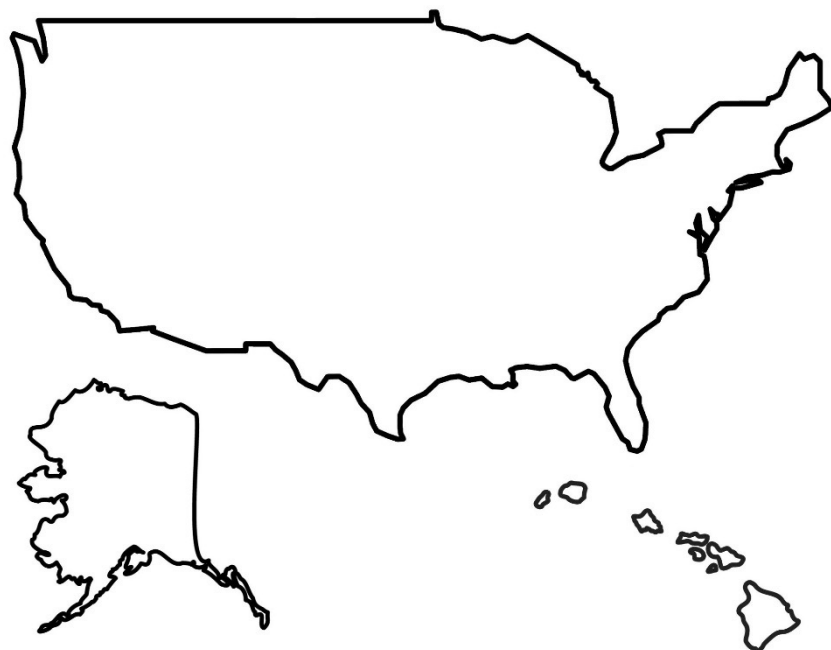
**Public input
required to
factor in**

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Common interests
Neighborhoods
Communities

**Maps may not favor candidates
or political parties**

Why does Proposition 50 Require a Special Election?

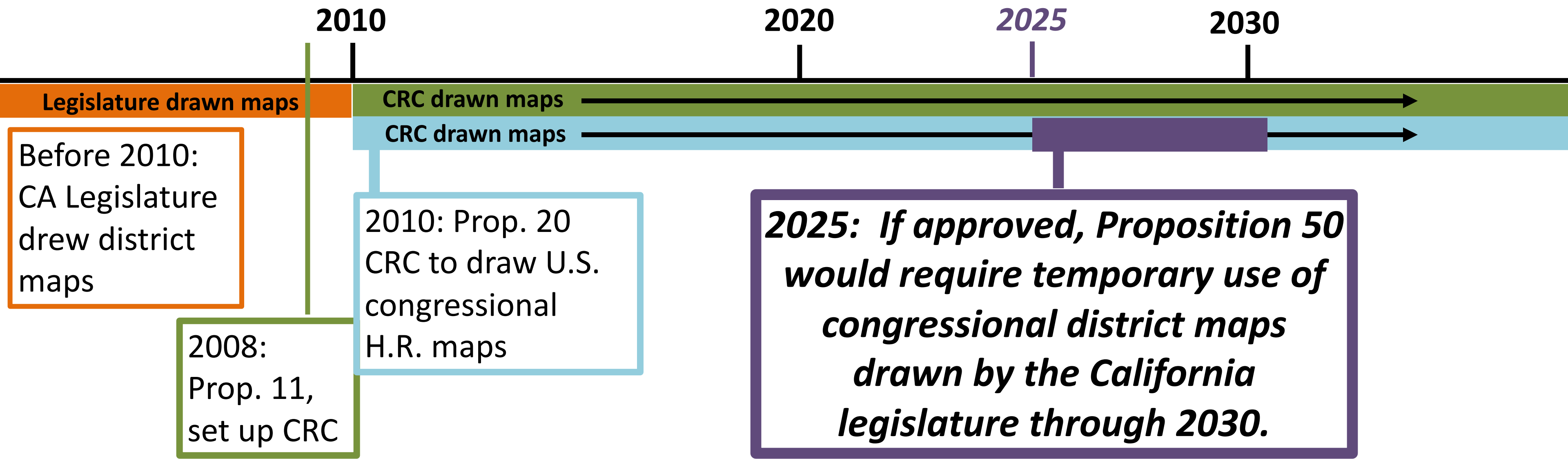
- Proposition 50 requires temporary use of congressional maps drawn by the California Legislature.
- Amends the state constitution and overrides a voter-approved duty of the Citizens Redistricting Commission (Proposition 20 passed in 2010).
- Amendments to the California Constitution must be approved by the voters.



Proposition 50 was placed on the ballot in response to newly redistricted congressional maps drawn in Texas and similar redistricting proposals called for by legislatures in other states.

Proposition 50 Impact

Proposition 50 only changes U.S. Congressional House district maps.



Proposition 50 Impact

CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



Unlike old maps, new district maps *do* take into account the party registration of voters.

Proposition 50 would change the percentage of registered Republican and Democratic voters in many districts.

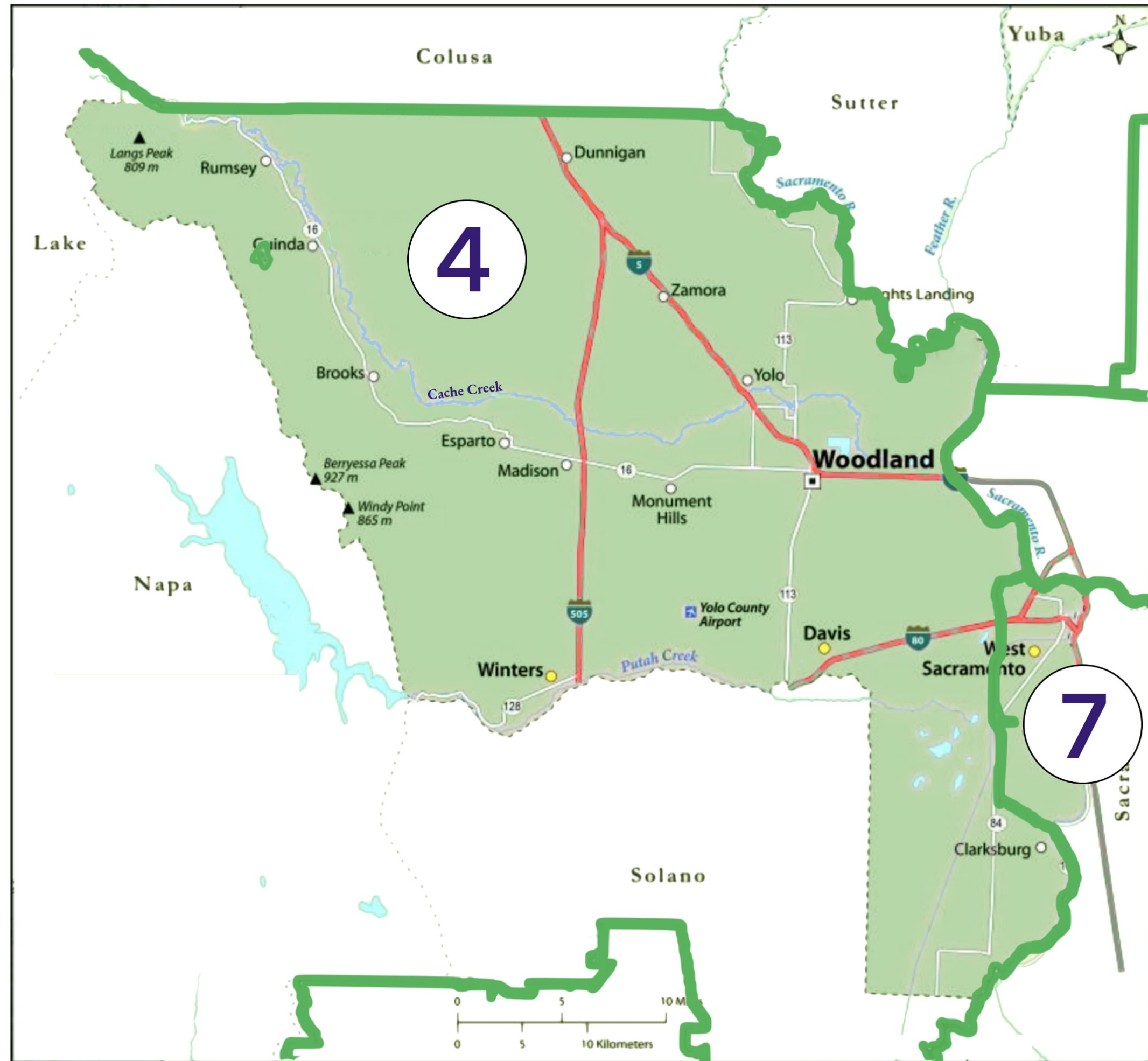
YOLO COUNTY'S *CURRENT* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



2 Congressional districts:

Most of Yolo County is in the 4th congressional district, currently represented by Mike Thompson (CA-04).

West Sacramento and rural areas south are in the 7th congressional district currently represented by Doris Matsui (CA-07).



YOLO COUNTY'S *PROPOSED* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

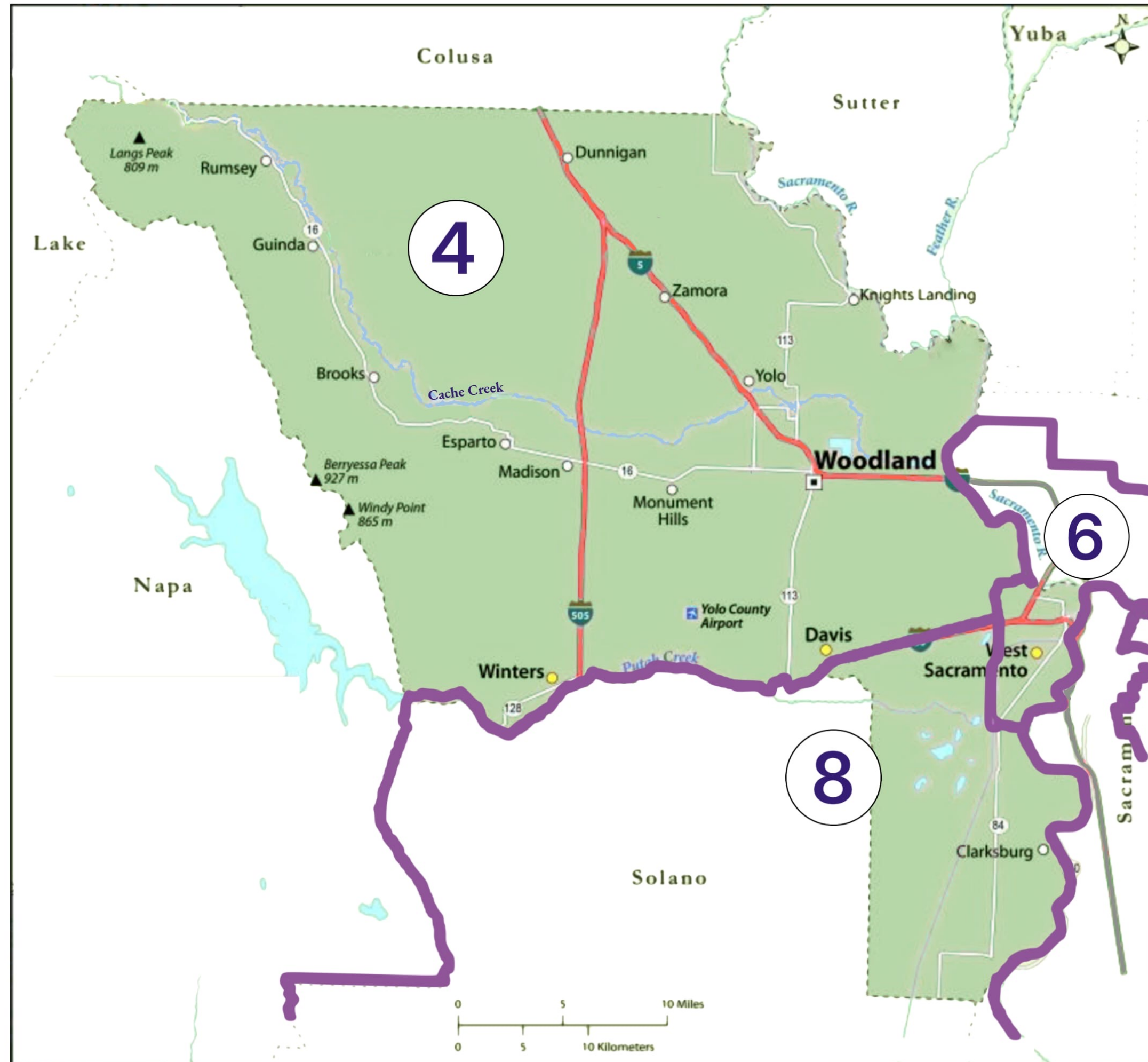


3 Congressional districts:

Most of Yolo County would still be in the 4th congressional district, currently represented by Mike Thompson (CA-04).

West Sacramento would be in the 6th congressional district, currently represented by Ami Bera (CA-06).

The portion of the southern part of Yolo County, including Davis south of I-80, would be in the 8th Congressional district, currently represented by John Garamendi (CA-08).



Proposition 50 – Estimated Costs



Statewide, changing the existing maps would increase counties' costs to update their election materials.

It would cost the state itself about \$200,000. For the state, that's less than one-tenth of one percent of its \$220 billion budget.

[It was suggested to see if Jesse can/will give estimates on Yolo County costs.]

UPDATE SLIDE

Arguments For Proposition 50

Prop 50 is a short-term emergency plan to stop election rigging.

Voters have the ability to approve district lines in this election.

Proposition 50 creates fair maps.

Prop 50 preserves our independent redistricting system

Prop 50 strengthens democracy

YES People for Prop 50 say:

- Prop 50 is a short-term, temporary emergency plan needed to stop President Trump's attempt to unfairly rig next year's congressional election.
- Prop 50 gives voters the ability to approve the district lines in this election.
- Prop 50 creates fair maps that reflect California's diverse communities and protect our voices from partisan gerrymandering.
- Prop 50 keeps California a leader in fair elections by preserving its independent redistricting system.
- Prop 50 strengthens democracy by making sure that Republicans don't have an unfair advantage in Congress.

Arguments For Proposition 50

Statewide Special Election

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

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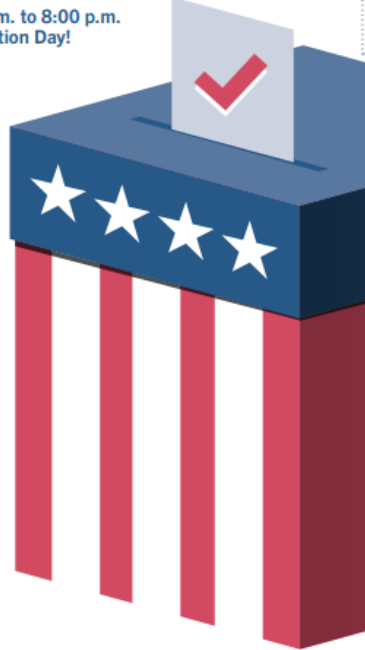
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Official Voter Information Guide



Certificate of Correctness

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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.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR
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Yes on 50, The Election
Rigging Response Act,
Governor Newsom's Ballot
Measure Committee
555 Capitol Mall, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814
info@stopelectionrigging.com
StopElectionRigging.com

Financial Support for Proposition 50

As of **October 13, 2025**, there have been over 147,000 contributions in support of Proposition 50, with over \$143 million being raised according to the California Secretary of State. The top 10 contributors are listed here:

- House Majority PAC (Smaller contributions, not itemized): \$36.6 million
- Yes on 50 Committee (Smaller contributions, not itemized): \$11.4 million
- Fund for Policy Reform: \$10 million
- MoveOn.org PAC: \$6.9 million
- California Teachers Association: \$3 million
- National Education Association: \$3 million
- Michael Moritz: \$2.5 million
- California Nurses Association: \$2.5 million
- Reed Hastings: \$2 million
- Consumer Attorneys of California Issues PAC: \$2 million

Arguments Against Proposition 50

Prop 50 is a power grab that undoes fair election reforms and returns gerrymandering



It replaces an open process with secretive backroom deals



Prop 50 hurts fair representation by weakening minority voices in elections



It lets politicians control district lines for years, maybe permanently



It costs taxpayers \$200 million when the state is cutting programs due to budget problems



People against Prop 50 say:

- Prop 50 is a power grab by politicians that undoes fair election reforms and returns California to gerrymandered districts that benefit politicians over voters.
- Prop 50 replaces an open public process with secretive political backroom deals.
- Prop 50 hurts fair representation by dividing neighborhoods and weakening minority voices in elections.
- Prop 50 lets politicians control district lines for years and could open the door to permanent, not temporary, control.
- Prop 50 costs taxpayers \$200 million when the state is cutting funding to important programs because of budget problems.

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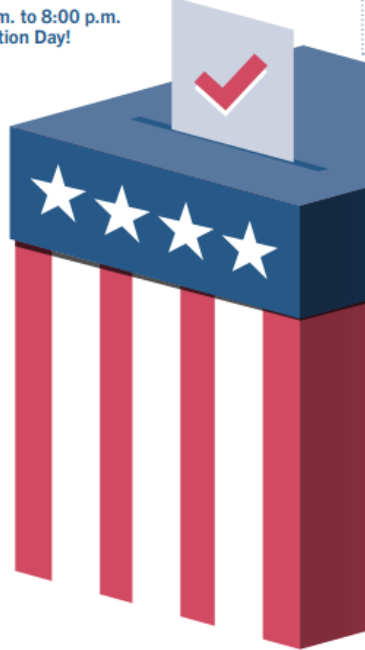


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CON Prop. 50 was written by politicians, for politicians—dismantling safeguards that keep elections fair, removes requirements to keep local communities together, and eliminates voter protections that ban maps designed to favor political parties. Vote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

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AGAINST

No on Prop. 50—Protect Voters First, Sponsored by Hold Politicians Accountable
2350 Kerner Blvd., Suite 250
San Rafael, CA 94901
(916) 446-6572
info@votersfirstact.org
VotersFirstAct.org

Financial Opposition to Proposition 50

As of **October 13, 2025**, there have been 268 contributions in opposition to Proposition 50. Over \$83.8 million has been raised according to the California Secretary of State. The top 10 contributors are listed here:

- Congressional Leadership Fund: \$41.6 million
- Charles T. Munger Jr.: \$32.7 million
- Thomas M. Siebel: \$1 million
- Kevin McCarthy for Congress: \$1 million
- Jim Jordan for Congress: \$300 thousand
- Douglas M. Leone: \$250 thousand
- Ken Calvert for Congress: \$250 thousand
- Redding Rancheria: \$150 thousand
- Vince Fong for Congress: \$100 thousand
- Jay Obernole for Congress: \$100 thousand

Addition Online Resources

The **Easy Voter Guide** published by the League of Women Voters California Education Fund
<https://cavotes.org/easy-voter-guide/>

The California Secretary of State **Quick Reference Guide**
<https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/quick-reference-guide/50.htm>

The **Official Voter Information Guide**, also mailed to registered voters
<https://vig.cdn.sos.ca.gov/2025/special/pdf/complete-vig.pdf>

Campaign finance information is found at the Secretary of State **Power Search** tool is at
<https://vig.cdn.sos.ca.gov/2025/special/pdf/complete-vig.pdf>

The **California Legislative Information** website <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

Ballotpedia.org [https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_50,_Legislative_Suspension_\(2016\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_50,_Legislative_Suspension_(2016))

The **California Faculty Association** (<https://www.calfac.org/resources/proposition-50-faq>)



Please pass your written questions to the end of the aisle, where League volunteers will collect the cards for review and sorting.

Thank You!

VOTING INFORMATION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4

All ballots must be returned by 8pm on Election Day

VOTING INFORMATION

Registering to Vote

**The last day to register online is October 20
to vote in the November 4 Election**

Website: <https://registertovote.ca.gov>

- Check your address is up to date at <https://registertovote.ca.gov>
- Update your registration information by October 28, to receive a mail-in-ballot before the election.

You may update your registration information by October 28, to receive a mail-in-ballot before the election.

All voters should go to the Secretary of State to check their address is up to date (the link is in the Easy Voter Guide).

- MAIL-IN BALLOTS ARE **NEVER** FORWARDED TO A NEW ADDRESS.

- If you are registered to vote and have **not yet received your ballot**, contact the Yolo County Elections Office as soon as possible. 625 Court St. Woodland [530-666-8133](tel:5306668133)

VOTING INFORMATION

Registering to Vote

Voters may ALSO register same-day at an in-person Voting Center
and receive a provisional ballot up to 8pm on November 4th.

VOTING INFORMATION

Returning Mail Ballots in the U.S. Mail

Vote-by-Mail Ballots began going out in Yolo County on October 6th.

Registered Voters who did not receive a mail ballot should contact the Yolo County Elections office at 625 Court St. Woodland or by phone at 530-666-8133.

A completed ballot may be dropped in any **U.S. mailbox** with a collection time before 8pm on November 4th. **Check the collection time on the mailbox to be sure your ballot will be picked up on time!**

No Stamp is needed.

Voters **MUST SIGN** the **outside of the ballot envelope** for their vote to be counted.

VOTING INFORMATION

Returning Mail Ballots in Ballot Drop Boxes

A completed ballot may also be dropped off at any Ballot Drop Box or in-person Voting Center before 8pm on November 4th.

Ballot Drop Boxes in Yolo County are available October 6 - November 4

There are **8 OUTDOOR** drop boxes in Yolo County located at:

- Clarksburg Library
- Davis: UCD Campus and Davis City Hall
- Esparto Library
- Knights Landing Library
- West Sacramento City Hall
- Woodland: Woodland Community College Campus and Woodland Post Office

There are also **SEVEN** businesses in Davis, West Sacramento, Winters and Woodland with drop boxes available **INDOORS** during store hours **October 6 - November 4 (8 p.m.)**

ALL Drop Box locations are listed in the Yolo County Election Office Voting Guide mailed to voters.

VOTING INFORMATION

Voting Centers in Yolo County

The November 4th Special Election will only have **SIX In-Person Early Voting Centers:**

Davis, Woodland and West Sacramento in-person centers will open **October 25.**

A second center on the UC Davis Campus and a center in Winters will open on **November 1st.**

The UC Davis Campus will open an additional center on ELECTION DAY ONLY, **November 4th** in the **ARC Ball Room.**

All Vote Centers are open **10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. through November 3.**

ALL Vote Center hours and locations are listed in the Yolo County Election Office Voting Guide mailed to voters.

VOTING INFORMATION

Voting Centers in Yolo County

Election Day

ALL VOTING CENTERS WILL BE OPEN ON NOVEMBER 4TH 7:00 AM - 8PM.

Polls close at 8:00pm. If you are in line to vote at 8:00pm, you will still be allowed to vote.

ALL Vote Center hours and locations are listed in the Yolo County Election Office Voting Guide mailed to voters.

10 Minute Break

Followed by Audience Questions

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS

**YOUR
VOTE.**



**YOUR
VOICE.**

CALIFORNIA SPECIAL ELECTION

Your Vote is Important!



Secretary of State website – registertovote.ca.gov

**Yolo County Elections Office –
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Phone: [530-666-8133](tel:530-666-8133)

ace.yolocounty.gov/35/Elections

Thank You!



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Our dedicated League members!

Thank You for Attending the Presentation!

*For more information about your local
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LWVyolo.org

**Find local League updates, links to our forums,
and additional voter information resources.**
