



The Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Kennedy Young, Jr., Senior Pastor

MOUNT ZION
— M B C —
SERMON SERIES

STRENGTHENING *Your* **CORE**

THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH. HABAKKUK 2:4

			
SHARING CHRIST	REACHING PEOPLE	BUILDING LIVES	LOVING LOS ANGELES AND THE WORLD

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SENIOR PASTOR

 **AUGUST 2 – DECEMBER 27** | A SERMON SERIES | FOUR VALUES | ONE MISSION

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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR YOUNG

**Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Monthly Newsletter
October Edition**



A Call to Reflect and Rejoice

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As we embark upon the final quarter of this year, let us pause and reflect on a profound question: In what ways are we, as a community, actively reaching out to others, inspired by the parables of Jesus in the book of Luke? This inquiry not only challenges our individual perspectives but also beckons us to examine our collective mission as a church. The parables invite us to consider how our actions reflect the heart of God, urging us to extend grace, love, and compassion to those around us.

This month marks a special milestone as we celebrate one year of pastoral leadership here at Mount Zion. With hearts brimming with joy and gratitude, I am deeply thankful for the opportunity to serve as your Pastor and Shepherd. Together, we have sown seeds of faith, nurtured relationships, and begun to cultivate a Godly legacy that will bear fruit for generations to come. Your unwavering support and commitment have made this journey a rich tapestry of shared experiences and divine encounters.

Fall Festival: A Time for Community and Celebration

As we embrace the spirit of thankfulness, I invite you all to participate in our upcoming Fall Festival, designed to bless the children of Zion and the surrounding community. This event is not merely a celebration; it is an opportunity for us to extend our outreach and demonstrate the love of Christ in tangible ways. Your involvement, whether through attendance, volunteering, or contributing resources, will help create an environment where joy and fellowship flourish. Let us unite in service, embodying the essence of Christ's love as we gather together.





Vision Meeting for 2027 and Beyond

To our esteemed leaders and dedicated volunteers, I want to remind you of our upcoming meeting where we will discuss the vision of Mount Zion and set our expectations for 2027 and beyond. Your insights and experiences are invaluable as we chart a course that aligns with God's purpose for our church. Together, let us engage in prayerful discernment and seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as we envision the future of our ministry.

A Call to Prayer

In this season of reflection and anticipation, I challenge each of you to commit to a daily practice of prayer. Let us dedicate 15 minutes each day for the next 31 days—5 minutes in the morning, 5 minutes at lunchtime, and 5 minutes before bed. As we intercede for one another, our church, and our community, we can expect to sense the movement of God among us. Prayer is our lifeline, connecting us to the heart of God and empowering us for service.

Exhortation from Paul's Epistle

As we conclude this month's reflection, let us draw strength from the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." May these words resonate deeply within us as we navigate our lives, emboldened by faith and anchored in prayer.

In closing, let us journey forward with anticipation, embracing the opportunities that lie ahead. As we reach others, celebrate our achievements, and prepare for the future, may we do so with hearts full of love, hope, and a commitment to serve our Lord and one another.

With gratitude and blessings,



Kennedy Young, Jr.

Senior Pastor, Mount Zion Church

Let's finish this year strong, uplifted by faith and community!



ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

RESPONSIVE READING

PRAYER & PRAYER LIST

PRAISE & WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN GIVING

SELECTIONS

SERMON

PASTOR KENNEDY YOUNG, JR.

INVITATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN OF THE MONTH

LOVE LIFTED ME

1 I was sinking deep in sin,
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within,
Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me—
Now safe am I.

Refrain:
Love lifted me,
Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me;
Love lifted me,
Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.

2 All my heart to Him I give,
Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live,
Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true
Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too,
To Him belongs. [Refrain]

3 Souls in danger, look above,
Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love
Out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea,
Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be—
Be saved today. [Refrain]



MISSION

Equipping believers to **follow God passionately**, love people **authentically**, serve Los Angeles **generously**, and **share the Gospel** bodily.



FOLLOW GOD

passionately

Deepening our relationship with God and living out our faith with purpose.



LOVE PEOPLE

authentically

Building genuine relationships that reflect Christ's love and grace.



SERVE LOS ANGELES

generously

Meeting needs and making a positive impact in our community.



SHARE THE GOSPEL

bodily

Proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ through our words and actions.



MOUNT ZION
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Offertory Statement:

Gracious Father, our provider and sustainer, we present these gifts, a symbol of the work You have given us to do at Mount Zion and abroad. Use it, use us, in the service of Your world, according to Your Word, will, and way to the glory of Your name.
Amen.

Responsive Reading – Genesis 37:12-36

- (L) 19 “Here comes that dreamer!” they said to each other.
20 “Come now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.”
- (P) 21 When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. “Let’s not take his life,” he said. 22 “Don’t shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don’t lay a hand on him.” Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.
- (L) 23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— 24 and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.
- (ALL) 25 As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

PRAYER *List*

LIFTING OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAYER

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."
James 5:16

-  Mother Shirley Nevils who went home to be with the Lord.
-  *Praying* for Sis. Karen Wiggins on the loss of her husband.
-  *Praying* for Bro. Charles Ayodele who is in the hospital.
-  *Praying* for Rev. Yarzieh who will be traveling to LA on Sunday.
-  *Praying* for the Ashley and Smith Family.
-  *Praying* for Temre Britt and the Britt Family on the loss of her God Mother Valerie Rodgers.
-  *Praying* for *healing* for Mother Ella Arnold.
-  *Praying* for Sis. Chloe Lee.
-  *Praying* for Sis. Juanita Williams.
-  *Praying* for *healing* for Deac. Ben Ashley.
-  *Praying* for *healing* for Sis. Candace Blackshear.
-  *Praying* for *healing* for Sis. Glenda Moore.
-  *Praying* for *healing* for Sis. Dominique Hutchins.
-  *Praying* for *healing* for Mother Oretha Yarzieh.
-  *Praying* for Sis Beverly Tryon, Mother Shirley Tyus, Mother Bernestine Mabrie, Bro. Leroy Mabrie, Mother Louise Campbell, Sis. Cookie Britt, Bro. AJ Black, Bro. Michael Stine, Rev. Bobby McGee, Sis. Verleen Harris, Mother Wilma Woodhouse, Rev. Mark Chiles.

We continue to lift each of you up in prayer.

MAY GOD'S PEACE, HEALING, AND COMFORT
SURROUND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TODAY AND ALWAYS.



PRAYER
CHANGES
THINGS

FAITH
HOPE
LOVE
ALWAYS



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MZLA STRENGTHENING YOUR CORE SERMON-SERIES

Genesis 37:12-36 | "When Dreams Meet Disappointment"

Thesis:

When betrayal throws you into the dark, God is not done with your dream; He is using the malice of others to position you for His grace.

Objective:

God refashions sorrow into a masterpiece of grace by reclaiming our deepest betrayals.

Devising his d_____ vv.18-20

- conceive m_____ 18
- sarcastic s_____ 19-20

Stripping his status vv. 21-24

- i_____ posthumously 21-22
 - t_____ insidiously 23
 - g_____ favorably 24

Exploiting his e_____ vv. 25-28

- coldhearted c_____ 25
- doubleminded d_____ 26
- monetized m_____ 27-28

Fracturing the family vv. 29-36

- unnotified s_____ 29-30
- unbelievable s_____ 31-33
- unrelieved s_____ 34-36

4 Practical and Biblical Strategies for Handling Betrayal

1. Expect opposition to your calling.

Just as Joseph's dreams provoked anger from those closest to him, people may misunderstand or resent your God-given purpose. Do not be shocked

when jealousy arises.

2. Surrender your rescue to God.

Reuben's plan failed, and human allies may let you down or delay their help.
Look past earthly protectors and lean fully on God's invisible presence in the pit.

3. Refuse to retaliate in the pit.

Joseph did not fight back or curse his brothers while they stripped and sold him.
Guard your heart against bitterness so the pit does not define your character.

4. Grieve the loss without losing your future.

Jacob wept with unrelieved sorrow, but mourning is a natural step toward healing. Acknowledge the deep hurt of betrayal, knowing God is quietly preparing a path to redemption.

Lifetouch Group Study

1. Devising His Demise (vv. 18–20)

- How can we actively surrender our frustrations to God before they turn into bitter plans or malice toward someone who hurt us?

2. Stripping His Status (vv. 21–24)

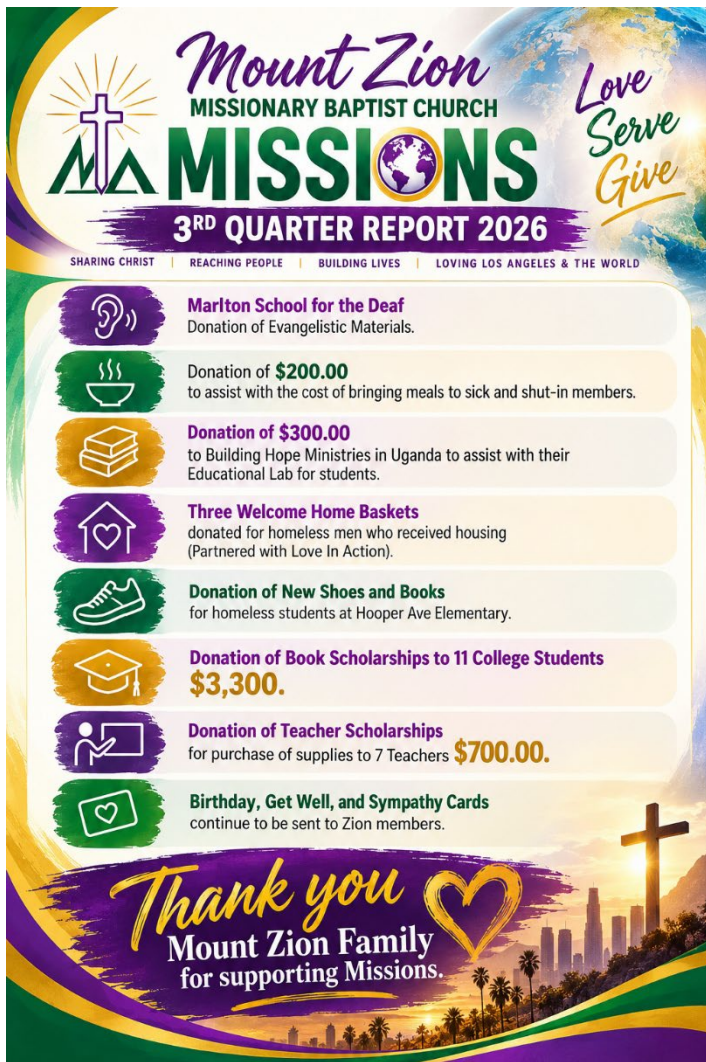
- Joseph was stripped of his special tunic. When people target our identity, reputation, or dignity during a betrayal, how does it shake our sense of safety?

3. Exploiting His Exit (vv. 25–28)

- The brothers turned a human life into twenty pieces of silver. When have you felt reduced to a commodity or used for someone else's gain?

4. Fracturing the Family (vv. 29–36)

- The brothers used deception and a bloody coat to cover their tracks. Why do cover-ups and lies always prolong the pain of betrayal rather than heal it?



Mount Zion
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

MISSIONS

3RD QUARTER REPORT 2026

SHARING CHRIST | REACHING PEOPLE | BUILDING LIVES | LOVING LOS ANGELES & THE WORLD

Marlton School for the Deaf
Donation of Evangelistic Materials.

Donation of **\$200.00**
to assist with the cost of bringing meals to sick and shut-in members.

Donation of **\$300.00**
to Building Hope Ministries in Uganda to assist with their Educational Lab for students.

Three Welcome Home Baskets
donated for homeless men who received housing (Partnered with Love In Action).

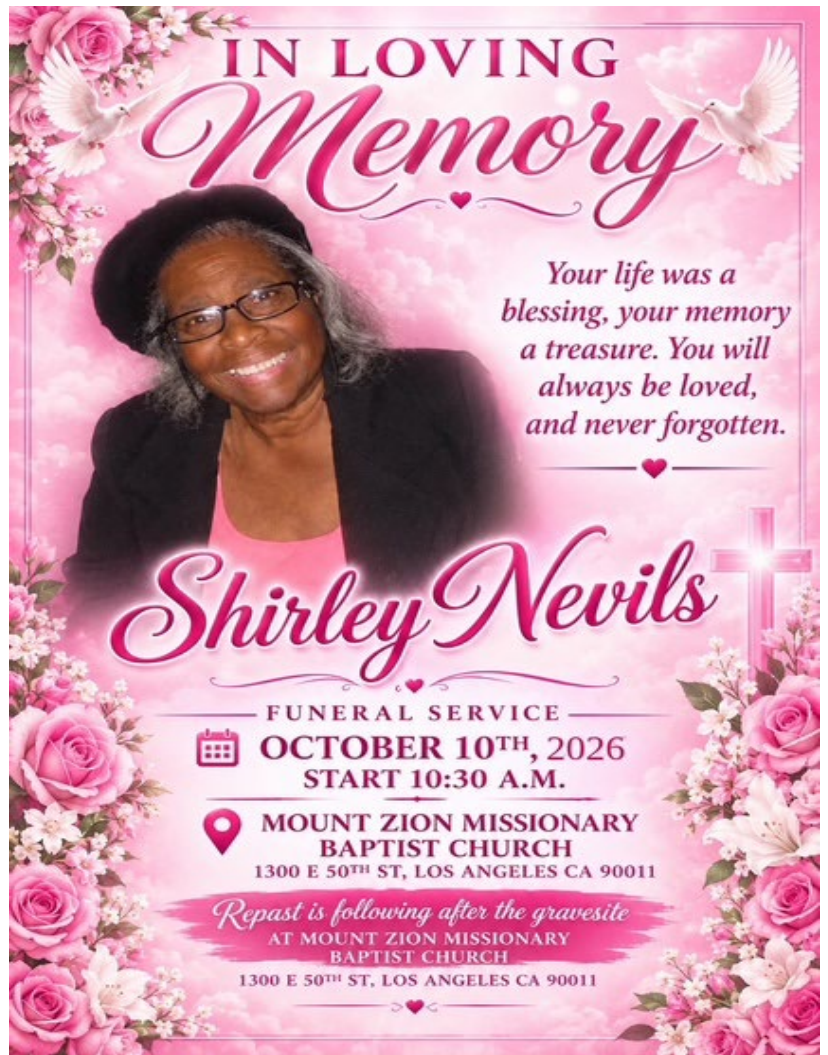
Donation of **New Shoes and Books**
for homeless students at Hooper Ave Elementary.

Donation of **Book Scholarships to 11 College Students \$3,300.**

Donation of **Teacher Scholarships**
for purchase of supplies to 7 Teachers **\$700.00.**

Birthday, Get Well, and Sympathy Cards
continue to be sent to Zion members.

Thank you
Mount Zion Family
for supporting Missions.



IN LOVING
Memory

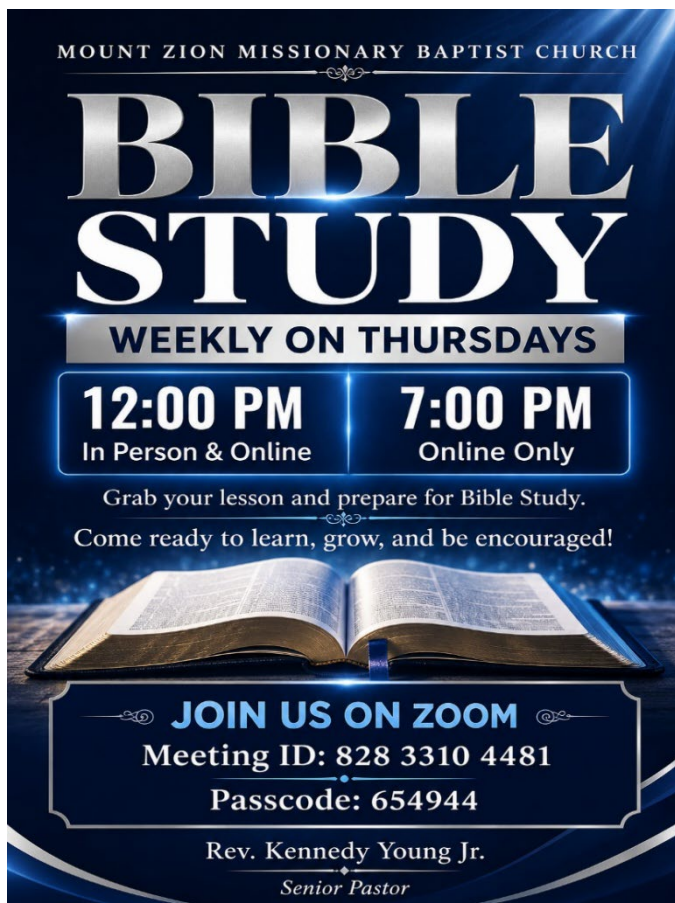
Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You will always be loved, and never forgotten.

Shirley Nevils

FUNERAL SERVICE
OCTOBER 10TH, 2026
START 10:30 A.M.

MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1300 E 50TH ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90011

Repast is following after the gravesite
AT MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1300 E 50TH ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90011



MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY

WEEKLY ON THURSDAYS

12:00 PM
In Person & Online

7:00 PM
Online Only

Grab your lesson and prepare for Bible Study.
Come ready to learn, grow, and be encouraged!

JOIN US ON ZOOM
Meeting ID: 828 3310 4481
Passcode: 654944

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Faith
Family
Community
Together

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 25, 2026
12:30-2:00 PM

Mount Zion Church
1300 E 50th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90011

FOOD • GAMES • FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Grateful People Brighter Days

A Stronger Community Brighter Together

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SAVE THE DATE

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Annual Christmas Party

Saturday, December 12, 2026
11:00 AM

Marriott Marina del Rey Hotel
4100 Admiralty Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

CHURCH-WIDE VISION MEETING

"The Year of Re-Alignment"
Inspired by Isaiah 43:18-19



Saturday, November 7, 2026
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Rev. Kennedy Young, Jr.
Senior Pastor



Pastor
KENNEDY
YOUNG, JR.

1st YEAR ANNIVERSARY

MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

OCT 11
10:00 AM Sunday 2026



GUEST PREACHER:
BISHOP KEVIN B. WILLIS
NEW LIFE OF MEMPHIS CHURCH



"He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house..."
Hebrews 3:2 NIV

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A Message from
The Mount Zion Black History Committee

EDUCATE • ENGAGE • EMPOWER • BUILD A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Get Out to VOTE

PEOPLE ★ POLICIES ★ PROGRESS

YOUR VOICE MATTERS.
YOUR VOTE COUNTS.
OUR COMMUNITY THRIVES.

What are the consequences of **NOT** voting?

We want to hear from you! Share your thoughts, insights, and concerns.

BE INFORMED ★ BE ENGAGED ★ BE THE CHANGE

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD

VOTE TODAY FOR A STRONGER TOMORROW

Your Voice Matters!

PLACE YOUR RESPONSE IN THE BOX IN THE VESTIBULE.

Together We Build a Stronger Community.

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SENIOR PASTOR

MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH | LOS ANGELES, CA

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The Mount Zion Black History Collective

California General Election November 3, 2026

Propositions on the Ballot

YOUR
VOICE
YOUR
VOTE
OUR
COMMUNITY
OUR
FUTURE

Do not be an Ignorant Voter!



**Pray before
you vote.**



**Research what
the proposition
means.**



**If you do not understand,
ask somebody who is
knowledgeable.**

PROP 1

AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS.

Authorizes \$11.25 billion in bonds for housing, including rental housing, veterans mortgages, supportive housing, preservation of affordable housing, and downpayment assistance.

- ✓ **YES vote means:** The state could borrow \$11.25 billion to support veterans and affordable housing.
- ✗ **NO vote means:** The state could not borrow \$11.25 billion to support veterans and affordable housing.

PROP 2

INCREASES STATE'S RAINY-DAY FUND.

Increases California's Rainy-Day Fund to provide funding for education, health care, public safety, and other essential services during economic downturns.

- ✓ **YES vote means:** Rules for building state budget reserves would change, reserves would be higher, and extra debt payments would be required for longer.
- ✗ **NO vote means:** Rules would not change.

PROP 3

PROVIDES PERMANENT FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS AND HEALTH CARE BY EXTENDING TAX ON HIGH INCOMES.

Makes permanent existing tax rates for individuals earning over \$371,000 (adjusted for inflation). Allocates revenues to public education.

- ✓ **YES vote means:** The high-income tax in place since 2012 would become permanent instead of expiring in 2031.
- ✗ **NO vote means:** The high-income tax would expire in 2031.

PROP 4

REPEALS PROHIBITION AGAINST PUBLIC FUNDING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.

Allows state and local governments to offer public funding of candidate campaigns. Public funds may not include money earmarked for education, transportation, or public safety.

- ✓ **YES vote means:** Governments could create public campaign financing programs, with limits.
- ✗ **NO vote means:** State and most local governments would remain unable to create such programs.

PROP 5

CHANGES RECALL ELECTION PROCESS FOR STATEWIDE OFFICERS.

Fills recall vacancies by special election or appointment instead of electing replacement candidates at the same time as the recall election.

- ✓ **YES vote means:** Recall elections would no longer include a replacement candidate question.
- ✗ **NO vote means:** Voters would continue to be asked who should fill the vacancy.

PROP 37

CREATES LOAN PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE-INCOME BUYERS OF QUALIFIED NEW HOMES.

Authorizes \$25 billion in bonds to offer fixed-rate mortgages for up to 17% of the purchase price of new homes priced below \$1.5 million. Borrowers must meet income limits and pay at least 3% down.

- ✓ **YES vote means:** The state would create a new homebuying assistance program and could sell up to \$25 billion in bonds.
- ✗ **NO vote means:** The state would not be required to create the program.

PROP 38

AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR IMMUNOLOGY MEDICAL RESEARCH.

Authorizes \$8.4 billion in bonds for immunology and immunotherapy research, half to a UC-affiliated nonprofit institute and half to research grants.

- ✓ **YES vote means:** The state could borrow \$8.4 billion to support medical research.
- ✗ **NO vote means:** The state could not borrow \$8.4 billion to support medical research.

PROP 39

REQUIRES GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE.

Invalidates mail ballots without last four digits of government-issued ID. Prohibits in-person voting without presenting government-issued ID.

- ✓ **YES vote means:** Voters would be required to present additional ID each time they vote.
- ✗ **NO vote means:** A voter's identity would continue to be established with their signature.

PROP 40

IMPOSES ONE-TIME TAX ON CERTAIN TAXPAYERS.

Imposes 5% tax on taxpayers with assets over \$1 billion. Revenue primarily for health care. Exempts revenues from school funding and spending limit requirements.

- ✓ **YES vote means:** The state would collect a one-time 5% tax from billionaires.
- ✗ **NO vote means:** The state would not collect a one-time 5% tax from billionaires.

PROP 41

PROHIBITS NEW STATE TAXES THAT EXCLUDE REVENUES FROM STATE SPENDING LIMIT.

Nullifies state taxes enacted after Jan. 1, 2026, that exempt revenues from the state spending limit. Requires pre-election and recurring audits of programs funded by new special taxes.

- ✓ **YES vote means:** The State Auditor would review programs funded by new special taxes. Spending limit requirements would apply.
- ✗ **NO vote means:** The auditor's responsibility would not change.

PROP 42

PROHIBITS NEW STATE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AND CERTAIN RETROACTIVE TAXES.

Prohibits new taxes on personal property (or retroactive taxes). Nullifies taxes enacted after Jan. 1, 2026, that conflict with this measure.

- ✓ **YES vote means:** The state could not establish new personal property taxes. It would cancel the billionaire tax of Prop. 40.
- ✗ **NO vote means:** The state would continue to have the option to establish such taxes.

PROP 43

LIMITS VOTERS' ABILITY TO RAISE REVENUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

Increases the vote needed to pass local special taxes from a majority (over 50%) to two-thirds, beginning January 1, 2027.

- ✓ **YES vote means:** Certain local taxes would require two-thirds approval.
- ✗ **NO vote means:** Certain local taxes could continue to be approved with a majority vote.

PROP 44

REQUIRES COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS SPEND 90% OF REVENUE ON PROGRAM SERVICES.

Imposes penalties on nonprofit community clinics that spend less than 90% of revenue on program services, including patient services.

- ✓ **YES vote means:** Clinics would have to spend at least 90% of revenue on health care services.
- ✗ **NO vote means:** The new spending requirement would not go into effect.

PROP 45

MODIFIES ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.

Amends CEQA to expedite review for certain housing, transportation, water, and health projects by setting deadlines and reducing the scope of court challenges.

- ✓ **YES vote means:** Certain projects would be eligible for new review and court challenge procedures.
- ✗ **NO vote means:** Projects would continue to use existing review and court challenge procedures.


**INFORMED VOTERS
BUILD STRONGER
COMMUNITIES**

Note:
Your city/county
may have special
Measures on the ballot
that you should review.

PEOPLE ★ PURPOSE
PROGRESS



10/01 Gambrell, James
 10/01 Johnson, Jonathan
 10/01 Royal, Hazel
 10/01 Dominique Hutchins
 10/02 Peoples, Alonzo Jr.
 10/02 Reed, Danyelle
 10/03 Moore, Kymberly
 10/03 Pitts-Williams, Fayne
 10/05 Martin, Janice
 10/05 Miller, Juanita
 10/05 Moore, Andrew
 10/06 Lampkin, Stormie
 10/07 Ayodele, Charlene
 10/07 Lambey, Ashley
 10/09 Woodhouse, Wilma
 10/10 Anthony, Ireece
 10/10 Parram, Richard
 10/11 Carter, Douglas
 10/11 Jones, Robert
 10/11 Johnson, McKenzie
 10/11 Johnson, Madelynn
 10/12 Ekanem, Ibanga
 10/12 Crite-Love, Christian
 10/13 Dominic Hutchins

10/14 Lane, Nacole
 10/15 Longmire, Eunice
 10/15 Peoples, Ji'Maiya
 10/15 Peoples, Ji'Naiya
 10/19 Taylor, Kauai
 10/20 Southall, Barry
 10/20 Troy, Deborah
 10/20 Johnson, Langston
 10/22 Wilson, William K.
 10/23 Dent, Jaiden
 10/24 Sparks, Vida
 10/25 Cruz, Zacharya
 10/26 Boone, Denise
 10/26 Franklin, Tammy
 10/26 Moreland, Jessie
 10/26 Thomas, Anna
 10/28 Brownlee, Jarnette
 10/29 Jones, Christopher
 10/29 King, Miyoshi
 10/31 Jackson, Ronnie
 10/31 Davis, Gionnie