

California elections bring power to the people

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Who will be the next governor of California?

Should gas taxes be reduced by 12 cents per gallon to pre-2017 levels?

Should Daylight Savings Time be all year long?

If you are 18 years old, you can answer these questions by voting on November 6.

California's main political candidates running for Governor are Gavin Newsom and John H. Cox.

Newsom, the Democratic candidate, is the current Lieutenant Governor.

He advocates for women's access to birth control, protecting immigrant rights, and conserving California's values under the cur-

rent Trump administration.

Cox, the Republican candidate, is a businessman. His political agenda is based on California's financial issues, ranging from housing to schools.

There are also a

handful of propositions that citizens can vote on in November.

Proposition 6 repeals the Road Repair and Accountability Act, a gas tax increase of 12 cents per gallon, that was implemented in 2017. Any-

one of driving age, especially teens and young adults in high school, will directly have to pay for the results of this vote.

Proposition 7 repeals the Daylight Savings Time (DST) Act. Instead of being on DST from November to March, California would be on it all year.

If this proposition is passed, millions could be affected. Critics cite that switching one's biological clock to match a new standard time may lead to a decrease in energy, especially among students and the general working class.

As new officials are elected and policies passed, it is up to you to choose how you want this state to be run for the next two years.



Election Ballot	
Governor of California	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cox (Republican)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsom (Democrat)
U.S. Representative: 28th District	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nalbandian (Republican)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Schiff (Democrat)

Election Ballot	
Proposition 6	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, repeal 2017 gas tax increase
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, keep higher gas taxes
Proposition 7	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, implement Daylight Savings Time year-round
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, keep the time change as is

Republicans race to confirm Kavanaugh as Supreme Court Justice



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As of this writing, it appears that U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh will be confirmed.

For the past week, the FBI looked into sexual misconduct allegations by Christine Blasey Ford, Deborah Ramirez, and Julie Swetnick about Kavanaugh's behavior back in high school and college.

Trump nominated conservative Judge Kavanaugh in July to replace Justice Anthony Ken-

nedy (who retired) on the Supreme Court.

Kennedy provided the "swing vote" in a majority red court. Despite being a conservative judge, Kennedy aided in establishing many progressive court case decisions, such as Obergefell v. Hodge which legalized gay marriage in 2015.

Originally, Democrats feared that Kavanaugh would not only be more conservative than Kennedy, but that his nomination would be the end to abortion rights.

Kavanaugh could provide the vote needed to overturn Roe v. Wade, the court case that nationally legalized abortion in 1973.

However, citizens now across party lines are concerned with Kavanaugh's credibility and morality.

To confirm a nomination, the appointee

would need all 51 Senate Republicans to agree. Unless two Republicans vote no tomorrow, Kavanaugh will become the 114th Supreme Court justice.

Ford and Kavanaugh both testified in hearings held last Thursday, and the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to advance Kavanaugh's nomination.

However, Republican Senator Jeff Flake of Arizona pushed for an FBI investigation which was approved by President Trump.

After the F.B.I sent a report to the Senate yesterday, Flake and Senator Susan Collins of Maine have now expressed their confidence in the report, pushing towards the likelihood of Kavanaugh's confirmation.

Christopher Clemons, the Government teacher at Hoover High School, said he is "waiting for more information," but that Republicans overall would want to confirm a judge before the November election.

Whether Kavanaugh is confirmed or not, it brings into question our nation's ability to handle a politically tense and socially charged situation.