

# California Gubernatorial Recall Elections in California

For the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election, there will be a recall question presented on the ballot: “Shall GAVIN NEWSOM be recalled (removed) from the office of Governor?”

Following that recall question, all qualified replacement candidates for the office of governor will be listed. The candidates may list their qualified political party preference, or lack of qualified party preference, as well as their ballot designation (if the candidate chooses to provide that information) describing their principal occupation(s), profession(s), and/or vocation(s). Write-in replacement candidates for the office of governor can also run in the California Gubernatorial Recall Election.

If a majority of the votes on the recall question are “Yes,” Governor Newsom shall be removed from office and the replacement candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected for the remainder of the governor’s term of office. If one-half or more of the votes on the recall question are “No,” Governor Newsom shall remain in office.

This guide includes the “Statement of Reasons” submitted by the proponents of the recall and Governor Newsom’s answer to that statement.

## Information About Replacement Candidates

Political parties are not entitled to formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices. The office of governor is a voter-nominated office. A candidate running for a voter-nominated office shall have their qualified party preference, or lack of qualified party preference, stated on the ballot, but the party preference designation is selected solely by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not mean the candidate is endorsed by the party designated, or that there is an affiliation between the party and candidate. In the county Voter Information Guide, parties may list the replacement candidates for the office of governor who have received the party’s official endorsement.

Voters, regardless of their party preference or lack of party preference, may vote for any replacement candidate. The party preference, if any, designated by a replacement candidate is selected by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not imply that the candidate is endorsed by the party or that the party approves of the candidate.

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## Estimated Costs to Administer the California Gubernatorial Recall Election

Pursuant to Elections Code section 11108(d), the Department of Finance, in consultation with the Secretary of State and county elections officials, has estimated the costs to administer the recall election of Governor Gavin Newsom to be \$276 million.

For more information relating to the costs of the recall election, please see the Secretary of State’s website at: [elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/recalls/dept-finance-letter.pdf](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/recalls/dept-finance-letter.pdf).

# Proponents' Statement of Reasons for the Recall and the Governor's Answer

*The recall petition circulated throughout the state included a Statement of Reasons for a recall and the Governor's Answer to the Statement, which are provided below pursuant to Elections Code section 11325.*

## Proponents' Statement of Reasons

**TO THE HONORABLE GAVIN NEWSOM:** Pursuant to section 11020, California Elections Code, the undersigned registered qualified voters of the State of California, hereby give notice, we are the proponents of a recall petition and we intend to seek your recall and removal from the office of Governor in the State of California and to demand election of a successor in that office.

**The grounds for this recall are as Follows:** Governor Newsom has implemented laws which are detrimental to the citizens of this state and our way of life. Laws he endorsed favor foreign nationals, in our country illegally, over that of our own citizens. People in this state suffer the highest taxes in the nation, the highest homelessness rates, and the lowest quality of life as a result. He has imposed sanctuary state status and fails to enforce immigration laws. He unilaterally over-ruled the will of the people regarding the death penalty. He seeks to impose additional burdens on our state by the following; removing the protections of Proposition 13, rationing our water use, increasing taxes and restricting parental rights. Having no other recourse, we the people have come together to take this action, remedy these misdeeds and prevent further injustices.

## Governor's Answer to the Statement

**WARNING: THIS UNWARRANTED RECALL EFFORT WILL COST CALIFORNIA TAXPAYERS 81 MILLION DOLLARS! IT IS BEING PUSHED BY POLITICAL EXTREMISTS SUPPORTING PRESIDENT TRUMP'S HATEFUL ATTACKS ON CALIFORNIA.**

In 2018 California voters elected Governor Gavin Newsom by historic margins.

As Governor, Newsom is working to 1) increase funding for public education, 2) protect and secure Californians' health and health care, 3) improve water, roads, and bridges, 4) address the challenges of housing affordability and homelessness, and 5) prepare for the threats of wildfires.

Our budget is balanced. Our fiscal reserves are unprecedented. Our economy and employment are historically strong.

Yet a handful of partisan activists supporting President Trump and his dangerous agenda to divide America are trying to overturn the definitive will of California voters and bring Washington's broken government to California with this recall effort.

The last thing California needs is another wasteful special election, supported by those who demonize California's people and attack California's values.

Do not be fooled—California's police officers, firefighters, first responders, public school teachers, health providers, and business leaders all **STRONGLY OPPOSE** this costly recall.

**DO NOT HAND OVER YOUR SIGNATURE, YOUR SUPPORT OR YOUR PERSONAL, PRIVATE INFORMATION TO THIS DESTRUCTIVE RECALL SCHEME.**