



Lena's Perspective

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Why we must VOTE in this Special Election September 14, 2021 !!

Dear Friends, family, Neighbors, Clergy, Community Leaders, Civic groups, and Young Professionals,

Ballots have arrived and you **MUST VOTE "NO"** and mail in your ballot ASAP!! The election date is September 14, and your "NO" VOTE will ensure the Republicans do not Recall Gov. Gavin Newsom.

In November 2018, California Governor Gavin Newsom won a landslide election with 61.9% of the vote and the biggest gubernatorial victory since 1950. Despite Governor Newsom's record-setting, historic victory, Republicans began their efforts to overturn the election and recall Governor Newsom shortly after his inauguration.

An informed community member provided me with this information:

Republican Larry Elder voted for and aggressively supported "45". Elder opposes single-payer healthcare, thinks there should be zero minimum wage, has made anti LGBTQ remarks, and is opposed to gun control. Elder opposes Covid-19 vaccine and mask mandates, says there has never been anti-black, systemic racism in the police department, and opposes "climate change alarmists." His record on women? Elder questions the harm done if Roe v. Wade would be repealed, denies there is a wage-gap between men and women, and here's a quote that offers a two-fer — both anti-gun control and offensively patriarchal — "A woman who demands further gun control legislation is like a chicken who roots for Colonel Sanders." Elder helped mentor the anti-immigration, hate-mongering teenage Stephen Miller. Steve Bannon says he first heard of Miller when the young Miller was a frequent guest on Larry Elder's radio show.

We have a lot to lose: You **MUST vote "NO"** to ensure, we do not get a Republican Governor. A Republican governor will have the power to change the balance of power in the U. S. Senate by appointing a Republican successor to U. S. Senator Dianne Feinstein's seat, if she resigns before her term is completed.

We all agree that politicians are not perfect human beings, but this is not the time to be "undecided" – **VOTE "NO" ON THE RECALL OF GOVERNOR NEWSOM!** Democrats must not be complacent about the potential disaster for California if the recall goes through. Our democracy is at stake.

Please share with your network!

Sincerely,

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PS: After this special election, we *must* revise the California recall election laws. Since 1911, when California approved recalls as part of a sweeping Progressive-era reform package, 179 recall attempts have been made against state officeholders. Launching a recall in California is easier than in almost any other state, and every governor since 1960 has faced at least one recall attempt. *The current recall process is a joke!*

"There's no such thing as a vote that doesn't matter. It all matters!" – Barack Obama