



IMLS VOTER GUIDE 2020

Vote on Tuesday, **November 3, 2020**

Presidential

Joe Biden

- Reverse Trump's child separation policies and prioritize reuniting all children and their families.
- Provide a path to citizenship for 11 million undocumented Americans
- Reinstate DACA and ensure that Dreamers are eligible for federal student aid
- Reverse the "travel bans" and refugee bans and reassert America's commitment to asylum-seekers and refugees
- End Donald Trump's immigrant "wealth test"
- Restore the naturalization process for green card holders and reform the temporary visa system
- End for-profit detention centers
- Believes immigrants help grow our economy and create jobs
- If Biden is elected, he has said he would pause deportations for 100 days after taking office
- Supports international students saying they bring innovation to the country
- Biden has said he would halt border wall construction (not tear any of it down), redirect the money Trump is using to build the wall and invest in improving screening infrastructure at ports of entry

Donald Trump

- Implemented a "travel ban" halting travel from foreign nationals and entrance of Syrian refugees from majority Muslim countries
- Slashed refugee resettlement number from 110K to 18K proposing setting the cap at zero
- End DACA, leaving more than 700K young adults vulnerable to deportation (SCOTUS ruled the way he tried before was wrong, but he has the power to end the program)
- Implemented a zero tolerance policy for border crossings, permitting federal authorities to separate children from their families and jail them in detention centers
- Imposed a "wealth test" for immigrants with legal status, requiring immigrants and their families to prove they would not require government assistance
- Dramatically curtailed immigration and travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Implemented a public health emergency policy that allows US officials to rapidly deport migrants caught at the US-Mexico border, including unaccompanied minors and asylum seekers (goes around standard legal practices)
- Prioritized arresting immigration violators regardless of their criminal histories or length of time in the US
- Promised to build a wall and have Mexico pay for it - the administration has completed 275 miles but nearly all of those barriers simply replaced existing structures. And, Mexico has refused to pay for any of the construction.



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U.S. House of Representatives

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23rd District	Kevin McCarthy (R) Favors Restrictive Immigration Policies	Kim Mangone (D) Favors Immigration Reform/focus on Dreamers
25th District	Mike Garcia (R) Favors Restrictive Immigration Policies	Christy Smith (D) Favors Immigration Reform
26th District	Julia Brownley (D): Favors Immigration Reform	Ronda Kennedy (R) Favors some Immigration Reform
27th District	Judy Chu (D) Favors Immigration Reform. Introduced NO BAN Act, a bill that would repeal all three versions of Trump's Muslim Ban and out an immediate end to family separation	Johnny Nalbandian (R) Favors Restrictive Immigration Policies
28th District	Adam Schiff (D) Favors Immigration Reform	Eric Early (R) Favors Restrictive Immigration Policies
29th District	Tony Cardenas (D) Favors Immigration Reform. Co-sponsored H.R.4646/S.2540 (provides appointment of counsel at government expense for children in removal proceedings) and the Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act (increases high-skill and family-based visa caps)	Angelica Dueñas (D) Favors Immigration Reform; wants to push for legislation to provide legal status for ALL immigrants
30th District	Brad Sherman (D) Favors Immigration Reform	Mark Reed (R) Favors Restrictive Immigration Policies
32nd District	Grace Napolitano (D) Favors Immigration Reform	Joshua Scott (R) Favors Restrictive Immigration Policies



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33rd District	Ted Lieu (D) Favors Immigration Reform	James Bradley (R) Favors Restrictive Immigration Policies
34th District	Jimmy Gomez (D) Favors Immigration Reform	David Kim (D) Favors Immigration Reform, born from Korean immigrants and former immigration attorney
35th District	Norma Torres (D) Favors Immigration Reform	Mike Cargile (R) Favors Restrictive Immigration Policies, e.g. building the Trump wall but, upon its competition, will allow undocumented immigrants within the U.S. to file for citizenship within 3 years
37th District	Karen Bass (D) Favors Immigration Reform	Errol Webber (R) Favors Restrictive Immigration Policies
38th District	Linda Sanchez (D) Favors Immigration Reform	Michael Tolar (R) Favors Immigration Reform
39th District	Gil Cisneros (D) Favors Immigration Reform	Young Kim (R) Favors Immigration Reform
40th District	Lucille Roybal-Allard (D) Favors Immigration Reform	Antonio Delgado (R) Favors Immigration Reform; is an immigrant and former immigration attorney
43rd District	Maxine Waters (D) Favors Immigration Reform; end family separation	Joe Collins (R) Formal immigration stance is unclear, but posted this tweet
44th District	Nanette Barragan (D) Favors Immigration Reform	Analilia Joya (D) Immigration stance unclear
47th District	Alan Lowenthal (D) Favors Immigration Reform	John Briscoe (R) Focuses on securing US borders



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LA District Attorney

Jackie Lacey

Has gone back and forth on immigration issues. Has gone after notario fraud.

George Gascon

Wants to initiate reforms and create an DA immigration unit to investigate immigration consequences for DA charges.

Prop 21

This proposition contemplates allowing local governments to establish rent control on housing, with exemptions for housing first occupied within the last 15 years and small landlords who own up to two properties. Rent control measures like this affect gentrification, homelessness, poverty and displacement - issues that often impact the immigrant community.

Prop 22

This proposition would “define app-based transportation (rideshare) and delivery drivers as independent contractors and adopt labor and wage policies specific to app-based drivers and companies.” In some California cities, many gig-workers, whose wages, benefits, and labor rights and protections are impacted by this proposition, are immigrants.

Prop 25

This proposition would “replace cash bail with risk assessments for detained suspects awaiting trials.” “Under the cash bail system, immigrants are often assessed to be a higher flight risk and receive a higher bail amount at arraignment. Black immigrants, in particular, are assessed higher bail amounts than other immigrant communities. But given that state and city courts still have to develop their risk assessment tool, it is unclear if the new system will be any better.”