

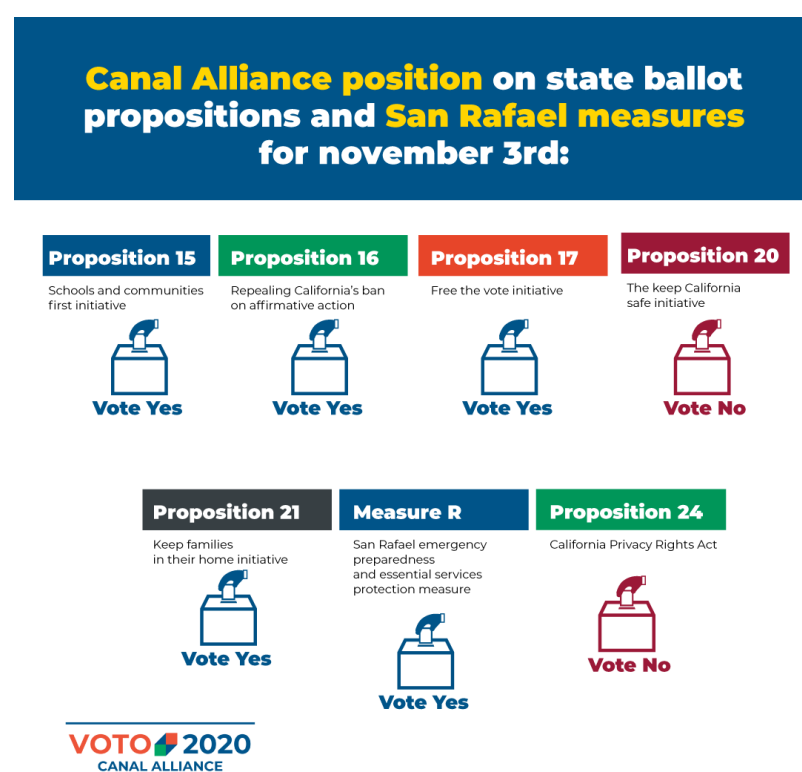
Could there possibly be a silver lining to the tumult we have experienced this year? From an unexpected global pandemic, intense social justice protests, and historic wildfires to the rollercoaster ride in the White House, 2020 has presented its fair share of challenges.

We began the year gearing up for a 2020 Census with a possible citizenship question. By the time we were ready to get out the count, the pandemic shut down all of our outreach plans for both the census and voter registration. Together we are facing obstacles to our civic engagement and advocacy efforts, and have adjusted our strategies to fit our changing world.

This is when civic engagement meets innovative thinking to create a silver lining.

We quickly changed our canvassing to phone banking and postcard mailing. Census and voter registration hotlines were set-up to safely help people over the phone. We piloted peer-to-peer text campaigns and reached out to our amazing volunteers to help us get out the count and get out the vote. We are committed to advocating for the rights of Latino immigrants and ensuring that their voices are heard.

2020 Voter guide



State and local governments need to hear from the people impacted by their policy decisions. We selected [six state propositions and one local measure](#) and share our position on each so you know the best ways to support Latino immigrants and their families.

Candidate forums



We recently held candidate forums for three San Rafael races so you can hear from the candidates in their own words. Check out the [recordings](#) on our website.

As a non-partisan organization, Canal Alliance neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate for public office.

Visit our 2020 election hub



Visit the [Act for a Change page](#) on our website to check your voter registration status, access voter guides and find out where polling places are located and where to find the nearest ballot drop box as well as links to make sure your ballot makes it to the Marin County Department of Elections on time.

Providing paid time for staff to engage in election activities



This year we are starting what we hope will become an established practice of giving our staff paid time to participate in early voting days and Election Day activities. [Read more](#) about how staff will serve as trusted messengers to advocate for voting rights and empower Latinos to vote and make their voices heard.

Where do I drop off my ballot?



We are hosting a Pop-Up Ballot Drop Off Box outdoors in front of our building at 91 Larkspur Street, San Rafael during the three early election days (Saturday, 10/31, Sunday, 11/1 and Monday, 11/2 from 9 am – 5 pm) and Election Day (Tuesday, 11/3 from 7 am – 8 pm).

View [our post](#) on VibeMap.com for fun places to eat, drink and walk when you drop off your ballot in the Canal.

Fill a critical need by donating diapers, baby wipes, and formula

Canal Alliance is seeking donations of baby wipes, formula, and diapers (especially sizes 5 and 6), as these items are currently in high demand in the Canal community. If you would like to support families with a donation or organize a donation drive with your friends and community.

Please contact Rose Costello, Development Coordinator, at rosemaryc@canalalliance.org or 415.458.8678 for more information.

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