



September 29, 2025  
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors  
651 Pine Street, 6th Floor  
Martinez, CA 94553

Re: Proposition 50 Special Election, November 2025

Dear Members of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Contra Costa County to respectfully request that the Board formally endorse a “No” vote on Proposition 50, the so-called “Election Rigging Response Act,” which will appear on the November 4, 2025, special election ballot. As our local representatives, your voice carries significant weight in guiding voters toward decisions that prioritize fairness, transparency, and the integrity of our democratic processes.

Proposition 50 would temporarily override the independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission—established by voters through Propositions 11 and 20 in 2008 and 2010—to impose new congressional district maps drawn by the state Legislature. While framed as a response to partisan redistricting in Texas, this measure risks undermining the nonpartisan safeguards that Californians have championed for over a decade. It would allow politicians to redraw boundaries mid-decade, potentially favoring one party and eroding public trust in fair elections, and in direct contrast to the state law that explicitly prohibits the Redistricting Commission from considering political parties, current office holders, or people running for office when maps are drawn. Contra Costa County, with its diverse communities and history of advocating for equitable representation, stands to lose if we endorse a return to legislative control, even temporarily.

A “No” vote preserves the current maps drawn by the independent commission until the next census in 2030, upholding the principle that redistricting should be free from political self-interest. Organizations like Reform California and the No on Prop 50 campaign have highlighted how this proposition could lead to gerrymandering under the guise of retaliation, costing taxpayers nearly \$300 million for a special election amid our state’s budget challenges. By opposing Proposition 50, the Board can reaffirm

Contra Costa's commitment to voter-first reforms and encourage our residents to protect the independence of the redistricting process.

I urge the Board to adopt a resolution endorsing "No on Proposition 50" and to communicate this position through public statements, county resources, and outreach to voters. Your leadership on this issue would demonstrate a dedication to principled governance and help ensure that California remains a model for fair elections nationwide. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and can be reached at 925-360-0800 or [chair@cocorepublicans.com](mailto:chair@cocorepublicans.com).

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our community. I look forward to your positive response.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Burns", with a stylized, flowing script.

Jeff Burns  
Chairman  
Contra Costa Republican Party