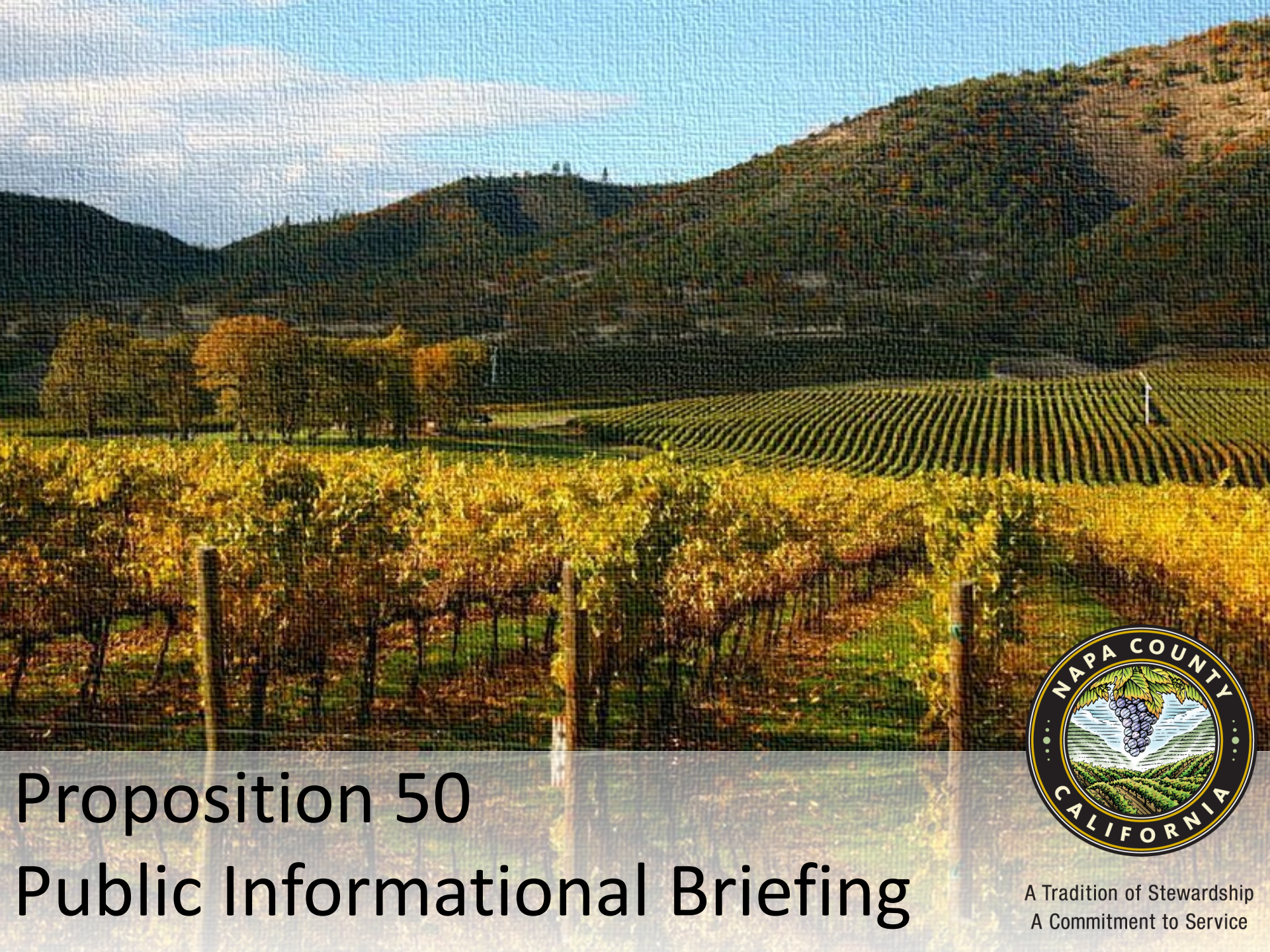

Proposition 50
Public Informational Briefing

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Item Background

- Here on referral from September 16, 2025 meeting to talk about Proposition 50.
- Will provide an accurate, fair, and impartial presentation of facts relevant to aid the voters in reaching an informed judgment about the ballot measure.
- At the conclusion of the presentation, staff recommends adoption by your Board of a resolution informing the public of information about Proposition 50 and where and when they can cast a vote on the measure.

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Procedural Redistricting Background

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- Congress is divided into a Senate (2 per state) and a House of Representatives (435 members).
- Members of the House of Representatives are elected every two years and each represents a roughly equal number of US citizens.
- States are responsible for drawing lines within their borders to divide the population into 760,000 to 770,000-person congressional districts.
- The number of people living in an area goes up and down over time. The US Census, taken every ten years, counts the number of people living in the US.
- The results of the Census are used by the States every ten years to redraw congressional districts to reflect changes in population in an area and keep representation proportionate across districts.

Sources: Legislative Analyst's Office, https://lao.ca.gov/ballot/2025/prop50-110425.pdf.

California Redistricting Background

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- Before 2010, the California Legislature drew congressional district maps, a practice still used by a majority of states.
- In 2010, California voters gave the job of redistricting to an independent commission known as the Citizens Redistricting Commission. By the 2022 election, the number of states using an independent commission grew to eight.

Sources: Legislative Analyst's Office: https://lao.ca.gov/ballot/2025/prop50-110425.pdf;
Loyola Law School: Levitt, Justin, All About Redistricting: https://redistricting.lls.edu/national-overview/?colorby=Institution&level=Congress.

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- States typically do not redistrict sooner than every ten years.
- However, this year, the State of Texas Legislature opted along party lines for a mid-cycle redistricting, the result of which is intended to be loss of 5 currently Democratic seats in the House.
- In response, Governor Newsom and the California Legislature voted, also along party lines, for a mid-cycle redistricting, the result of which is intended to be the loss of 5 currently Republican seats in the House.

Sources: Legislative Analyst's Office, https://lao.ca.gov/ballot/2025/prop50-110425.pdf;

Reuters, Ax, Joseph, et. al*: Texas Republicans approve Trump-backed congressional map to protect party's majority, 20 August 2025; https://www.reuters.com/world/us/texas-republicans-approve-trump-backed-congressional-map-protect-partys-majority-2025-08-21/;*

Gorman, Steve: California lawmakers swiftly pass, governor signs, Democrats' redistricting plan, 21 August 2025; https://www.reuters.com/world/us/california-lawmakers-swiftly-pass-governor-signs-democrats-redistricting-plan-2025-08-21/.

Prop 50 Information

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- Proposition 50 would temporarily return California to using congressional maps created by the California Legislature until after the 2030 Census.
- After the 2030 Census, the Citizens Redistricting Commission would regain authority to create maps using the results of the 2030 Census.
- Proposition 50 also calls for Congress to amend the U.S. Constitution and Federal law to require redistricting by “fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide.”
- Passage of Proposition 50 would not change federal law or the U.S. Constitution, it would only show that voters support the idea of the use of independent redistricting commissions in other states.

Source: Legislative Analyst’s Office, https://lao.ca.gov/ballot/2025/prop50-110425.pdf.

What Your Vote Means

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A **YES** vote on this measure means: The state would use new, legislatively drawn congressional district maps starting in 2026. California's new maps would be used until the California Citizens Redistricting Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

A **NO** vote on this measure means: Current congressional district maps drawn by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) would continue to be used in California until the Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

Source: Legislative Analyst's Office, https://lao.ca.gov/BallotAnalysis/Propositions?date=11%2F4%2F2025

Current 4th Congressional District Map

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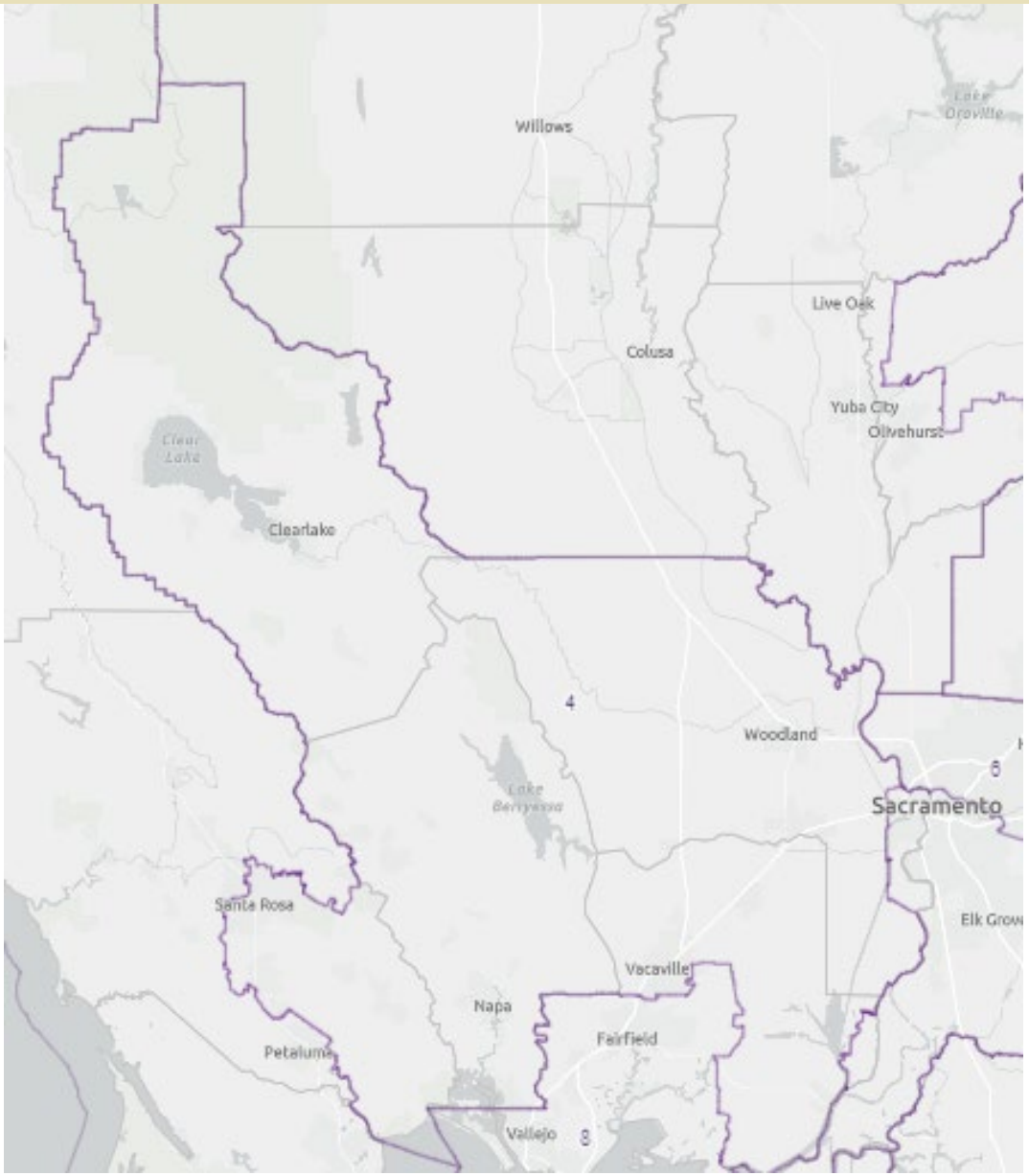
Includes all of Napa and Lake Counties and parts of Sonoma, Solano, and Yolo Counties



Proposed 4th Congressional District Map

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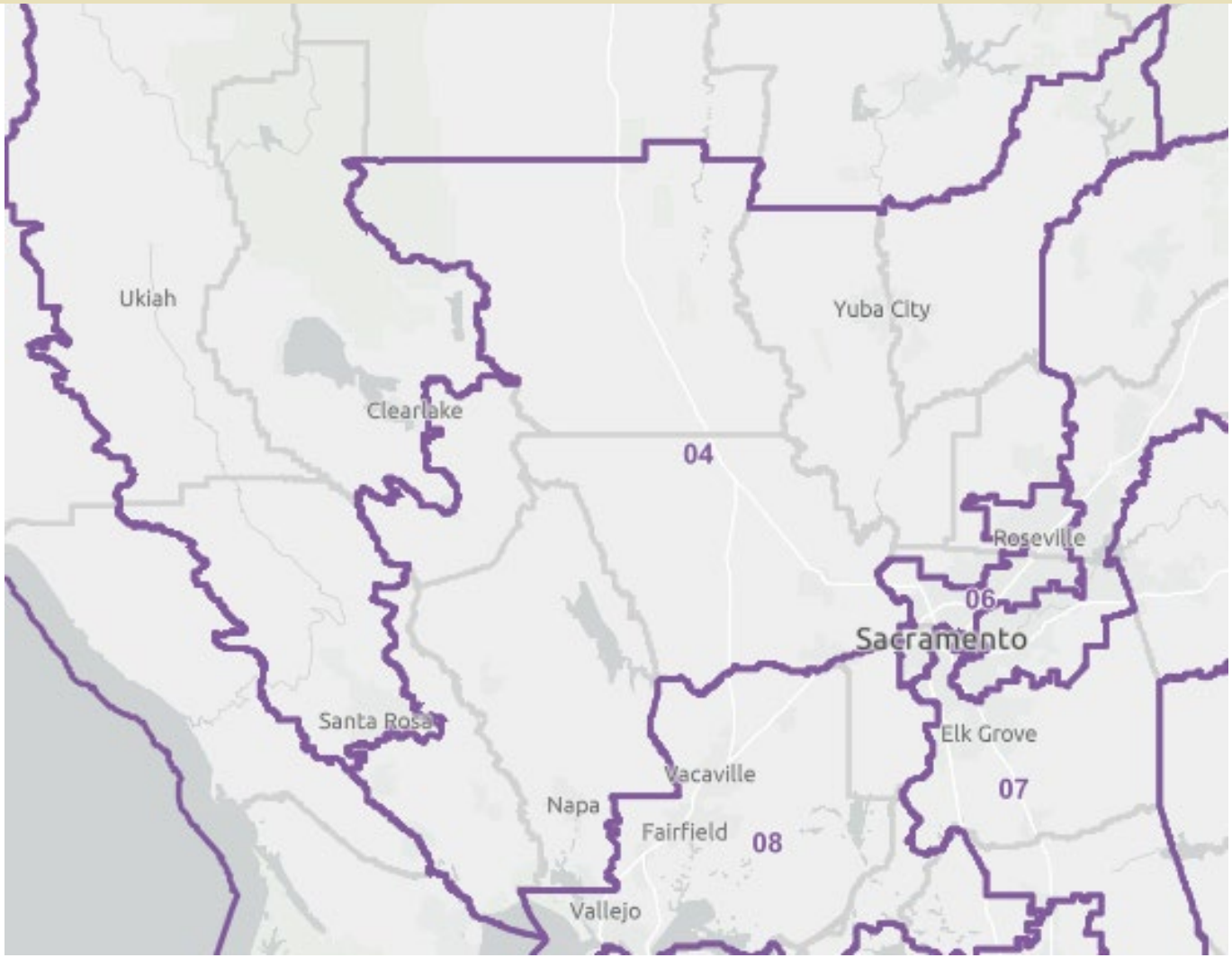

Includes all of Napa, Yolo, Colusa, Sutter, and Yuba Counties and parts of Lake, Sonoma, Placer, and Sacramento Counties.

In-Person Voting Locations & Times

Napa	American Canyon	Saint Helena
Napa County Election Division	Holiday Inn Express & Suites	Napa Valley College, Upper Valley Campus
1125 Third Street, First Floor Napa, CA 94559	5001 Main Street American Canyon, CA 94503	1088 College Avenue St. Helena, CA 94574
Open weekdays starting October 6	Open daily starting October 25	Open daily starting November 1
Weekday hours 8 AM to 5 PM	Weekday hours 8 AM to 5 PM	Weekday hours 8 AM to 5 PM
Open weekends too starting Oct 25	Weekend hours 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM	Weekend hours 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
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All locations open Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, from 7 AM to 8 PM.		

Ballot Drop Box Locations

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Napa
Soscol Avenue at Lincoln Avenue Napa, CA 94558
South of Soscol Plaza across from Walmart
Solano Avenue - South of Redwood Road Napa, CA 94558
Across from Redwood Plaza
South Jefferson Street – Outside River Park Shopping Center Napa, CA 94559
In front of Goodwill
Second Street Garage Alley Napa, CA 94559
Between 1127 First Street and the Second Street Garage
Napa Valley College 2277 Napa Vallejo Highway Napa, CA 94558
By the Napa Valley College Library

Ballot Drop Box Locations

American Canyon	Calistoga
4381 Broadway American Canyon, CA 94503	1208 Fair Way Calistoga, CA 94515
By entrance to City Hall	Next to bus stop, outside Cal Mart
	Saint Helena
Silver Oak Park American Canyon, CA 94503	1492 Library Lane St. Helena, CA 94574
Next to Canyon Oaks School	In front of St. Helena Library
Angwin	**Yountville**
15 Angwin Avenue Angwin, CA 94508	6516 Washington Street Yountville, CA 94599
By entrance to Howell Mountain Market	Yountville Community Center, near Library drop box

All ballot drop boxes will be closed promptly at 8:00 PM on November 4, 2025.