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# IMPORTANCE OF CITIZEN-ONLY VOTING IN CALIFORNIA

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## WE MUST ENSURE THAT ONLY U.S. CITIZENS ARE ALLOWED TO VOTE

- The U.S. electoral system is designed to give every eligible U.S. citizen in every state a say in choosing our leaders at the federal, state, and local levels.
- The federal National Voter Registration Act requires that states take steps to ensure that only eligible citizens are registered to vote.
- Due to the failure of the Biden-Harris Administration to secure the border, states must work even harder to ensure that their elections are not compromised by illegal aliens casting votes.
- Over 12 million illegal aliens, including known “gotaways,” have entered the country since 2021.
- Further, the Biden-Harris Administration issued Executive Order 14019, directing all federal agencies to register voters, including many federal agencies that interact regularly with illegal aliens.
- These unprecedented efforts put even more responsibility on states to protect the integrity of their elections.

## BY THE NUMBERS

- California is home to **at least 1,850,000 illegal aliens**, but this number does not account for the major influx of the last 3 years.
- California has a population of **39,538,223**
- 1,850,000 illegal aliens represent 4.68% of California’s population. Though this seems a small fraction, it’s enough to make a difference in close elections:
  - A 2020 ballot measure had a margin of just **366,464 votes**.
  - A 2018 ballot measure had a margin of just **155,155 votes**.

## CALIFORNIA MUST TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE ONLY CITIZENS VOTE

- Governors should issue an America First model executive order to enforce state election laws and ensure that only eligible U.S. citizens vote.
- State legislators should pass legislation that ensures only U.S. citizens are voting using the America First model policy and forbid local governments from allowing non-citizen voting.
- State election officials should conduct regular voter roll maintenance for transparency and accountability.
- Voters should support ballot initiatives to enshrine citizen-only voting in their state Constitution and elect officials who will enforce it.

