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'No Kings' protesters rally in Orange County



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"No Kings Day" protesters in La Habra voiced concerns of government overreach and increased deportation, while emphasizing collectivity.

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"No Kings" protests throughout Orange County attracted thousands of people on Saturday, speaking out against President Donald Trump's leadership and ongoing immigra-

tion raids throughout the country. The nationwide rallies totaled more than 2,700 events across 50 states, with over 7 million attendees, according to the organizers' website.

In Orange County, demonstrations took place in Santa Ana — the flagship event — Orange, La Habra, Laguna Beach and Aliso Viejo, among other cities.

The event in Santa Ana's Centennial Park, was organized by 50501 OC, Wave and the OC Indivisible

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Prop 50 to appear on November Ballot

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The state of California is holding a special election on Nov. 4, allowing California to decide on adopting a temporary congressional district map.

Californians will vote on

Proposition 50, also known as the "Election Rigging Response Act," countering redistricting in Texas.

A "yes" vote allows California to adopt temporary congressional district maps starting in 2026, returning to the current process — having maps drawn by the Citizens Redistricting Commission — in 2031.

Proposition 50

would replace the current system, creating five new majority-Democrat districts. The new districts do not guarantee Democratic candidates but create more districts with Democratic majorities.

A "no" vote on this measure means current congressional district maps will continue being used until the Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

"Fundamentally, the problem is that in any state that has a dominant party, giving up redistricting to a neutral group is a kind of unilateral disarmament at the national level," Political Science Professor Matthew Jarvis wrote in an email to the Daily Titan. "Our Democratic-leaning state chose not to draw lines as biased as we could have, but that didn't seem to convince Republicans in other states to follow suit."

The "Election Rigging Response Act" is a countermeasure due to the Republican-led Texas House approving a new congressional map

with five additional Republican U.S. House seats.

Texas Rep. Todd Hunter stated that the changes were made to "improve Republican political performance."

In Texas, the House approved the congressional maps; meanwhile, in California, the maps are being decided by an election.

"Nobody was seriously talking about a mid-decade redistricting in California until Trump got Texas to start doing it there. Because of how propositions work, it's a longer and more complicated reaction in California, but it's pretty much the same idea," Jarvis wrote.

The new maps will affect five Republican-majority districts, including District 41 covering the cities of Corona, Menifee and Palm Springs, though most students living near CSUF will not be affected, according to Jarvis.

"Those in South Corona may see not much change, or they could see a big change. Those in the more northern parts of Corona would almost certainly go from a Republican ... to a Democrat," Jarvis wrote. "Finally, there would be some changes to some local districts that Democrats already hold, making them more solidly Democratic."

Proponents of the proposition and California Democrats highlight that Proposition 50 will level the playing

field and commit to fair redistricting.

The leading pro-Proposition 50 voices include Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Adam Schiff and Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi.

Those opposing Proposition 50 are concerned about the proposed change, removing a system that keeps districting fair and less politicized.

The Republican Party of California, U.S. Representative Young Kim and former U.S. Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy have opposed the change.

"There's a concept called defensive democracy; where people are working to prevent a democratic system from becoming less democratic. The problem is that, if ends can always justify the means, we can justify doing anything on the basis of the belief that we know how the world works," Jarvis wrote. "But, we don't know things for certain. In conclusion, I don't know if I can say that it's ethical or unethical. I can say that it's playing hardball, fighting fire with fire."

The last day to register to vote is Oct. 20. Mail-in ballot drop-off locations opened on Oct. 7, and official election day is Nov. 4, which is the last day to cast a vote in person by mail or by ballot drop-off.

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Ballot boxes opened on Oct. 7 and close Nov. 4.