

ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH PUBLIC MINISTRY

Allen Temple Public Ministry Mission Statement

“The mission of the Public Ministry is to engage, educate, and empower members of our church and community to become partners in Jesus’ ministry of justice and righteousness.

Allen Temple Public Ministry Vision Statement

“The vision of the Allen Temple Public Ministry is to transform communities into mature, empowered decision-makers who locally, nationally, and internationally practice Jesus' ministry of justice so that Christ's redemption can be accomplished in the world.”

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RECOMMENDATION FOR CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 50 FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 SPECIAL ELECTION

The Public Ministry presents the following recommendation for the California Special Election. After you have examined the measure and the Public Ministry recommendation, make your decision and vote based on your conscience.

STATE PROPOSITION 50

Recommendation	Proposition Language	Explanation: Why this Recommendation
YES	Authorizes temporary changes to Congressional District maps in response to Texas’ partisan redistricting. Legislative Constitutional Amendment. Requires temporary use of new congressional district maps through 2030. Directs Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to resume enacting congressional district maps in 2031. Establishes policy supporting nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide.	States usually only draw congressional maps every 10 years. However, in August 2025 the Texas Legislature passed a bill adopting new maps for the 2026 midterm elections; and some other states are considering doing the same. Proposition 50 will allow new congressional district maps to be drawn according to federal law by the California Legislature. The new maps will replace those drawn by the California Citizens Redistricting Committee in 2020 and would remain in use until 2030. The Proposition also calls for a change in Federal Law by appealing to the U.S. Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring that redistricting be done by independent, nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 that prohibits racial discrimination in voting can be negatively impacted by shifting the balance in Congress which could diminish the voting power of racial and ethnic minority groups. As voters in California, it is important that California’s voice and weight be represented fairly in the Congress of the United States. If other states are redrawing lines before the 2026 Midterms, California should do so to ensure the voices of California citizens are equitably represented.

SEE SOME IMPORTANT DATES ON REVERSE SIDE

- * LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE NOVEMBER 4 SPECIAL ELECTION October 20
- * 11-DAY VOTE CENTERS OPEN. ALLEN TEMPLE IS ONE OF THE VOTE CENTERS THAT WILL OPEN 11 DAYS BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 4 ELECTION. October 25
- * LAST DAY TO MAKE A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT REPLACEMENT REQUEST October 28
- * 4-DAY VOTE CENTERS OPEN. November 1
- * ELECTION DAY! November 4

NOTE: For a list of location and times for all Vote Centers, visit: [ACVOTE.AlamedaCountyCA.gov/go](https://acvote.alameda-county.ca.gov/go) OR CALL 1 (800) 834-6454

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Ambassadors for Christ. Agents of Reconciliation. II Corinthians 5:18-20