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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

## FORM N-PX

### ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act File Number : **811-03630**

Name of Registrant: **Putnam California Tax Exempt Income Fund**

Address of Principal Executive Offices: **One Post Office Square**

**Boston, Massachusetts 02109**

Name and address of agent of service:

**Robert T. Burns**

**Putnam California Tax Exempt Income Fund**

**One Post Office Square**

**Boston, Massachusetts 02109**

CC:

**Bryan Chegwidden, Esq.**

**Ropes & Gray LLP**

**1211 Avenue of the Americas**

**New York, New York 10036**

Registrant's telephone number including  
area code:

**(617) 292-1000**

Date of fiscal year end:

**09/30**

Date of reporting period:

**07/01/2017 - 06/30/2018**

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**Registrant:** Putnam California Tax Exempt Income Fund

**Fund Name:** Putnam California Tax Exempt Income Fund

**Date of Fiscal  
Year End:** 09/30

The fund did not vote proxies relating to portfolio securities during the period covered by this report.

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Any ballot marked 'Abstain' is considered to have been voted. Ballots marked 'Abstain' are considered to have been voted against management's recommendation if management's recommendation is 'For' or 'Against,' and for management's recommendation if management's recommendation is 'Abstain.' Where management has recommended that shareholders 'Abstain' from voting on a ballot item, a ballot marked 'For' or 'Against' is considered to have been voted against management's recommendation to 'Abstain.'

Where management has made no recommendation on a ballot item, 'N/A' is used to indicate that there is no management recommendation that a shareholder may vote 'For' or 'Against.'

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Registrant: **Putnam California Tax Exempt Income Fund**

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By: **Jonathan S. Horwitz\***

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Name: **Jonathan S. Horwitz**

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Title: **Executive Vice President, Principal Executive Officer and  
Compliance Liaison**

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Date: **August 10, 2018**

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\*By: **/s/ Nancy E. Florek**

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Name: **Nancy E. Florek**

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Date: **August 10, 2018**

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**Pursuant to power of attorney filed herewith**

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I, the undersigned Executive Vice President, Principal Executive Officer and Compliance Liaison of each of the funds listed on Schedule A hereto, constitute and appoint Nancy E. Florek my true and lawful attorney, with full power to her to sign for me, and in my name and in the capacities indicated below, the Annual Report of Proxy Voting Record on Form N-PX under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended of each of the funds listed on Schedule A hereto and any and all amendments to said Annual Report of Proxy Voting Record and to file the same with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite or necessary to be done in the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as she might or could do in person, and I ratify and confirm all that said attorney may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

**WITNESS** my hand and common seal on the date set forth below.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>/s/ Jonathan S. Horwitz</u> Jonathan S. Horwitz	Executive Vice President, Principal Executive Officer and Compliance Liaison	August 8, 2018

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**Schedule A**

Putnam American Government Income Fund  
Putnam Arizona Tax Exempt Income Fund  
Putnam Asset Allocation Funds

Putnam Managed Municipal Income Trust  
Putnam Massachusetts Tax Exempt Income Fund  
Putnam Master Intermediate Income Trust

Putnam California Tax Exempt Income Fund  
Putnam Convertible Securities Fund  
Putnam Diversified Income Trust  
Putnam Equity Income Fund  
Putnam Europe Equity Fund  
The Putnam Fund for Growth and Income  
Putnam Funds Trust  
George Putnam Balanced Fund  
Putnam Global Equity Fund  
Putnam Global Health Care Fund  
Putnam Global Income Trust  
Putnam Global Natural Resources Fund  
Putnam Global Utilities Fund  
Putnam High Yield Fund  
Putnam High Yield Trust  
Putnam Income Fund  
Putnam International Equity Fund  
Putnam Investment Funds  
Putnam Investment-Grade Municipal Trust  
Putnam Investors Fund

Putnam Michigan Tax Exempt Income Fund  
Putnam Minnesota Tax Exempt Income Fund  
Putnam Money Market Fund  
Putnam Mortgage Recovery Fund  
Putnam Mortgage Securities Fund  
Putnam Municipal Opportunities Trust  
Putnam New Jersey Tax Exempt Income Fund  
Putnam New York Tax Exempt Income Fund  
Putnam Ohio Tax Exempt Income Fund  
Putnam Pennsylvania Tax Exempt Income Fund  
Putnam Premier Income Trust  
Putnam RetirementReady® Funds  
Putnam Sustainable Leaders Fund  
Putnam Tax Exempt Income Fund  
Putnam Tax Exempt Money Market Fund  
Putnam Tax-Free Income Trust  
Putnam Variable Trust  
Putnam Vista Fund  
Putnam Voyager Fund