
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:

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CC:

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Registrant's telephone number including
area code:

(617) 292-1000

Date of fiscal year end:

09/30

Date of reporting period:

07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017

Registrant: Putnam California Tax Exempt Income Fund
Fund Name: Putnam California Tax Exempt Income Fund
Date of Fiscal Year End: 09/30

**Commonwealth of
Puerto Rico**

Ticker	Security ID:	Meeting Date	Meeting Status		
N/A	CUSIP 16876QBE8	03/30/2017	Take No Action		
Meeting Type	Country of Trade				
Special	United States				
Issue No.	Description	Proponent	Mgmt Rec	Vote Cast	For/Agnst Mgmt
1	Bondholder Proposal	Mgmt	N/A	TNA	N/A

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		Date	Status		
N/A	CUSIP 16876QBG3	11/30/2016	Take No Action		
Meeting Type	Country of Trade				
Consent	United States				
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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**

By: **/s/ Jonathan S. Horwitz**

Name: **Jonathan S. Horwitz**

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

Date: **August 16, 2017**
