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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:

**811-3630**

Name of Registrant:

**Putnam California Tax Exempt  
Income Fund**

Address of Principal Executive Offices:

**100 Federal Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110**

Name and address of agent of service:

**Robert Burns, Vice President  
Putnam California Tax Exempt Income Fund  
100 Federal Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110**

CC:

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Ropes & Gray LLP  
1211 Avenue of the Americas  
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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:

**07/01/2018 - 06/30/2019**

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**Registrant Name:** 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 authorised.

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

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

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Name: **Jonathan S. Horowitz**

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

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Date: **August 12, 2019**

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