

California Ballot Initiative Breakdown

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Prop 1

Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018

Authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for existing affordable housing programs for low-income residents, veterans, farmworkers, manufactured and mobile homes, infill, and transit-oriented housing. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs to repay bonds averaging about \$170 million annually over the next 35 years.

Argument In Favor

Proposition 1 provides relief from the housing crisis by building some housing and helping those who struggle to buy housing; The measure honors veterans by helping them to buy a home.

Top Funders In Favor

Housing California, California Housing Consortium, State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Chevron, PG&E and the Kaiser Foundation

Editorials In Favor

- Bakersfield Californian
- Desert Sun
- Fresno Bee
- Los Angeles Times
- Mercury News
- Modesto Bee
- Sacramento Bee
- San Francisco Chronicle
- Santa Rosa Press Democrat

Argument Against

Proposition 1 will help a very limited number of persons; Californians are being asked to borrow more money through these bonds which will end up costing everyone.

Top Funders Against

N/A

Editorials Against

- Inland Daily Bulletin
- Long Beach Press-Telegram
- Los Angeles Daily News
- Orange County Register
- Riverside Press-Enterprise
- San Bernardino Sun
- San Diego Union-Tribune
- Torrance Daily Breeze

Prop 2

Use Millionaire's Tax Revenue for Homelessness Prevention Housing Bonds Measure

Authorizes state to use revenue from millionaire's tax for \$2 billion in bonds for homelessness prevention housing.

Argument In Favor

Supportive housing and treatment for homeless people living with serious mental illness. Proposition 2 won't raise taxes. It will help people off the streets and into comprehensive mental health services and addiction treatment.

Top Funders In Favor

Housing California, California Housing Consortium, State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Chevron, PG&E and the Kaiser Foundation

Editorials In Favor

- Bakersfield Californian
- Desert Sun
- Fresno Bee
- Los Angeles Times
- Mercury News
- Modesto Bee
- Sacramento Bee
- San Diego Union-Tribune
- San Francisco Chronicle
- Santa Rosa Press Democrat

Argument Against

Taking up to \$5.6 BILLION away from the severely mentally ill to fund bonds to build them just housing without requiring treatment will force many more into homelessness. It is unnecessary, because last year the Legislature authorized county use of MHSA funds for housing without the need to borrow money.

Top Funders Against

N/A

Editorials Against

- Inland Valley Bulletin
- Long Beach Press-Telegram
- Los Angeles Daily News
- Orange County Register
- Riverside Press-Enterprise
- San Bernardino Sun
- Torrance Daily Breeze

Prop 3

Water Infrastructure and Watershed Conservation Bond

Authorizes \$8.877 billion in state general obligation bonds for various infrastructure projects. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs to repay bonds averaging \$430 million per year over 40 years. Local government savings for water-related projects, likely averaging a couple hundred million dollars annually over the next few decades.

Argument In Favor

YES ON 3 secures safe, reliable, and clean water for California. YES ON 3 provides safe drinking water; repairs unsafe dams; provides drought protection; improves water quality in our ocean, bays, and rivers; and captures, treats, and reuses stormwater. YES ON 3 provides water for people, farms, and the environment.

Top Funders In Favor

California Waterfowl Association, Ducks Unlimited, California Wildlife Foundation and California Wildlife and Foundation Vesta Fund

Editorials In Favor

- Bakersfield Californian
- Fresno Bee
- Santa Rosa Press Democrat

Argument Against

Proposition 3 gives money to lots of organizations. That's the whole idea. But it will not produce one drop of new, usable water. Interest payments on the bonds will double the amount that has to be repaid to bond holders.

Top Funders Against

Sierra Club

Editorials Against

- Desert Sun
- Inland Valley Daily Bulletin
- Long Beach Press-Telegram
- Los Angeles Daily News
- Los Angeles Times
- Mercury News
- Orange County Register
- Riverside Press-Enterprise
- Sacramento Bee
- San Bernardino Sun
- San Diego Union-Tribune
- San Francisco Chronicle

Prop 4

Children's Hospital Bonds Initiative

Authorizes \$1.5 billion in bonds to be repaid from state's General Fund to fund grants for construction, expansion, renovation and equipping of qualifying children's hospitals. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs to repay bonds averaging about \$80 million annually over the next 35 years.

Argument In Favor

California Children's Hospitals provide specialized care for over 2 million sick children each year—cancer, sickle cell, organ transplants—no matter what families can pay. 85% of children with leukemia are cured. Proposition 4 increases capacity, provides the latest technology, and advances pediatric research to cure more children.

Top Funders In Favor

California Children's Hospital Association, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Valley Children's Hospital and the Children's Hospital of Orange County

Editorials In Favor

- Daily Californian
- Bakersfield Californian
- Los Angeles Times
- Mercury News
- Modesto Bee
- Sacramento Bee
- San Diego Union-Tribune
- San Francisco Chronicle
- Santa Cruz Sentinel
- Santa Rosa Press Democrat

Argument Against

Proposition 4 would authorize the State to borrow \$1.5 billion for construction and expansion at "non-profit" children hospitals by selling bonds that would need to be repaid with interest. We should look at the bigger picture and ask how to improve health care outcomes in California.

Top Funders Against

Elizabeth Wall Ralston, former president of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles

Editorials Against

- Inland Valley Daily Bulletin
- Long Beach Press-Telegram
- Los Angeles Daily News
- Orange County Register
- Riverside Press-Enterprise
- San Bernardino Sun
- Torrance Daily Breeze

Prop 5

Proposition 13 Tax Transfer Initiative

Removes certain transfer requirements for homeowners over 55, severely disabled homeowners and contaminated or disaster-destroyed property. Fiscal Impact: Schools and local governments each would lose over \$100 million in annual property taxes early on, growing to about \$1 billion per year. Similar increase in state costs to backfill school property tax losses.

Argument In Favor

Proposition 5 eliminates the "moving penalty" that currently hurts SENIORS (55+) and SEVERELY DISABLED Californians. YES means SENIORS and SEVERELY DISABLED can purchase a new primary residence and not face this property tax penalty. YES allows SENIORS/ SEVERELY DISABLED to move near family or purchase more practical, safer homes.

Top Funders In Favor

California Association of Realtors, National Association of Realtors

Editorials In Favor

- Bakersfield Californian
- Inland Valley Daily Bulletin
- Long Beach Press-Telegram
- Los Angeles Daily News
- Orange County Register
- Riverside Press-Enterprise
- San Bernardino Sun
- San Diego Union-Tribune
- Torrance Daily Breeze

Argument Against

Proposition 5 doesn't build any new housing or help first-time homebuyers purchase homes. It will cut up to \$1 billion in local revenue from public schools, fire, police, health care and other services for tax breaks for wealthy Californians and to help its authors—corporate real estate interests.

Top Funders Against

SEIU California State Council, California Teachers Association, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

Editorials Against

- Desert Sun
- Los Angeles Times
- Mercury News
- Modesto Bee
- Sacramento Bee
- San Francisco Chronicle
- Santa Rosa Press Democrat

Prop 6

Voter Approval for Gas and Vehicle Taxes Initiative

Repeals a 2017 transportation law's taxes and fees designated for road repairs and public transportation. Fiscal Impact: Reduced ongoing revenues of \$5.1 billion from state fuel and vehicle taxes that mainly would have paid for highway and road maintenance and repairs, as well as transit programs.

Argument In Favor

VOTE YES ON 6 to immediately LOWER GAS PRICES. Californians are struggling with the high cost of living. VOTE YES on Proposition 6 to repeal the unfair regressive gas and car tax increase and require voter approval for any future increase. VOTE YES on Proposition 6 for lower gas prices!

Top Funders In Favor

California Republican Party, John Cox

Editorials In Favor

- Inland Valley Daily Bulletin
- Long Beach Press-Telegram
- Los Angeles Daily News
- Orange County Register
- Riverside Press-Enterprise
- San Bernardino Sun
- Torrance Daily Breeze

Argument Against

California Professional Firefighters, California Association of Highway Patrolmen, American Society of Civil Engineers and first responders URGE NO on Proposition 6 because it jeopardizes the safety of bridges and roads. Proposition 6 eliminates \$5 billion annually in local transportation funding, stopping thousands of road safety, congestion relief and transportation improvement projects in every California community.

Top Funders Against

California Professional Firefighters, California Association of Highway Patrolmen, American Society of Professional Engineers, State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, California Alliance for Jobs

Editorials Against

- Bakersfield Californian
- Desert Sun
- La Opinion
- Los Angeles Times
- Mercury News
- Modesto Bee
- Sacramento Bee
- San Diego Union-Tribune
- San Francisco Chronicle
- Santa Rosa Press Democrat
- Ventura County Star

Prop 7

Permanent Daylight Saving Time Measure

Gives Legislature ability to change daylight saving time period by two-thirds vote, if changes are consistent with federal law. Fiscal Impact: This measure has no direct fiscal effect because changes to daylight saving time would depend on future actions by the Legislature and potentially the federal government.

Argument In Favor

Proposition 7 will end the biannual time changes that medical researchers and economists agree are hazardous to the health and productivity of schoolchildren, the workforce and seniors. Vote Yes on Proposition 7 to keep our children, workplaces and roadways safe.

Top Funders In Favor

N/A

Editorials In Favor

- Los Angeles Times
- Ventura County Star

Argument Against

Proposition 7 allows for permanent Daylight Saving time, subject to federal approval. It would be light in the evening in the summer, as it is now, but winter mornings would be dark for an extra hour so children would be going to school in the dark.

Top Funders Against

N/A

Editorials Against

- Bakersfield Californian
- Fresno Bee
- Mercury News
- Modesto Bee
- Sacramento Bee
- San Francisco Chronicle

Prop 8

Regulates Amounts Outpatient Kidney Dialysis Clinics Charge of Dialysis Treatment

Requires rebates and penalties if charges exceed limit. Requires annual reporting to the state. Prohibits clinics from refusing to treat patients based on payment source. Fiscal Impact: Overall annual effect on state and local governments ranging from net positive impact in the low tens of millions of dollars to net negative impact in the tens of millions of dollars.

Argument In Favor

Dialysis is a life-saving treatment, but big dialysis corporations making huge profits don't invest enough in basic sanitation and patient care. YES ON 8 supports investment in quality patient care and stops overcharging that drives up costs for Californians. The California Democratic Party, veterans, healthcare advocates and religious leaders agree.

Top Funders In Favor

Californians for Kidney Dialysis Patient Protection, Service Employees International Union, United Healthcare Workers West, California State Council of Service Employees

Editorials In Favor

- N/A

Argument Against

Proposition 8 is OPPOSED by thousands of nurses, doctors, patients, the American Nurses Association\California, California Medical Association, American College of Emergency Physicians of CA because it would result in the closure of many dialysis clinics in California—dangerously reducing access to care, putting the lives of vulnerable dialysis patients at risk, and increasing costs for California taxpayers.

Top Funders Against

California Medical Association, National Kidney Foundation, DaVita, Fresenius Medical Care North America

Editorials Against

- Bakersfield Californian
- Desert Sun
- Fresno Bee
- La Opinion
- Los Angeles Times
- Mercury News
- Modesto Bee
- San Diego Union-Tribune
- San Francisco Chronicle
- Santa Rosa Press Democrat

Prop 10

Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property

Repeals state law that currently restricts the scope of rent control policies that cities and other local jurisdictions may impose on residential property. Fiscal Impact: Potential net reduction in state and local revenues of tens of millions of dollars per year in the long term. Depending on actions by local communities, revenue losses could be less or considerably more.

Argument In Favor

Proposition 10 restores authority to establish rent control in local communities, putting fair, annual limits on the amount landlords can raise rent. This keeps tenants in their homes rather than being pushed far away or into homelessness. TEN protects TENants.

Top Funders In Favor

AIDS Healthcare Foundation, California Democratic Party, California Nurses Association, California Teacher's Association, ACLU of California, Housing California, Eviction Defense Network, SEIU and National Urban Defense League

Editorials In Favor

- Los Angeles Times
- Sacramento Bee

Argument Against

Proposition 10 will make the housing crisis worse, not better. Affordable housing advocates agree that Proposition 10 is bad for renters and bad for homeowners! It allows regulation of single-family homes and puts bureaucrats in charge of housing by letting them add fees on top of rent. VOTE NO ON 10!

Top Funders Against

California Association of Realtors, Blackstone Property Partners, Essex Property Trust, Equity Residential

Editorials Against

- Bakersfield Californian
- Fresno Bee
- Inland Valley Daily Bulletin
- La Opinion
- Long Beach Press-Telegram
- Los Angeles Daily News
- Mercury News
- Modesto Bee
- Orange County Register
- Riverside Press-Enterprise
- San Bernardino Sun
- San Diego Union-Tribune
- San Francisco Chronicle
- Santa Rosa Press Democrat
- Torrance Daily Breeze
- Ventura County Star

Prop 11

Requires Private-Sector Emergency Ambulance Employees to Remain On-Call During Work Breaks; Eliminates Certain Employer Liability

Law entitling hourly employees to breaks without being on-call would not apply to private-sector ambulance employees. Fiscal Impact: Likely fiscal benefit to local governments (in the form of lower costs and higher revenues), potentially in the tens of millions of dollars each year.

Argument In Favor

California faces disasters too often. Proposition 11 ensures EMTs and paramedics are paid to be reachable during breaks to save lives, gives them better disaster training that meets FEMA standards and mandatory mental health coverage. In an emergency, seconds are the difference between life and death. YES on 11! It's commonsense.

Top Funders In Favor

American Medical Response

Editorials In Favor

- *Bakersfield Californian*
- *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*
- *Long Beach Press-Telegram*
- *Los Angeles Daily News*
- *Los Angeles Times*
- *Mercury News*
- *Modesto Bee*
- *Orange County Register*
- *Riverside Press-Enterprise*
- *Sacramento Bee*
- *San Bernardino Sun*
- *San Diego Union-Tribune*
- *Santa Rosa Press Democrat*
- *Torrance Daily Breeze*

Top Funders Against

N/A

Argument Against

No argument against Proposition 11 was submitted.

Editorials Against

- *San Francisco Chronicle*

Prop 12

Establishes New Standards for Confinement of Specified Farm Animals; Bans Sale of Noncomplying Products

Establishes minimum requirements for confining certain farm animals. Prohibits sales of meat and egg products from animals confined in noncomplying manner. Fiscal Impact: Potential decrease in state income tax revenues from farm businesses, likely not more than several million dollars annually. State costs up to \$10 million annually to enforce the measure.

Argument In Favor

Confining a baby veal calf, mother pig, or egg-laying hen inside a tiny cage is cruel. Products from these suffering animals threaten food safety. YES on Proposition 12 endorses: Nearly 500 California veterinarians, ASPCA, Humane Society of the United States, California family farmers and animal shelters, Center for Food Safety.

Top Funders In Favor

The Humane Society of the United States of America, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, the Humane League

Editorials In Favor

- *Los Angeles Times*
- *Mercury News*

Argument Against

This outrageous sell-out to the egg industry betrays animals and voters. Californians already voted to ban cages by 2015. This cruel measure legalizes cages until at least 2022! And hens get just ONE SQUARE FOOT of space. Vote NO on farm animal cruelty by voting NO on Proposition 12.

Top Funders Against

Californians Against Cruelty, Cages and Fraud and the Humane Farming Action Fund

Editorials Against

- *Bakersfield Californian*
- *Modesto Bee*
- *Sacramento Bee*
- *San Diego Union-Tribune*
- *San Francisco Chronicle*
- *Santa Rosa Press Democrat*

For more information about initiatives on the midterm election ballot, visit the California Secretary of State website at www.sos.ca.gov.