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CAL-TAX: VOTERS PROTECT BUSINESS CLIMATE; REJECT FLAWED INITIATIVES

Larry McCarthy, president of the California Taxpayers' Association, issued the following comments on November 2 General Election results. Cal-Tax opposed Propositions 67 (the telephone tax), 70 (expanding Indian gambling) and 72 (the \$7 billion tax increase to pay for government-directed health care), and supported Proposition 64 (to curb shakedown lawsuits), as priority campaign positions.

“Once again, California voters demonstrated that they care about the state’s economy and jobs by rejecting deeply flawed initiatives promoted by special interests. Voters embraced this tremendous opportunity to improve the California business climate,” McCarthy said.

“California taxpayers thank Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for his leadership and hard work on ballot propositions. This was a complex ballot and the governor took clear pro-taxpayer positions and campaigned with energy and determination. The governor’s strong campaigning on ballot measures in this election cycle, including last March when serious tax threats were defeated, may be unprecedented in California history.”