# California Ballot Propositions

## November 2016 General Election

**Proposition 51 – Statewide Bond for School Facilities.** Provides for the issuance of $9 billion in general obligation bonds to fund improvements and construction of school facilities at K-12 schools and community colleges.

**Supporters:**
- California Association of Realtors
- California Building Industry Association
- California Business Roundtable
- California Teachers Association

**Opponents:**
- California Taxpayers Action Network

**Proponents are Bolded**

**CalTax Position**
- **Support Tier One**

**Reported Funding:** $5.27 million

**Proposition 52 – Hospital Tax to Fund Health Care Programs.** Secures existing revenue from the Hospital Quality Assurance Fee to ensure that California continues to receive federal matching funds for Medi-Cal related expenses. Specifically, the measure would require a 2/3 vote for any changes to the tax.

**Supporters:**
- California Business Properties Association
- California Business Roundtable
- CalChamber
- California Dental Association
- California Hospital Association
- California Medical Association
- California State Association of Counties
- Los Angeles County Business Federation
- Silicon Valley Leadership Group

**Opponents:**
- SEIU-UHW

**Proponents are Bolded**

**Reported Funding:** $40 million

**Proposition 53 – Revenue Bonds. Statewide Voter Approval.** Requires the Legislature to seek voter approval prior to issuing revenue bonds in excess of $2 billion.

**Supporters:**
- Dino & Joan Cortopassi
- Contra Costa Taxpayers Association
- Sacramento Taxpayers Association
- San Joaquin County Taxpayers Association
- Tulare County Taxpayers Association
- Yolo County Taxpayers Association

**Opponents:**
- American Council of Engineering Companies
- California Building Industry Association
- California Business Properties Association
- California Business Roundtable
- CalChamber
- CA Manufacturers & Technology Association
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern CA
- SEIU

**Proponents are Bolded**

**Reported Funding:** $4.5 million

**Proposition 54 – Legislative Transparency and Procedures.** Prohibits a proposed law from being voted on until the language has been in print and posted online for public review for at least 72 hours. Requires the Legislature to provide audiovisual recordings of all public proceedings, accessible on the Internet within 24 hours of the legislative meeting, and to archive the recordings for at least 20 years.

**Supporters:**
- Charles Munger, Jr.
- Sam Blakeslee
- California Business Roundtable
- CalChamber
- California Common Cause
- California NAACP
- Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

**Opponents:**
- California for an Effective Legislature
- California Democratic Party
- California Labor Federation
- National Organization for Women
- Sacramento City Council Member Steve Hansen

**Proponents are Bolded**

**Reported Funding:** $7.9 million

**Proposition 55 – Extends Personal Income Tax Increase On High-Income Earners.** Increases personal income taxes by about $90 billion by extending Proposition 30 of 2012’s 2018 sunset to 2030. The initiative does not extend Proposition 30’s sales tax increase, which is scheduled to expire December 31.

**Supporters:**
- Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom
- State Controller Betty Yee
- State Treasurer John Chiang
- California Federation of Teachers
- California Hospital Association
- California Medical Association
- California Professional Firefighters
- California School Employees Association
- California Teachers Association

**Opponents:**
- CalChamber
- Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
- National Federation of Independent Business

**Proponents are Bolded**

**Reported Funding:** $42.9 million

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**Proposition 56 – Tobacco Tax Increase.** Increases tobacco taxes by $2 per package of 20 cigarettes, with an equivalent tax on other tobacco products, for a total tax increase estimated at $1.6 billion per year. The initiative expands the definition of “other tobacco products” to include electronic cigarettes and similar vapor products. Most of the additional revenue generated by the tax increase would fund Medi-Cal, California’s health care program for low-income residents.

**Supporters:**
- Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom
- State Controller Betty Yee
- BOE Chairwoman Fiona Ma
- Tom Steyer
- American Lung Association
- California Democratic Party
- California Medical Association
- California NAACP
- SEIU

**Opponents:**
- California Manufacturers & Technology Assn
- California Retailers Association
- Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
- OC Deputy Sheriff’s Association

**Reported Funding:** $17.1 million

**Proposition 57 – Reduces and Adjusts Prison Sentences.** Provides early release and resentencing for individuals convicted of non-violent criminal acts.

**Supporters:**
- Governor Jerry Brown
- California Faculty Association
- California Federation of Teachers
- League of Women Voters
- SEIU

**Opponents:**
- California Districts Attorneys Association
- California Homeowners Association
- California Peace Officers Association
- California Police Chiefs Association

**Reported Funding:** $7.2 million

**Proposition 58 – Repeal of ‘English Only Education.’** Would repeal major provisions of a voter-approved initiative that requires public school teaching of students with limited English proficiency (LEP) to be conducted entirely in English. (Proposition 227 of 1998). Overturning the initiative would allow non-English-language instruction for LEP students in public schools in California and would require school districts and county offices of education to provide English learners with a structured English immersion program. If approved by voters, it would be effective July 1, 2017.

**Supporters:**
- Senator Ricardo Lara
  - California School Boards Association
  - California Teachers Association
  - San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce

**Opponents:**
- Senator Joel Anderson
  - Assemblywoman Shannon Grove
  - Ron Unz

**Proposition 59 – Advisory Vote to Petition Congress to Limit Independent Expenditures.** Asks the voters on whether Congress should be asked to overturn *Citizen’s United v. Federal Election Commission*, which allows campaigns to use independent expenditures to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure. The proposal may be placed on the ballot by a majority vote of the Legislature.

**Supporters:**
- Senator Ben Allen
  - Senator Mark Leno
  - California Common Cause
  - California Teachers Association
  - California Labor Federation
  - California Professional Firefighters
  - California Public Interest Research Group
  - Consumer Watchdog
  - Courage Campaign
  - Mexican American Legal Defense Fund

**Opponents:**
- Los Angeles Times
- San Diego Union-Tribune
- Santa Cruz Sentinel

**Proposition 60 - Restrictions on Producers of Adult Films.** Imposes several new restrictions on the adult film industry. Its most notable provision would require men who appear in pornographic films produced in California to wear condoms during sexual intercourse – a provision that already is part of state regulations and Los Angeles County law, but would be codified in state law if voters approve this initiative.

**Supporters:**
- AIDS Healthcare Foundation
- American Sexual Health Association
- Int. Entertainment Adult Union

**Opponents:**
- California Democratic Party
- California Libertarian Party
- California Republican Party
- Equality California
- Harvey Milk Club
- Valley Industry and Commerce Association

**Reported Funding:** $2.4 million

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**Proposition 61 – Mandated Cap on Drug Prices.** Prohibits a state agency from paying more for a prescription drug than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**Supporters:**
- AIDS Healthcare Foundation
- California Nurses Association
- AARP

**Opponents:**
- CalChamber
- California Medical Association
- California NAACP
- PhRMA
- Veterans of Foreign Wars

**Reported Funding:** $9.4 million

**Proposition 62 – Abolishes the Death Penalty.** Repeals the death penalty in the State of California and modifies rules concerning those already convicted of a crime requiring a death sentence.

**Supporters:**
- Mike Farrell
- Reed Hastings
- Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom
- ACLU
- California Labor Federation
- NAACP
- SEIU

**Opponents:**
- Governor George Deukmejian
- Governor Pete Wilson
- California District Attorneys Association
- California Police Chiefs Association
- California Professional Firefighters
- Peace Officers Research Association of CA

**Reported Funding:** $3.8 million

**Proposition 63 – Firearms, Ammunition Sales.** Restricts the type of firearms and ammunition that may be bought or sold in California.

**Supporters:**
- Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom
- US Senator Dianne Feinstein
- California Medical Association
- Courage Campaign
- SEIU

**Opponents:**
- California Rifle & Pistol Association
- California State Sheriffs’ Association
- National Rifle Association
- Pink Pistols

**Reported Funding:** $3.6 million

**Proposition 64 – Marijuana Legalization.** This measure would legalize the use of marijuana for nonmedical purposes by people age 21 and older, and would impose various taxes on the drug.

**Supporters:**
- Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom
- Sean Parker
- California Medical Association
- NAACP

**Opponents:**
- US Senator Dianne Feinstein
- California Association of Highway Patrolmen
- California District Attorneys Association
- California Hospital Association
- California Peace Officers Association
- California Teamsters Union
- California State Sheriffs’ Association

**Reported Funding:** $8.5 million

**Proposition 65 - Seizure of Retailers’ Bag Sales Revenue.** Re-directs local single-use bag revenue to the State of California for purposes of funding recycling and conservation programs and drought mitigation.

**Supporters:**
- American Progressive Bag Alliance
- California Taxpayer Protection Committee
- California Senior Advocates League

**Opponents:**
- Californians Against Waste
- Harvey Milk Club

**Reported Funding:** $6.1 million

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## Proposition 66 – Restructures Death Sentencing

*Description:* Adjusts the appeal and petition proceedings for capital offenses so as to reduce the time and cost required for capital sentencing.

**Supporters:**
- Kermit Alexander
- Governor George Deukmejian
- Governor Pete Wilson
- California District Attorneys Association
- California Police Chiefs Association
- California Peace Officers’ Association
- California Professional Firefighters

**Opponents:**
- Antonio Villaraigosa
- Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom
- ACLU
- California Federation of Teachers
- California Labor Federation
- California NAACP
- League of Women Voters
- SEIU

**Reported Funding:** $2 million

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## Proposition 67 – Referendum of Statewide Bag Regulations

*Description:* Overturns state law that prohibits grocery stores and certain other stores from providing single-use plastic bags and authorizes stores to impose a charge of up to 10 cents per single-use paper bag. A “yes” vote would enact the law, while a “no” vote would repeal the law. (Note: Until voters approve or reject this measure, single-use plastic bags will remain available to consumers.)

**Supporters:**
- Governor Jerry Brown
- Tom Steyer
- California Labor Federation
- California State Association of Counties
- League of California Cities
- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- NAACP
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Sierra Club

**Opponents:**
- American Forest & Paper Association
- CA Manufacturers & Technology Association
- California Taxpayer Protection Committee
- Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

**Reported Funding:** $6.1 million

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