

Overview of California Ballot Propositions

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Proposition 1: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018



- Authorizes \$4 Billion in Bonds to Fund Specified Housing Assistance Programs
- Key Provisions
 - \$1 Billion CalVets Program
 - \$1.5 Billion Multifamily Affordable Housing
 - \$1.2 Billion Local Housing
 - \$300 Million Mortgage Assistance
- Implementing Agency: CalVets; Housing and Community Development; Local Government
- Cost: \$4 Billion--\$5.95 Billion (35 years)
- Support/Opposition
 - Support: Many Local Governments; Realtors; Building and Construction Trades; Housing Advocates
 - Opposition: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Proposition 2: No Place Like Home Act of 2018



- **Authorizes \$2 Billion in Revenue to Fund Specified Housing Assistance Programs**
- **Key Provisions**
 - Reallocates \$2 Billion from Proposition 63 (1% income tax increase on income above \$1 million for mental health care) to homelessness prevention
 - Responds to litigation from mental health organizations
 - Ratifies the state No Place Like Home Program
 - Amends the Mental Health Services Act authorize transfer of up to \$140 million per year
- **Implementing Agency: California Development of Health Care Services**
- **Cost: No Effect--Prop 63 Revenue \$1.5-\$2.5 Billion per year. One time transfer of \$2 Billion annual transfer of up to \$140 Million**
- **Support/Opposition**
 - Support: Homelessness Prevention Orgs; Mental Health America; LE Organizations; Business Groups; Building and Construction Trades; Housing Advocates
 - Opposition: National Alliance of Mental Illness; Primary Care Organizations

Proposition 3: Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018



- Authorizes \$8.877 Billion in Bonds to Fund Water Related Infrastructure and Environmental Projects
- Key Provisions
 - \$3.03 Billion to Safe Drinking Water
 - \$2.95 Billion to Watershed and Fisheries
 - \$940 Million to Habitat Protection
 - \$855 Million to Improved Water Conveyance & \$472 for Dam-Conveyance Repairs
 - \$685 Million to Groundwater Sustainability
 - \$350 Million to the Sierra Nevada
- Implementing Agency: CNRA; SNC; CTC; DWR; SWRCB, etc.
- Cost: \$8.9 Billion--\$17.3 Billion (40 years)
- Support/Opposition
 - Support: Sen. Dianne Feinstein; Labor; Agriculture; Business; Water Agencies; TNC & most of Environmental; Realtors; Building and Construction Trades; Housing Advocates
 - Opposition: Rep. Anthony Rendon; Sierra Club; Friends of the River; League of Women Voters; Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Proposition 4: Children's Hospital Bond Initiative of 2018



- **Authorizes \$1.5 Billion in Bonds to Fund**
- **Key Provisions**
 - \$1.5 Billion Competitive Grant Program
 - Limited to Children's Hospitals for construction, expansion, renovation and equipment.
 - Directed 72% to 8 Nonprofit Hospitals in LA, Oakland, Orange, Long Beach, Loma Linda, Palo Alto, San Diego and Madera
 - Directed %18 to 5 UC Hospitals in LA, Irvine, Sacramento, San Diego and San Francisco
 - Directed %10 to others
- **Implementing Agency: California Health Facilities Financing Authority**
- **Cost: \$1.5 Billion--\$2.9 Billion (35 years)**
- **Support/Opposition**
 - Support: California Children's Hospital Association; California Teachers Association
 - Opposition: League of Women Voters; Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Proposition 5: Property Tax Transfer Initiative



- Revises Process for Homebuyers 55 and Older or Disabled to Transfer Property Tax Assessments
- Key Provisions
 - Combined constitutional amendment and state statute
 - Allows homebuyers 55 and over to transfer their tax assessments from prior home to new home regardless of value, location or number of moves
 - Current law allows transfer for home of equal or lessor value ONCE adjusted by local tax assessor
 - Amends Prop 13 for the third time on this issue (Prop 60 [1986] and Prop 90 [1988])
- Implementing Agency: Statute
- Cost: Reduced Property Tax to Local Government; “Tens of Millions” Higher Local Government Costs; \$100 Million Per Year Education;
- Support/Opposition
 - Support: California Association of Realtors; California Chamber of Commerce
 - Opposition: California Teachers Association; California Supervisors Association; California Federation of Teachers; AFSCME

Proposition 6: Voter Approval for Future Gas and vehicle Taxes and 2017 Tax Repeal Initiative



- **Constitutional Amendment to repeal the 2017 fuel tax require a public vote on future increases**
- **Key Provisions**
 - Repeals fuel tax increases and vehicle fees that were enacted in 2017, including the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (RRAA)
 - Requires voter approval (via ballot propositions) for the California State Legislature to impose, increase, or extend fuel taxes or vehicle fees in the future
- **Savings: \$2.9 Billion (2018-10); \$4.9 Billion Annually by 2020-21.**
- **Support/Opposition**
 - Support: “Yes on Prop 6, Repeal the Gas Tax” ballot measure committee; California Republican Party; Kevin McCarthy campaign committee; John Cox campaign committee (\$3.1 million spent)
 - Opposition: Coalition to Protect Local Transportation Improvements; California Alliance for Jobs; Laborers Pacific Southwest Regional Organizing Coalition Issues PAC; Members' Voice of the State Building; Construction Trades Council of California (\$10.7 million)

Proposition 7: Permanent Daylight Savings Time Initiative



- Authorizes legislature to provide for permanent daylight saving time if federal government allows
- Key Provisions
 - Allows State Legislature to establish permanent, year-round daylight saving time (DST) in California by a two-thirds vote if federal law is changed to allow for permanent DST
- Implementing Agency: State Legislature
- No Direct Fiscal Impact
- Support/Opposition
 - Support: Rep. Kansen Chu (D-25), Rep. Lorena Gonzalez (D-80), and cardiologist Sion Roy: 10% heart attack increase, 8% stroke risk increase (25% for cancer patients; 20% for people over age 65) due to disrupted sleep patterns. More pedestrian accidents on dark mornings.
 - Opposition: Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-19) and Rep. Phillip Chen (R-55): No scientific evidence that DST saves energy or makes anyone safer. Unsuccessfully implemented in 1974 – people did not like that the sun rose too late in the morning. Sen. Jim Nielsen (R-4): "It's fixing something that is not broken."

Proposition 8: Limits on Dialysis Clinics' Revenue and required Refunds Initiative



- **Key Provisions**
 - Requires kidney dialysis clinics to refund to patients/payers revenues above 115% of costs of direct patient care and improvement costs (training, technology support, etc.)
 - Prohibits discrimination/refusing services based on a patient's payment source
 - Requires annual reporting to the state regarding clinic costs, patient charges, and revenue
- **Implementing Agency: California Dept. of Public Health**
- **Costs**
 - \$1 million annually, covered by license fee increases for dialysis clinics
 - Savings for reduced government employee and retiree health benefits spending on dialysis treatment, potentially “up to tens of millions of dollars annually”
- **Support/Opposition**
 - Support: CalPERS, California Labor Federation
 - Opposition: California Medical Association, National Kidney Foundation

Proposition 10: Local Rent Control Initiative



- **Key Provisions**

- Allows local governments to adopt rent control on any type of rental housing
- Repeals Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, which currently prohibits rent control on housing first occupied after 2/1/95, and condos and townhouses

- **Implementing Agency: Local Governments**

- **Cost: Unknown**

- Potentially significant changes in state/local tax revenues. Net decrease more likely than net increase.
- Fiscal Impact: “Potential increase in local government costs of up to tens of millions of dollars per year in the long term, likely paid by fees on owners of rental housing.”

- **Support/Opposition**

- Support: Coalition for Affordable Housing, California Democratic Party, ACLU, Our Revolution, Unions (Cal. Teachers Assn., Cal. Nurses Assn.) (\$11.9 million)
- Opposition: Californian Apt. Assn., Cal. Rental Housing Assn., Cal. Republican Party, Cal. Chamber of Commerce, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn., NAACP (\$18.4 million)

Proposition 11: Paid On-Call Breaks, Training and Mental Health Services for Ambulance Employees



- **Key Provisions**

- Allows private ambulance providers to require workers to remain on-call during paid breaks; regulates timing of meal breaks for these employees (EMTs and paramedics)
- Requires employers to provide additional training on active shooters and multiple casualties, natural disasters, violence prevention, and mental health/wellness
- Requires employers to provide EMTs and paramedics with paid mental health services

- **Implementing Agency: Private Ambulance Service Providers**

- **Cost**

- Fiscal Impact Statement: “Local government net savings likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually due to lower emergency ambulance contract costs.”

- **Support/Opposition**

- Support: American Medical Response, sole donor (\$21.9 million)
- Opposition: California Teachers Association (\$0); San Francisco Chronicle: Prop. 11 will “effectively void pending labor-related lawsuits against American Medical Response... Those workers should not be denied their day in court.”

Proposition 12: Farm Animal Confinement Initiative



- **Bans the sale of meat and eggs from:**
 - Calves raised for veal confined in an area less than 43 square feet per calf
 - Breeding pigs confined in an area with less than 24 square feet per pig
 - Egg-laying hens confined in an area with less than 1 square foot per hen
- **Implementing Agency**
 - California Department of Food and Agriculture
 - California Department of Public Health
- **Cost**
 - **Fiscal Impact Statement:** “Potential decrease in state and local tax revenues from farm businesses, likely not to exceed the low millions of dollars annually. Potential state costs ranging up to ten million dollars annually to enforce the measure.”
- **Support/Opposition**
 - **Support:** Humane Society of United States, American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Animal Welfare Institute, Farm Forward, Mercy for Animals, etc.
 - **Opposition:** National Pork Producers Council, Assn. of California Egg Farmers, Friends of Animals, Humane Farming Assn., PETA (!?)