

# 2018 STATEWIDE ELECTION BALLOT CHEAT SHEET



Unless otherwise noted, the San Diego County Taxpayers Association has not taken a position on the statewide initiatives here presented.

# Statewide Initiatives on the November 6, 2018 General Election Ballot



# **Proposition 1:**

Authorizes \$4 Billion in Bonds to Fund Specified Housing Assistance Programs

- Designated funding includes \$1 Billion to assist veterans in buying homes and \$450 Million to construct housing near public transit in dense areas.
- The total cost of the bond is an estimated \$5.9 Billion over the next 35 years.
- In the past: SDCTA supported the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014, which assured that future bonds would fund needed programs.

Main Supporters: CA Democratic Party, League of Women Voters Main Opponents: CA Republican Party



#### **Proposition 2:**

Authorizes \$2 Billion in Bonds to Fund Existing Housing Program for Individuals with Mental Illness

- Bonds would fund affordable housing with on-site social and medical services for those with mental illnesses who are homeless.
- The State would divert up to \$140 Million per year away from designated mental health treatment funds.
- In the past: SDCTA stayed neutral on the Mental Health Services Act, which would have shifted \$227 Million from the state mental health fund to pay for a low-income child development program.

Main Supporters: CA Democratic Party, League of California Cities Main Opponents: National Alliance on Mental Illness, Contra Costa



### **Proposition 3:**

Authorizes \$8.9 Billion in Bonds to Fund Projects for Water and Wildlife Conservation

- Designated funding includes \$2.5 Billion for watershed protection, \$2.1 Billion for water supply improvements, \$1.4 Billion for habitat restoration, and \$1.1 Billion for groundwater management.
- The total cost of the bond is an estimated \$17.3 Billion over the next 40 years.
- In June 2018, California voters approved a \$4.1 Billion bond to fund water infrastructure improvements.
- **In the past:** SDCTA supported a 2014 \$7.5 Billion water bond to avoid future crises.

Main Supporters: John Cox, Dianne Feinstein, League of California Cities Main Opponents: Sierra Club of California, League of Women Voters



# **Proposition 4:**

Authorizes \$1.5 Billion in Bonds to Fund Construction at Hospitals Providing Children's Health Care

- \$1.08 Billion would be designated to the state's eight private non-profit children's hospitals and \$270 Million for the five hospitals run through one of the University of California campuses (such as Rady Children's Hospital).
- The total cost of the bond is an estimated \$2.9 Billion over the next 35 years.
- In the past: SDCTA opposed \$750,000 in bonds from the City of San Diego to fund capital projects in children's hospitals in 2004, holding that all hospital infrastructure needed to be addressed.

Main Supporters: California Children's Hospital Association Main Opponents: California Republican Party, California Controller



**Proposition 5:** 

Changes Requirements for Certain Property Owners to Transfer their Property Tax Base to Replacement Property • A Yes vote would allow older (55+) or disabled homeowners to take a portion of their lowered property tax base if they sell their home and move.

Main Supporters: California Association of Realtors Main Opponents: California State Association of Counties

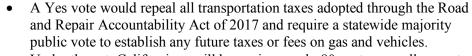


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# **Proposition 6:**

Eliminates Certain Road Repair and Transportation Funding, Requires Fuel Taxes be Approved by the Electorate



- Under the act, Californians will be paying nearly 80 cents per gallon next year. The measure would create a \$5.1 Billion reduction in ongoing revenues for state and local transportation projects over the next two years.
- After considering valid arguments opposing and supporting the measure,
   SDCTA has remained neutral on Proposition 6. Read the full analysis here.



# **Proposition 7:**

Conforms California Daylight Saving Time to Federal Law, Allows Legislature to Change Daylight Saving Time Period

- A Yes vote would repeal Daylight Saving Time laws and allow the Legislature to pass a law terminating the custom of moving clocks backward twice a year.
- The measure may affect worker productivity.

Main Supporters: California Democratic Party Main Opponents: Sacramento Bee Editorial Board



### **Proposition 8:**

Regulates Amounts Outpatient Kidney Dialysis Clinics Charge for Dialysis Treatment

- A Yes vote would require companies operating dialysis clinics to pay back insurance companies any profits over 15% of qualifying business costs.
- In the past: SDCTA opposed the Drug Price Relief Act of 2016, as pharmaceutical companies may offset profit losses by allocating less investment toward drug research and development, negatively affecting innovation

Main Supporters: International Union-United Healthcare Workers Main Opponents: Fresenius Medical Care and Davita



### **Proposition 10:**

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

- A Yes vote would repeal the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, which limits cities' abilities to enact rent control and prevents landlords from increasing the rents of vacant units to match market price.
- The measure would reduce state and local tax revenues by tens of millions of dollars per year in the long term and increase local government costs.
- SDCTA opposes Proposition 10, as the measure does not fully address housing affordability challenges in California. Read the full analysis here.



#### **Proposition 11:**

Requires Private-Sector Emergency Ambulance Employees to Remain On-Call During Work Breaks

- A Yes vote would continue to allow private ambulance services to require their emergency medical service employees to remain on call during breaks, adding training and paid medical health services as well.
- This measure follows a decision from the California Supreme Court stating that security guards should not be required to remain on call during breaks.
- The measure is likely to locally decrease costs and increase revenues.

  Main Supporters: American Medical Response, CA Republican Party

  Main Opponents: California Teachers Association, CA Democratic Party



### **Proposition 12:**

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

- A Yes vote would place specific size requirements on the coops and cages used to contain breeding pigs, veal calves, and egg-laying hens.
- The measure would also prohibit California businesses from selling food products brought about in non-compliant conditions.
- Enforcement of this measure could cost up to \$10 Million at the state level. **Main Supporters:** Humane Society of the United States, Mercy for Animals **Main Opponents:** California Pork Producers Association