

Central Valley Voter Guide

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Statewide Ballot Measures

PRIORITY STATEWIDE MEASURES

Proposition 5: NO

Plain English Title: Guts Prop 13 and Makes it Easier to Raise Taxes by Lowering Vote Required on Ad-Valorem Taxes from Two-Thirds to 55%

Politicians' Deceptive Title on Ballot: Allows Local Bonds for Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure with 55% Voter Approval. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

Description: California politicians have long sought to repeal Prop 13 and impose costly and unfair tax hikes on struggling residents. Prop 5 is another effort to chip away at Prop 13 protections and make it much easier for politicians to raise your taxes. Californians face a cost-of-living crisis and simply cannot afford higher taxes that Prop 5 would help impose.

Proposition 36: YES

Plain English Title: Restores Ability for Police and Prosecutors to Arrest and Punish Criminals to Combat Crime Wave

Politicians' Deceptive Title on Ballot: Allows Felony Charges and Increases Sentences for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes. Initiative Statute.

Description: In 2014 California's liberal politicians lied to voters on the ballot with a false title on Prop 47 – claiming the measure enhanced public safety but it actually coddled criminals by eliminating the ability of police and prosecutors to arrest and punish criminals for a wide range of crimes. Now California faces a massive crime wave with both property and violent crime spiking. Prop 36 will reverse the bad Prop 47 policies that benefit criminals and give police and prosecutors the tools they need to protect us.

OTHER STATEWIDE MEASURES

Proposition 2: NO

Plain English Title: \$10 Billion in More State Debt for Unspecified Expenditures in School Districts. Funds to Be Awarded Without Fair and Open Competition.

Politicians' Deceptive Title on Ballot: Authorizes Bonds for Public School and Community College Facilities. Legislative Statute.

Description: Prop 2 maxes out the state's credit card by borrowing \$10 billion at high interest rates – at a time when school enrollment in California is rapidly declining and local politicians are discriminating against Charter Schools by prohibiting them from using public facilities. Prop 2 funds will likely be diverted to fill district budget deficits. Prop 2 also contains a mandatory Project Labor Agreement provision gutting fair and open competition on construction contracts at school districts so funds are diverted to politically-connected firms. Watch Video for more.

Proposition 3: YES

Plain English Title: Updating State Constitution to Reflect 2015 US Supreme Court Ruling Allowing Gay Marriage

Politicians' Deceptive Title on Ballot: Constitutional Right to Marriage. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

Description: There is no reason why this issue is even on the ballot in 2024 as this has been settled constitutional law since 2015.

Proposition 4: NO

Plain English Title: \$10 Billion in More State Debt for Unspecified Climate Change Projects.

Politicians' Deceptive Title on Ballot: Authorizes Bonds for Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, and Protecting Communities and Natural Lands from Climate Risks. Legislative Statute.

Description: Prop 4 maxes out the state's credit card by borrowing \$10 billion at high interest rates – with no associated plan to fix the state's water crisis and no commitment to address failures in fire risk management. The vast majority of Prop 4 funds will go to wasteful climate change projects and to backfill budget deficits. Watch Video for more.

Proposition 6: NO

Plain English Title: Removes Requirement that Criminals in Prison Have to Do Work Details – Allows Prisoners to Unionize and Demand Pay Hikes from Taxpayers

Politicians' Deceptive Title on Ballot: Eliminates Constitutional Provision Allowing Involuntary Servitude for Incarcerated Persons. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

Description: Prop 6 is being sold as a ban on "slavery and involuntary servitude" but it actually just eliminates the ability of state prisons to require criminals behind bars do work to earn their keep. Worse, taxpayers will be forced to give pay raises to prisoners for doing tasks they should be doing themselves like cleaning their cells and common areas, doing laundry, making foods, etc. Watch Video for more.

Proposition 32: NO

Plain English Title: \$18 Minimum Wage Increase – Can't Be Revoked Unless Voters Vote Again

Politicians' Deceptive Title on Ballot: Raises Minimum Wage. Initiative Statute.

Description: At a time when Californians are suffering under high inflation and previous minimum wage hikes have spiked prices and destroyed entry-level jobs, Prop 32 would codify a massive wage hike through a voter initiative. Watch Video for more.

Proposition 33: NO

Plain English Title: Expands Local Governments' Ability to Pass Rent Control Laws and Restrict Other Private Property Rights

Politicians' Deceptive Title on Ballot: Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property. Initiative Statute.

Description: Californians are suffering under high housing and rent prices, but rent control would actually make housing substantially more expensive. Rent control has never worked – just ask renters in San Francisco and Los Angeles that both have the most aggressive rent control laws. If Prop 33 passes, rent control will choke supply of rental units and lead to a massive price spike. Watch Video for more.

Proposition 34: YES

Plain English Title: Campaign Finance Reform – Preventing Use of Taxpayer Money in Politics

Politicians' Deceptive Title on Ballot: Restricts Spending by Health Care Providers Meeting Specified Criteria. Initiative Statute.

Description: Prop 34 was put on the ballot because a so-called non-profit (The AIDS Healthcare Foundation) has received hundreds of millions in taxpayer funds for their programs through government contracts and has used those funds to engage in ballot measure campaigns to advance liberal policies. Prop 34 would end that scheme.

Proposition 35: NO

Plain English Title: Health Care Tax Increase

Politicians' Deceptive Title: Provides Permanent Funding for Medi-Cal Health Care Services. Initiative Statute.

Description: Prop 35 permanently imposes a tax on health care – specifically managed care organizations (MCOs) that offer health insurance coverage. For this reason we recommend a NO vote. However, there are a number of worthy provisions in this initiative to hold state politicians accountable for spending health care funds on health care and for ensuring that reimbursement rates to struggling health care providers are made more sustainable. We hope to see those good provisions in a future initiative presented to voters.

Local Ballot Measures

U.S. President

Donald J Trump

U.S. Senate

U.S. Congress Races

U.S. Senate

Steve Garvey

U.S. House of Representatives

Congressional District 22: David Valadao

Statewide Candidate Races

State Legislative Races

State Senate

Senate District 5: Jim Shoemaker

State Assembly

Assembly District 22: Juan Alanis

County Candidate Races

City Candidate Races

School Districts

Special Districts

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NOTE: If we do not make a recommendation on a candidate or ballot measure, we either could not support the measure or candidates running in that race, or do not have enough information to make an informed recommendation.

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