



MILLION VOTERS PROJECT VOTER GUIDE



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CALIFORNIA



Vote Yes on Prop 55, 56 and 57

on Tuesday, November 8, 2016

YES to Schools & Health Care. NO TO PRISONS.

In California, the Election is about much more than the next President. You may think your vote doesn't matter, but your choices will directly impact your family, your job, and your neighborhood.

On November 8th, we will decide on 17 state initiatives - and even more local measures. **What's your vision for California? Do you believe in expanding opportunities for children to learn and be healthy? Do you believe in freedom and allowing people a chance to get their lives back on track? Do you believe government should limit the power of big corporations?**

California voters have come together to find solutions to our problems. We have raised the minimum wage, expanded health care to millions, provided immigrants with drivers licenses, taxed the wealthy to fund schools, and offered more people a second chance for low-level crimes. We have made important steps forward. The November 8th election gives us our next chance to expand equality, justice and opportunity.



YES ON PROP 55:

Fund Schools and Health Care by Taxing the Rich

Remember when teachers were being laid off, after school programs were closing and college fees were on the rise? That was just 5 years ago. Thanks to California voters, income taxes on the rich were raised to fund schools and critical services in 2012. Up to \$8 billion annually now supports our schools, and this was the first step in stopping decades of painful budget cuts in California.

This tax on the wealthiest Californians expires in 2019. Schools will face deep budget cuts again unless California voters pass Prop 55. Prop 55 will extend this tax on the rich for 12 more years, making sure our schools have the resources to prepare our kids for the future.



SUPPORTERS: California Teachers Association, California Federation of Teachers, California Labor Federation, California School Employees Association, California Democratic Party, Dolores Huerta Foundation, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights



OPPONENTS: California Chamber of Commerce, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, California Taxpayers Association, California Republican Party

WHY IT'S NEEDED:

- ✓ After the recession, California schools lost \$50 billion in funds – resulting in teacher layoffs, larger classes and arts programs cut to the bone

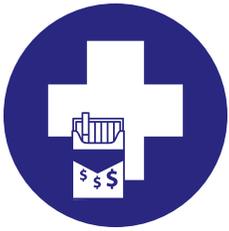
WHAT IT DOES:

- ✓ Continues the income tax rates on the wealthiest Californians for 12 more years
- ✓ Only affects 2% of Californians who make over \$250,000 a year
- ✓ Raises \$4 to \$9 billion a year between 2019 and 2030

WHERE THE MONEY GOES:

- ✓ Money from Proposition 55 will go toward K-12 schools, community colleges, and Medi-Cal.

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YES ON PROP 56:

Save Lives and Fund Health Care by Taxing Cigarettes

Smoking kills more people than car accidents, guns, illegal drugs, and AIDS combined. In every other state that has significantly raised its cigarette taxes, smoking rates have gone down. The US Surgeon General says tobacco taxes are especially effective in reducing youth smoking.

Proposition 56 increases taxes on cigarettes to fund health care and smoking prevention for children and seniors, and helps stop young people in our communities from starting dangerous lifelong habits. For decades, Big Tobacco has lied about the dangers of smoking, and targeted their advertisement in low-income and people of color communities. Prop 56 would help us stand up to these companies by investing in our health instead of lining their pockets.



SUPPORTERS: Service Employees International Union of California (SEIU), Next/Gen Climate Change, American Cancer Society Action Network, American Lung Association in California, California Democratic Party



OPPONENTS: Phillip Morris USA, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company, California Taxpayers Association, California Republican Party

WHY IT'S NEEDED:

- ✓ Prevents people from smoking, especially teenagers
- ✓ Triples funding for health care for children and seniors
- ✓ Brings California's tobacco taxes in line with most other states in the nation. The last time California raised cigarette taxes was in 1998

WHAT IT DOES:

- ✓ Increases taxes on cigarettes and e-cigarettes by \$2 a pack
- ✓ Raises up to \$1.4 billion a year
- ✓ Over 80% of the all new revenue will fund Medi-Cal to provide health care for low-income Californians



YES ON PROP 57:

Unfair Prison Sentences Hurt Our Community

California's criminal justice system is broken and unfair. People in our communities are more likely to be unjustly arrested and slapped with long prison sentences for minor crimes. This is unfair, tears apart families, and increases prison costs. We need to invest in schools, job training and rehabilitation programs that prevent crime. With a second chance, many can turn their lives around.

In recent years, Californians have voted to prioritize rehabilitation and education over "lock 'em up and throw away the key" sentencing practices. Prop 57 is another step forward, allowing non-violent offenders to be eligible for parole after completing the first full term of their sentence if they demonstrate good behavior and complete education programs. Proposition 57 also protects young people from being tried as adults by requiring judges to carefully review all of the circumstances of their life before making a decision on whether they should be charged as an adult.



SUPPORTERS: Service Employees International Union of California (SEIU), California Democratic Party, Californians for Safety and Justice, California Federation of Teachers, League of Women Voters of California



OPPONENTS: California District Attorneys Association, California Republican Party, California Peace Officers Association

WHY IT'S NEEDED:

- ✓ Now inmates must serve fixed prison terms and additional time for sentencing enhancements
- ✓ Prevents long sentences that are unfair for the offense
- ✓ Protects young people from being tried as adults. 90% of youth prosecuted as adults are Black, Latino or Asian

WHAT IT DOES:

- ✓ Allows more Californians to qualify for parole after completing the first full term of their sentence
- ✓ Provides credits for good behavior and encourages completion of rehabilitation and education
- ✓ Protects minors as young as 14 from being tried as adults by requiring a hearing in juvenile court to determine their charges.



VOTE YES ON PROP 58:

Allow Parent Choice in School Language Programs

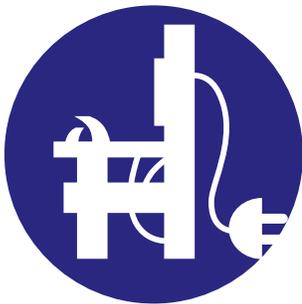
One in five students in California learn English while they are in school. In a wave of anti-immigrant attacks in the 1990s, California passed Proposition 227 which eliminated bilingual education in public schools. This law has made it harder for children to excel in school by preventing teachers from teaching in multiple languages. Proposition 58 would allow school districts to establish language immersion programs, let parents choose the best program for their children and require all schools to ensure English proficiency.



SUPPORTERS: Senator Ricardo Lara, California Labor Federation, California Teachers Association, United Teachers Los Angeles, SEIU California, California Democratic Party, Advancement Project



OPPONENTS: Ron Unz (Palo Alto Software Developer/ Entrepreneur and the sponsor of Prop 227 in 1998), California Republican Party



VOTE YES ON PROP 62 & NO ON PROP 66:

End the Death Penalty

There are two competing initiatives on the ballot that would change California's Death Penalty system. If both pass, the initiative with the most votes will become law.

Executions are cruel and inhumane punishment. Research has shown that death sentences are more likely to be determined based on where you live, the color of your skin, and how good your defense attorney is, rather than the severity of the crime. And, many innocent people have been released from prison after being wrongfully convicted of crimes. No level of tinkering can make the death penalty more efficient, humane, or eliminate the possibility of using taxpayer dollars to kill innocent men and women.

Vote Yes on Prop 62 to end the Death Penalty in California, replacing it with life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Vote No on Prop 66 which would speed up the execution process.



PROP 62 SUPPORTERS & PROP 66 OPPONENTS: ACLU California, Service Employees International Union of California (SEIU), California Democratic Party, California NAACP, League of Women Voters California, California Catholic Conference, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE)



PROP 62 OPPONENTS & PROP 66 SUPPORTERS : California District Attorneys Association, California Police Chiefs Association, California State Sheriffs Association, California Correctional Peace Officers Association, California State Sheriffs Association, California Republican Party

YES ON PROP 62

- ✓ Replaces the Death Penalty with life in prison without the possibility of parole.
- ✓ Saves \$150 million each year by eliminating our state's costly appeal system.
- ✓ Since 1978, California taxpayers have paid \$5 billion for prisoners on death row and executed 13 people. That's an average cost of more than \$384 million per execution.

NO ON PROP 66

- ✓ Speeds up the death penalty appeals process to 5 years.
- ✓ Costs taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in attorney fees and high-security Death Row housing.
- ✓ Since 1973, 156 people have been released from Death Row after being found innocent because of DNA testing and new evidence.

GET LOUD, GET STRONG, GET MOVING!

Democracy cannot work for us until it includes us. Our families, friends and neighbors are hurt by racial profiling, low wages, and underfunded schools and services. We should be at the forefront of change. By voting together, we can overcome division and win policy changes that lift us all up. We can rebuild our neighborhoods, support families, and restore the promise of opportunity.

You are One in a Million.

Join the Movement of 1 Million Voters

- ✓ **Get LOUD: Vote on Tuesday, November 8. Let your vote be your voice.**
- ✓ **Get STRONG: Register a friend or family member to vote by October 24 and show our strength**
- ✓ **Get MOVING: Join your neighbors and build power for our neighborhoods by connecting with our local MVP groups.**

WHO WE ARE

The Million Voters Project (MVP) is a ground breaking effort to build the power of the new California majority. We are Blacks, Latinos, Asian Pacific Islanders, immigrants, refugees, people of faith, the formerly incarcerated, and young leaders taking action to shape our future. Together, we work to make sure that the laws affecting us reflect our diverse needs, values, and experiences.

MVP is a collaboration of California's strongest community-based networks: Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE), Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN), California Calls, the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA), Mobilize the Immigrant Vote (MIV), and PICO California.



WHAT ELSE IS ON THE BALLOT?

PROPOSITION	DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTERS SAY	OPPONENTS SAY
<p>51</p> <p>CAN THE STATE BORROW MONEY TO BUILD NEW SCHOOLS?</p>	<p>Allows the state to borrow \$9 billion in bonds to repair and build new schools and community colleges.</p>	<p>School repairs and new schools are critically needed. The state has no more funding for construction and repairs. Creates union jobs, decreases class size, and modernizes aging buildings.</p> <p>California Building Industry Association, California PTA, Community College League of California, California Democratic Party, California Taxpayers Association, League of Women Voters, California Labor Federation</p>	<p>Will increase state debt and cost \$17.6 billion over 35 years to pay off principal and interest.</p> <p>Governor Brown, California Taxpayers Action Network, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association</p>
<p>52</p> <p>SHOULD WE MAKE FEES THAT HOSPITALS PAY TO THE STATE PERMANENT?</p>	<p>Raises \$3 billion for public health care by making permanent the fees that hospitals pay to the State.</p>	<p>Provides critically needed funding for Medi-Cal. Saves the state money at no cost to taxpayers.</p> <p>California Hospital Association, California Labor Federation, California Democratic Party, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, California Senior Advocate League</p>	<p>Ultimately benefits the hospitals who receive matching federal dollars. Unnecessarily locks the funding into our constitution, making future changes more difficult.</p> <p>Service Employees International Union United Healthcare Workers (SEIU UHW), Californians for Hospital Accountability and Quality Care</p>
<p>53</p> <p>WHO SHOULD DECIDE IF THE STATE BORROWS MONEY TO IMPROVE HIGHWAYS, WATER FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION?</p>	<p>Requires statewide voter approval to borrow funding (bonds) over \$2 billion for infrastructure projects. These bonds are paid back from revenue generated by the projects, such as highway tolls and water fees. Voter approval is not required now.</p>	<p>Creates public debate on new infrastructure projects.</p> <p>Stockton Food Processing Tycoon Dean Cortopassi, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, California Republican Party</p>	<p>Another roadblock to prevent the state from repairing water facilities, bridges and transportation projects.</p> <p>California Labor Federation, Governor Brown, California Chamber of Commerce, California Democratic Party</p>
<p>54</p> <p>SHOULD LEGISLATORS PUBLISH ALL BILLS AND MEETINGS IN ADVANCE OF VOTES?</p>	<p>Requires the legislature to publish (in print and online) all laws at least three days before a vote. Also allows for political use of recorded legislative sessions.</p>	<p>Creates greater transparency and ends last minute changes to bills.</p> <p>Republican Donor Charles Munger, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, California Republican Party, Common Cause, California League of Women Voters</p>	<p>Benefits big money interests and Sacramento lobbyists who have the resources to influence lawmakers over time. Could increase political "attack" ads developed from the recordings.</p> <p>California Labor Federation, California Democratic Party</p>
<p>59</p> <p>DO YOU THINK THE "CITIZENS UNITED" SUPREME COURT CASE SHOULD BE OVERTURNED?</p>	<p>Asks voters if they support a federal constitutional amendment to overturn "Citizens United." This Supreme Court ruling gave corporations the same rights as individuals, allowing them to make unlimited campaign contributions. This proposition is only advisory. It does not create or change a law.</p>	<p>Makes a strong statement against corporate money and influence in politics, and could build momentum for national reform.</p> <p>Senator Ben Allen, Common Cause, California Labor Federation, Courage Campaign, California Democratic Party, California Federation of Teachers</p>	<p>Waste of time since it does not overturn the ruling or make any changes to campaign spending laws.</p> <p>California Taxpayers Association</p>

WHAT ELSE IS ON THE BALLOT?

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<p>60</p> <p>SHOULD ADULT FILM ACTORS BE REQUIRED TO WEAR CONDOMS?</p>	<p>Requires the use of condoms by adult film actors. Expands enforcement by allowing anyone to file complaints and lawsuits against adult film producers and distributors.</p>	<p>Increases worker safety and decreases the spread of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections.</p> <p>For Adult Industry Responsibility (FAIR), AIDS Healthcare Foundation</p>	<p>Jeopardizes the privacy of actors, and dangerously opens the door for lawsuits and attacks.</p> <p>California Democratic Party, Free Speech Coalition, California Republican Party</p>
<p>61</p> <p>SHOULD WE LIMIT STATE PAYMENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS?</p>	<p>Requires the State to pay the lowest price possible for prescription drugs, based on the amount paid by the federal Department of Veteran Affairs.</p>	<p>Reduces prescription drug prices and saves taxpayer money. Challenges the price-gouging from big pharmaceutical companies.</p> <p>California Democratic Party, California Nurses Association, AARP California</p>	<p>Only covers individuals in government health care programs; could increase prescription prices.</p> <p>Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), Johnson & Johnson, California Medical Association, California Republicans</p>
<p>63</p> <p>SHOULD WE STRENGTHEN GUN CONTROL LAWS?</p>	<p>Requires background checks for the buyers and sellers of ammunition and outlaws automatic gun magazines. Classifies all gun theft as a felony, and removes the ability of people convicted of certain crimes from owning guns.</p>	<p>Keeps guns and ammunition out of the wrong hands.</p> <p>Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, California Democratic Party, California League of Women Voters, Service Employees International Union of California (SEIU), Courage Campaign</p>	<p>Imposes costly burdens on law enforcement, taxpayers, and people who legally own guns. Could increase unfair and biased arrests and imprisonment of people of color.</p> <p>NRA, California Republican Party, California State Sheriff's Association, The Association of Deputy District Attorneys, Women Against Gun Control</p>
<p>64</p> <p>SHOULD WE LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA?</p>	<p>Legalizes nonmedical marijuana for adults 21 and older. People with convictions for marijuana related crimes would be eligible for resentencing or cleared records. Retail sale would be taxed at 15% and produce up to \$1 billion for drug education, prevention and treatment.</p>	<p>Creates a safe, legal and regulated system for the adult use of marijuana. Decriminalizes marijuana use which has led to excessive arrests and incarceration of people of color. Generates new tax revenues.</p> <p>Former Facebook President Sean Parker, Drug Policy Alliance, All of Us or None (Southern CA), Youth Justice Coalition, ACLU of California, California NAACP, California Medical Association</p>	<p>Increases marijuana use in communities already dealing with high rates of addiction. Does not propose a DUI standard and legalizes advertising.</p> <p>Community Coalition, California Teamsters, California Correction Supervisor's Association, California Republican Party, California Hospital Association</p>
<p>65</p> <p>WHO SHOULD KEEP FEES FOR PAPER OR REUSABLE GROCERY BAGS?</p>	<p>Requires that fees charged for paper or reusable bags, currently kept by retailers, be used for state environmental programs.</p>	<p>Any money that customers pay for reusable bags should go to environmental purposes, not to the stores.</p> <p>Society of the Plastics Industry, Hilex Poly Company, Formosa Plastics Corporation, Superbag Corporation</p>	<p>Attempt by the plastic bag companies to distract voters from the real problem of plastic bag pollution.</p> <p>Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, Heal the Bay, Californians Against Waste</p>
<p>67</p> <p>SHOULD WE UPHOLD THE BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS FROM GROCERY AND RETAIL STORES?</p>	<p>Asks voters if a bill passed by the legislature in 2014 to ban single-use plastic bags should be upheld. A vote of yes would affirm the current plastic bag ban; a no vote will overturn it.</p>	<p>Plastic pollution poisons fish, marine life, rivers and oceans, and brings blight to our communities.</p> <p>California Labor Federation, Mujeres de la Tierra, Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council, California Democratic Party, California Grocers Association, Heal the Bay, Sierra Club of California, Dolores Huerta</p>	<p>The ban would hurt the profits of the plastic bag industry and cost manufacturing jobs.</p> <p>Society of the Plastics, Hilex Poly Company, Formosa Plastics Corporation, Superbag Corporation</p>

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