



November 2018

Recap of Carmel Valley Democratic Club Endorsements and Overview of State and Local Propositions

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STATE BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Will's Rules on Propositions

- Legislative Propositions:
 - Placed on ballot by the Legislature. First on the Ballot. This year Props 1 & 2.
 - The Voter Information Guide shows the vote totals from when the Assembly and Senate put them on the ballot. Look for big majorities or large Dem majorities.
 - Leg. Props are usually OK.
- Initiative Propositions:
 - Somebody paid to gather signatures.
 - Deserve skepticism.
 - More specific Initiative Propositions deserve more skepticism.

California Proposition 1: (Legislature)

Specified Housing Assistance Programs

Bond for \$4 Billion Dollars for Various Programs including:

- \$1 Billion for Veteran Home Loans**
- \$1.8 Billion to build rental units**
- \$450 Million for Housing and Infrastructure near transit**
- \$450 Million to encourage homeownership**
- \$350 Million for farmworker housing**

Payback - \$170M per year over 35 years.

California Proposition 2: (Legislature)

Ratifies Mental Health Assistance Programs

- **Mental Health Services Act is a funding source.**
- **No Place Like Home is a program that finances permanent housing for mentally ill homeless with \$140Million per year from the MHSA fund.**
- **Somebody sued, saying that when voters approved the MHSA, programs like No Place Like Home weren't what they intended.**
 - **Prop 2 is the State asking: "is this what you intended?"**

Propositions 1 & 2

What do Democrats* Say?



California Democratic Party gives Prop 1 & 2 thumbs up:

“Homelessness and access to affordable housing are two of the state's biggest challenges today. This is precisely why we need BOTH Props 1 & 2 – **Prop 1** builds and provides affordable housing for veterans, working families, and seniors, while **Prop 2** focuses on helping people who are experiencing homelessness and suffering from a serious mental illness get off the streets and into housing and treatment.

We need BOTH Props 1 and 2 to tackle the biggest housing challenges California faces. ”

*From the website www.yesonprops1and2.org which the California Democratic Party linked to

Propositions 1 & 2

Who else has endorsed?

- Habitat for Humanity
- California Labor Federation
- League of Women Voters of California
- California League of Conservation Voters
- Steinberg Institute
- California State Firefighters Association
- California Chamber of Commerce

Propositions 1 & 2

Who is opposed?

- Orange County Register is opposed to Prop 2

California Proposition 3: the California Water Infrastructure and Watershed Conservation Bond Initiative

- \$8.87 Billion for water projects
 - \$940 Million for habitat protection
 - \$855 Million for moving water from one part of the state to another
 - \$685 Million for groundwater storage and infrastructure
 - \$472 Million for dam repairs and surface storage and infrastructure
- Payback - \$430 Million per year for 40 years.
- Saves local governments several hundred million/year combined.

Proposition 3

What do Democrats Say?

No Official Position



Proposition 3

Who has endorsed?

- U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein
- Sen. Toni Atkins (D-39)
- Wildcoast
- Ducks Unlimited
- National Audubon Society
- **San Diego County Water Authority**
 - Water is more regional than partisan in California. The SDCounty Water Authority's voice is probably pretty informative as far as what we are likely to care about.

Proposition 3

Who is opposed?

- [Sierra Club](#), California
- Friends of the River
- League of Women Voters of California
- Save The American River Association
- Southern California Watershed Alliance

California Proposition 4: Children's Hospital Bond

- \$1.5 Billion Dollars, mostly to a number of specific nonprofit children's hospitals
 - 18% to University of California Hospitals
- Payback - \$80 Million per year over 35 years.

Proposition 4

What do Democrats Say?



California Democratic Party gives Prop 71 a thumbs up:

“This bond will allow children’s hospitals to expand, upgrade and improve their facilities and reach, meaning more kids will have access to the specialized, life-saving care they need.”

Proposition 4

Impact on San Diego?

18 percent (\$270 million) to five University of California general acute hospitals, including the San Diego Children's Hospital.

Proposition 4

Who has endorsed?

- Gavin Newsom
- Sen. Toni Atkins (D-39)
- Toni Atkins
- Todd Gloria
- California Chamber of Commerce
- Children's Defense Fund
- Adam Schiff

Proposition 5

California Proposition 5: Property Tax Transfer Initiative

- **Strengthens Prop 13** by allowing people over 55 who own houses to keep their Prop 13 tax rate and still move to a more expensive house.
- **Cost:** Will cost local governments and school districts about \$100M per year, weakening schools and local services in order to subsidize upper-middle class homeowners.

Proposition 5

What do Democrats Say?



California Democratic Party gives Prop 5 a thumbs down:

“STOP \$1 BILLION IN CUTS TO SCHOOLS & SERVICES

Prop 5 takes upwards of \$1 billion each year from schools and local services – from fire and emergency response to health care – to give new tax breaks to a select few Californians.”

Proposition 5

Who else is opposed?

- AFSCME California
- California Federation of Teachers
- California Labor Federation
- California State PTA
- California State Sheriffs' Association
- California Teachers Association
- League of Women Voters of California
- SEIU California

Proposition 5

Who has endorsed?

- California Association of REALTORS

California Proposition 6: NO Voter Approval for Future Gas and Vehicle Taxes and 2017 Tax Repeal Initiative

- Costs \$5.1 billion that pays for highway and road maintenance and repairs, as well as transit programs.
- Makes your roads worse
- Makes your environment worse
- Doesn't actually save you personally any substantial amount of money at all.

Proposition 6

What do Democrats Say?



Jessica Hayes, chair of the San Diego County Democratic Party: If this passes, people will ask “Why aren’t they doing anything with 78? Why didn’t they fix the 805? Why don’t we have road repair here?...

“And we’ll have to say, well, the Republican Party took it away from you,” Hayes said.

Proposition 6

Who else is opposed?

- California Professional Firefighters
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- California Labor Federation
- California State PTA
- California State Sheriffs' Association
- California Teachers Association
- League of Women Voters of California
- SEIU California
- **Many many many more (noprop6.com)**

Proposition 6

Who is driving this ridiculous nonsense?

This guy ↓



Carl DeMaio

- Right Wing AM Radio Host
- One-Term City Councilman (2008-12)
- Failed Mayoral Candidate
- Walking Moral Garbage Fire

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Proposition 6

Will's Rules on Propositions (updated)

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- Initiative Propositions:
 - Deserve skepticism. More specific deserve more skepticism.
- Any Proposition that Carl DeMaio backs is a right-wing scam designed to weaken California's ability to govern itself.
 - Dude once tried to sell tickets to my Rotary Club and keep the money.
 - Seriously, he's perhaps the worst human being in California.

California Proposition 7, Permanent Daylight Saving Time Measure

- No Immediate Effect
- Legislature can, by 2/3 vote make daylight savings time year-round.
- But only if the Federal Government says it's ok.

Proposition 7

What do Democrats Say?



California Democratic Party says YES to Prop 7:

“Changing our clocks twice a year has proven to be hazardous to our health and public safety. **The California Democratic Party is recommending a YES vote on Proposition 7.**

Proposition 7 is a required step in the process to stop the biannual time changes that harm health and safety of workers and their families.”

Proposition 7

Who else is for or against?

(politicians don't seem to have opinions on this one)

LA Times says:

“In other words, Proposition 7 won’t stop the clock-changing; it would just allow the discussion to continue about the merits of doing so, as well as making the procedural changes needed to allow a future shift to permanent daylight saving time. It’s a debate worth having, and for that reason we urge voters to say “yes” on this measure.”

Sacramento Bee:

“Cordoning off California comes with its own drawbacks.

As this [editorial board has said](#), refusing to sync with the rest of the country will prove costly. For example, in 2005, when Congress extended daylight saving time by a month, the Air Transport Association warned that keeping U.S. flights lined up with international travel schedules would cost \$147 million a year.”

California Proposition 8, Limits on Dialysis Clinics' Revenue and Required Refunds Initiative

- Caps Dialysis Clinics at 15% profit margin.
- Requires rebates to customers if exceeded, and annual reporting.
- Prohibits discrimination based on payment source.
- Proponents say that the oligopoly that runs the dialysis industry is unresponsive and deliberately understaffs clinics, harming patients.
- Opponents say that price controls are always bad.
- Opponents are the main handful of Dialysis Clinics, which have put \$120Million into defeating this measure.

Proposition 8

What do Democrats Say?



California Democratic Party gives Prop 8 a thumbs up:

“YES on 8 — end the dialysis patient care crisis

Dialysis keeps patients alive when their kidneys fail by taking out the patient’s blood, cleaning it, and putting it back in their body. In the United States, more than 477,000 people depend on dialysis, and two big corporations — Fresenius and DaVita — monopolize the industry, controlling more than 75% of the market.”

Proposition 8

Who else has endorsed?

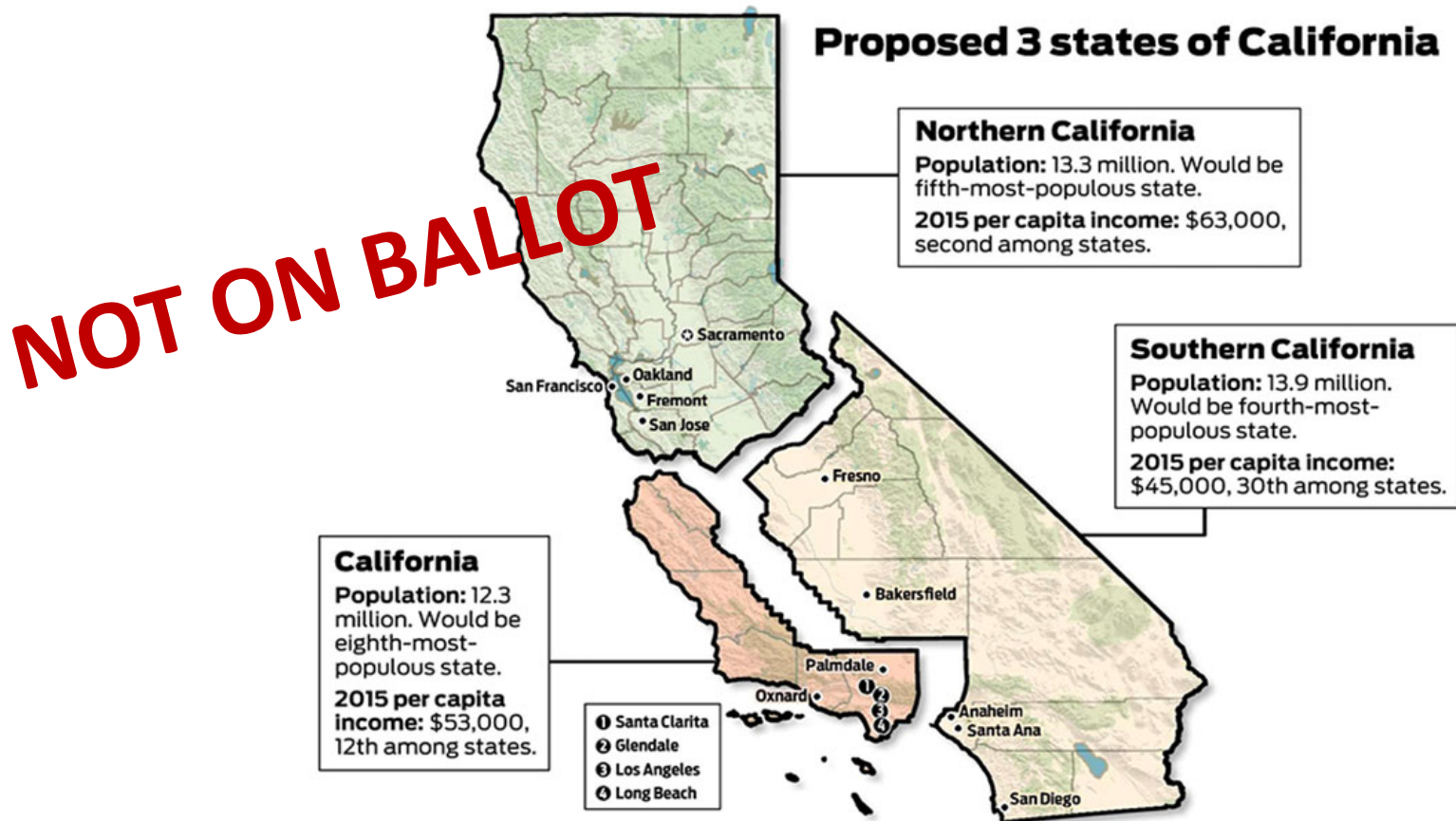
- SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West
- California Alliance for Retired Americans
- California Hispanic Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse
- California Professional Firefighters
- California State Firefighters' Association
- California Teamsters Public Affairs Council
- Californians for Disability Rights
- CalPERS
- Service Employees International Union California
- Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Southern California
- Black Community Health Taskforce
- Black Women for Wellness
- Building Healthy Communities Long Beach
- California Hepatitis Alliance
- Dialysis Advocates, LLC
- Health Care for All – Sacramento
- Latino Diabetes Association

Proposition 8

Who is opposed?

- California Medical Association
- California Hospital Association
- American Nurses Association\California
- Latino Diabetes Association
- National Kidney Foundation
- Renal Support Network
- California Chamber of Commerce

California Proposition 9, Divide California



[San Francisco Chronicle](#)

California Proposition 10:

Un-bans Local Rent Control Ordinances

- Repeals the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995.
- Costa-Hawkins bars cities from imposing rent control on apartments built after 1995 (or earlier in cities that already had rent control in place), forbids rent control on single-family homes and condominiums, and prohibits “vacancy control,” which is when a unit’s rent stays capped even after the tenant moves out.
- Would not automatically create rent control, but would allow cities to pass new rent control ordinances.

Proposition 10

What do Democrats Say?



California Democratic Party gives Prop 72 a thumbs up:

“Across California, people are struggling to stay in their homes, as developers, landlords and Wall Street speculators are given free reign over our cities, quickly transforming stable neighborhoods into high-priced markets at the expense of working-class communities.

Note: Rent Control remains controversial, even among Democrats.

- Prop 10 is a direct response to the housing crisis. This is the type of proposal that happens if nobody fixes a problem for a couple of decades.
- If Prop 10 fails, and the housing crisis doesn't get solved for regular people any other way, Costa-Hawkins repeal will get more popular and eventually pass.
- So, support or oppose, pass or fail, the presence of Prop 10 on the ballot should focus everybody's mind on the problem of working people not being able to afford to live in the communities they serve.

Proposition 10

Who else has endorsed?

- Los Angeles Times
- Sacramento Bee
- Housing California
- California Labor Federation
- AFSCME California People
- California Nurses Association
- California Teachers Association
- National Union of Healthcare Workers
- SEIU California
- Our Revolution
- ACLU of California
- National Urban League
- League of Women Voters of California

Proposition 10

Who is opposed?

- California Chamber of Commerce
- California Farm Bureau Federation
- Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Pacific West Association of REALTORS
- Los Angeles Business Council
- California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce
- California Housing Consortium
- Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council
- Marine Corps Veterans Association
- Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California
- California Mortgage Bankers Association

California Proposition 11, Ambulance Employees Paid On-Call Breaks, Training, and Mental Health Services Initiative

- Private ambulance companies want to be exempt from the wage and hour law so they can understaff your ambulances and increase their profits.
- So they paid a bunch of money to run this Initiative.
- This is exactly the sort of nonsense we mean when we say “more specific initiatives deserve more skepticism.”

Proposition 11

What do Democrats Say?



California Democratic Party says NO to Prop 11:

“Prop 11 is a wolf in sheep’s clothing. While purporting to be about protecting public safety, this initiative is simply about changing the labor code to protect one private company, American Medical Response, from civil litigation for alleged violations of California law.”

Proposition 11

Who else is against?

- AFSCME California
- California Labor Federation
- United Steelworkers
- California Teachers Association
- International Association of EMT's and Paramedics

Proposition 11

Who has endorsed?

- American Medical Response (private ambulance company that has paid \$21,900,786 to fund proposition)

California Proposition 12, Farm Animal Confinement Initiative

- **Minimum living space requirements for veal calves, breeding pigs, and egg-hens**
 - **Requires egg hens to be cage free by 2022**
 - **Bans sales in the state of food that does not comply.**
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- Con: Eggs and such would cost more
 - Pro: You ever seen one of those industrial chicken plants? Shudder.

Proposition 12

What do Democrats Say?

California Democratic Party gives Prop 12 a thumbs up:



“YES on Prop 12 is a coalition of more than 500 California veterinarians and veterinary clinics, California family farms and animal shelters, farmworker organizations, food safety groups, and animal protection charities. Prop 12 will be voted on in the November 2018 election to upgrade California's laws relating to the extreme confinement of farm animals.”

Proposition 12

Who else has endorsed?

- Scott Peters
- Todd Gloria
- Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher
- American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- California Labor Federation
- Center for Biological Diversity
- Farm Sanctuary
- Humane Society of the United States
- Los Angeles Times
- San Diego Democrats for Equality
- San Diego Humane Society
- Scripps Ranch Farmers Market
- Sierra Club (California)

Proposition 12

Who is opposed?

- Action for Animals
- Bakersfield Californian
- Friends of Animals
- Humane Farming Association (HFA)
- People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (Peta)
(doesn't go far enough)
- San Francisco Chronicle
- Showing Animals Respect and Kindness
- The Sacramento Bee

Proposition 12

Fun Fact: You can just start an organization and call it whatever you want, even if it's the opposite of what it does.



CITY/COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES

San Diego Measure A – NO “Clean-Up” Amendments

The All-GOP Supervisors put this one on the ballot with “technical fixes” to account for filling vacancies on the board.

San Diego County Democrats say NO, call it “Unnecessary County Charter Amendments”

Basically, we don't trust the five GOP supervisors to really do a “cleanup” without doing something sneaky.

San Diego Measure B - **NO**

The County's Permanent Republican Gerrymander

Misleadingly Called: "Preserving Balanced Representation In Unincorporated Areas of San Diego County"

- Measure B says that of the five Board of Supervisors Districts, 3 must have substantial unincorporated areas, and 2 must have "significant" unincorporated areas.
- 84% of the people live in the incorporated areas. So this guarantees two and a half seats on the 5-member Board for less than 16% of the population of the County.
- Bottom Line: The All-GOP Board of Supervisors put this on the ballot to gerrymander their districts to permanently overrepresent the folks who are about to vote to re-elect Duncan Hunter Jr.

San Diego County Democrats say **NO**

San Diego Measure C - NO “Protecting Good Government Through Sound Fiscal Practices”

They’re good at writing sympathetic-sounding titles.

But this Measure locks in place the County GOP’s obsession with protecting bankers rather than serving San Diegans.

San Diego County Democrats say NO, Holds Up Funds Intended for County Services



THIS IS THE IMPORTANT ONE



San Diego Measure D - YES

**“Requiring All Elections for San Diego
County Elective Offices to Be Held At A
General Election”**

**San Diego County Democrats say YES ,
FULL VOTER PARTICIPATION IN COUNTY ELECTIONS**

Measure E: “Soccer City” - NO

Measure G: “SDSU West” - YES

Measure E: the SoccerCity plan includes a river park, retail and housing units. But its big selling point is a soccer stadium for a major league team. And the SoccerCity developers say they would buy the stadium site without using taxpayer money.

Measure G: SDSU West would turn the land into a western campus for San Diego State University. That includes new administrative buildings, a river park, some low-income housing and a new stadium for the school’s football team.

San Diego County Democrats say NO on E.

San Diego County Democrats say YES on G

San Diego Measure H: YES Term Limits for SD Unified School Board Members

KPBS: If approved by voters, Charter section 66 would limit a member of the SD Unified School Board to serving **three four-year terms**, beginning in 2020. Those School Board members who hold office on the date of the Municipal General Election in November 2020 would not have their prior or current terms counted for purposes of the new term limit.

San Diego County Democrats say YES

Doesn't apply to us. Carmel Valley isn't in SD Unified.

San Diego Measure J: YES Transparency in City Contracts

KPBS: This would require, for certain contracts, disclosure of the names and identities of all natural persons owning more than 10% of an entity contracting with the City or receiving more than 10% of the contracted amount; require the disclosures to be provided to the Council for contracts requiring Council approval; and exempt public agencies and publicly traded companies from the requirements.

San Diego County Democrats say YES

San Diego Measure K: YES Closes City Council Term Limit Loophole

- Closes The “Lorie Loophole” – Councilmember Lorie Zapf got elected in District 6, then redistricted and Elected to District 2 for a second term. Now she’s running for a third term, but since it’s only the second term in District 2, she isn’t barred by the term limits.
- This is because the Charter provision on term limits is phrased in a way that allows that, even though that’s not what anybody intended.
- Phrasing: (Shall City Charter section 12(c) be amended to remove language regarding a “particular district” and clarify that a person cannot serve on the City Council after serving two four-year terms, with a partial term of more than two years continuing to count as a full term for purposes of the term limit provision?)

San Diego County Democrats say YES

San Diego Measure L: YES Ethics and Compensation for City Elected Officials

- Eliminates Car Allowance compensation for City Elected Officials
- Removes Councilmember ability to raise their own salaries and pegs it to salaries for California Superior Court Judges – 60% for Council and 100% for Mayor. (Council would go to 75% as of 2022 and stay there.) This would, however, serve as a salary increase to all of those positions.
- Extend prohibition on lobbying after leaving office from one year to two.

San Diego County Democrats say YES

San Diego Measure M: YES Audit Committee Reappointments

Amend the San Diego City Charter to allow the City Council to waive the requirement that a screening committee provide a pool of at least two candidates for consideration for a vacant position as a public member of the Audit Committee if the public member is eligible for and applies for reappointment.

San Diego County Democrats say YES

San Diego Measure MM: YES

Del Mar Union School District Bonds

Bond: \$186 million in bonds - all money for Del Mar K-6 schools?

Improve Del Mar neighborhood elementary schools, repair/upgrade/reconstruct deteriorated school facilities, plumbing, roofs, electrical systems, renovate classrooms supporting science, engineering, math, arts instruction; improve safety/security and technology infrastructure; and construct/equip a new elementary school; shall Del Mar Union School District issue

San Diego County Democrats say YES

CV Dem Club Endorsements

Judicial:

Superior Court Judge Seat 37:

- Matt Brower

- Matt is a Deputy District Attorney
- Matt is a Founding Member of Carmel Valley Democrats, and lives in Carmel Valley
- Matt is the only Judicial candidate the CV Dem Club has endorsed.
- Matt is running against incumbent *Gary Kreep*. *Kreep* is a real real bad guy. An Obama birth-certificate nut who has been disciplined by the Bar and transferred to traffic court for saying sexist and racist things to people in his courtroom.
- Matt has been rated as Qualified by the SD County Bar Assn. *Kreep* has been rated as “lacking Qualifications.”

- You’ll have a bunch of judicial races on your ballot. This race is down at the end.
- Club President (and lawyer) Will Moore’s broader discussion of Judicial Races was posted to the CV Dems Facebook Page on October 18. It’s not the Club’s official position, but members have asked that it be shared.

CV Dem Club Endorsements

School Boards:

- San Dieguito Union High School District – vote for one:
 - Kristin Gibson
- Del Mar Union School District – vote for no more than 3:
 - Doug Rafner
 - Gee Wah Mok
 - (you can vote for three but the club only endorsed 2)
- Solana Beach School District - vote for no more than 3:
 - Gaylin Allbaugh
 - Vicki King
 - Debra Schade

CV Dem Club Endorsements
Assembly District 77

Sunday Gover, Democrat

District 77 is now majority Democrat!
We can Flip This Seat!

Also: we're having the Club's First Ever Fundraiser
for Sunday on Sunday October 28th from 3-5PM.

Email Club President Will Moore at wmoore@themoorefirm.net for details

CV Dem Club Endorsements

MEASURE D – THE FULL VOTER PARTICIPATION ACT

YES ON MEASURE D

- There are a LOT of Propositions and Measures This Year. A lot of them are very important. Measure D is the only one the club has endorsed.
- Measure D would guarantee that SD County elections would have to be decided in November, rather than in low-turnout primaries that have rigged the game against Democrats for decades.
- Similar measures were passed in the City of San Diego in 2016 and have made a huge difference.
- Measure D is a HUGE DEAL. Vote Yes.

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The Club Also endorsed Yes on Measure MM, the Del Mar Union School District Bond