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*“The only foundation of a free Constitution, is pure Virtue...
Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people
It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”*

~President John Adams, October 11, 1798

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2016 Ballot Propositions

Proposition #	Description	Traditional Values Vote
51	School Bonds \$500 million. Funding For K-12 School and Community College Facilities. Initiative Statute.	NO
52	Medi-Cal Hospital Fee Program 3 billion. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.	NO
53	Revenue Bond Require State Voter Approval if Over 2 billion. Statewide Voter Approval. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.	YES
54	Legislature. Legislation and Proceedings Must Be Available for Public Review 72 hours before vote taken. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.	YES
55	Tax Extension to Fund Education and Health Care. \$27.5 billion Initiative Constitutional Amendment.	NO
56	Cigarette Tax \$1.6 Billion to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.	NO
57	Criminal Sentences. Parole. Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.	NO
58	Eliminate English language Proficiency Programs. Giving Parents the Right to choose. Multilingual Education. Initiative Statute.	NO
59	Corporations and Non-Profits will Have No Say Politically. Political Spending. Federal Constitutional Protections. Legislative Advisory Question.	NO
60	Requires Use of Condoms in Making of Adult Films. Health Requirements. Initiative Statute.	YES
61	State Prescription Drug Purchases. Veterans will Pay More for Prescriptions. Pricing Standards. Initiative Statute.	NO
62	Eliminates Death Penalty. Initiative Statute.	NO
63	Government can Confiscate Guns and Restrict Your Right to Buy Amunition. Firearms. Initiative Statute.	NO
64	Legalizes Sales, Growth and Use of Marijuana. Initiative Statute.	NO
65	Requires Stores to Charge for Bags. Funds Go to Enviromental Groups While NO Revenue is Returned to the Stores. Initiative Statute.	NO
66	Limits appeals to 5 year for Death Penalty Sentences. Removes Special Privileges. Initiative Statute.	YES
67	Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags. Funds Go to Enviromental Groups While NO Revenue is Returned to the Stores. Initiative Statute.	NO

VOTE **NO** ON PROPOSITION 51

School Bonds. Funding For K-12 School and Community College Facilities. Initiative Statute.

California voters cannot afford to continue to go deeper in debt. That's what Prop 51 would do. If passed taxpayers would pay an additional \$500 million on state school bonds. We already pay \$2 BILLION each year. And since 1998 voters have approved \$35 BILLION in school constructions bonds. And politicians want us to pay more?!!

VOTE **NO** ON PROPOSITION 52

Medi-Cal Hospital Fee Program. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Please do not get caught up in the emotional debate that voting NO on PROP 52 would hurt the poor and children. It will not. Voting No on Prop 52 would end an unfair fee charged to private hospitals, many of them Christian-based hospitals. California law already provides more than \$3 BILLION in funding for health care services that Prop 52 claims we need. The California Hospital Association wrote Prop 52 so they would get \$3 BILLION guaranteed to them and that money does not have to be spent on health care.

VOTE **YES** ON PROPOSITION 53

Revenue Bonds. Statewide Voter Approval. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

To stop billion dollar wasteful projects in California we must pass Prop 53. Prop 53 requires voter approval of any state project that would cost taxpayers \$2 BILLION or more. Right now, unelected government officials have the power to ring up state debt on certain projects and they force you to pay for it through high water rates or increased fees. Take Jerry Brown's "bullet train" idea, for example. He told us it would cost us only \$10 BILLION. Now, the truth is revealed and it will wind up costing us \$60 BILLION. This must stop.

VOTE **YES** ON PROPOSITION 54

Legislature. Legislation and Proceedings. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Prop 54 would be a game-changer in California politics. It would blow the cover off of Sacramento politician's back room, closed-door deal making and actions. Prop 54 would require that all proposed new laws be made available for the public to review on the internet at least 72 hours before a vote is taken. Further, all hearings and meetings of the Legislature would be recorded and videos of all such meetings would also be available on the internet for the public to view. All proceedings of the California Legislature would be recorded and they would have to be saved for at least 20 years. Passing Prop 54 would end the current practice of legislators making deals in the middle of the night and voting on last minute changes without proper public inspection or review.

VOTE **NO** ON PROPOSITION 55

Tax Extension to Fund Education and Health Care. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

In 2012, California voters passed Proposition 30, which was sold to the voters as temporary tax increases. Even Governor Jerry Brown "promised" that the Prop 30 taxes would be temporary and pledged to ensure they would remain temporary. Well, now that those taxes are set to expire in 2017, the same people who promised us those taxes would be temporary are asking us to extend them for another 12 years!! They claim they need more of our tax dollars to fund education and health care needs. That's a flat out lie. Education spending has increased by \$24.6 BILLION and Medi-Cal has spending has increased by \$2.9 BILLION. Let's tell Jerry Brown and Sacramento politicians that temporary means just that...TEMPORARY!!



VOTE **NO** ON PROPOSITION 56

Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Please do not be fooled. Taxing cigarettes even more in the hopes of stopping more people and youth from smoking is an admirable cause. But Prop 56 simply does not do that. Prop 56 would result in \$1.6 BILLION in new taxes. But Prop 56 gives \$1 BILLION of that money to insurance companies and special interests groups behind this measure to do whatever they see fit with that money. There is guarantee these taxes will actually go towards funding health care, youth smoking prevention, or law enforcement. Please do not fall for the lie.

VOTE **NO** ON PROPOSITION 57

Criminal Sentences. Parole. Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Prop 57 is so dangerous; it will literally put the lives of others in jeopardy. We strongly urge you to vote NO on PROP 56. If passed, this measure will be a "get out of jail free" card for current violent criminals. We cannot afford to take that risk. The supporters of Prop 57 claim that it would strengthen penalties and only applies to "non-violent" crimes. But this is a dangerously written measure that actually considers the following crimes "non-violent" and would make criminals convicted of these crimes eligible for early parole and release: crimes like rape by intoxication, human trafficking involving sex acts with minors, drive-by shooting, assault with a deadly weapon, hostage taking, attempting to explode a bomb at a hospital or school, arson, discharging a gun on school grounds, lewd acts against a child 14 or 15, giving a firearm to a gang member, and many other various forms of crimes. This is Jerry Brown's plan to stop overcrowding of prisons. We can't afford the serious risks

VOTE **NO** ON PROPOSITION 58

English Proficiency. Multilingual Education. Initiative Statute.

This proposition was placed on the ballot by the Legislature at the request of the powerful teachers unions. Prop 58 is deceptive in its title. Its makes voters believe that it is about teaching students English. But Prop 58 undermines the English immersion programs that California voters approved back in 1998 and have been in place ever since. Prop 58 eliminates the parental right to an English-language education for their child. The official voter information guide sent to every voter by the California Secretary of State admits that Prop 58 would make it easier for schools to choose if they want to go back to bilingual education and other types of programs that voters rejected in 1998. Since 1998 record numbers of immigrant students have increased test scores and have gained admission to the prestigious University of California system. Why would we want to re-enact failed policies from the past when the current English language education programs are working?

VOTE **NO** ON PROPOSITION 59

Corporations. Political Spending. Federal Constitutional Protections. Legislative Advisory Question.

Prop 59 literally does nothing. Prop 59 was put on the ballot by liberal Democrats in the State Legislature because they are upset with a US Supreme Court ruling that protects our First Amendment rights to support candidates of our choosing with our money. Prop 59 does not have any power. It won't change a thing. In fact, if it is passed, its saying that California voters support the idea that the First Amendment should be changed so it limits the rights of people and businesses to support who they want for political office. In fact, Prop 59 would even go so far as to say that all corporations, even non-profit groups like churches, should have NO SAY AT ALL in the political process. We shouldn't waste California tax dollars on ballot measures that simply make political statements and don't fix problems.



VOTE **YES** ON PROPOSITION 60

Adult Films. Condoms. Health Requirements. Initiative Statute.

We are absolutely against the concept of pornography. It leads to a cycle of addiction, destroys families and marriages and leads to the abuse of women and children. The porn industry that opposes Prop 60 admits that by requiring their "performers" to wear condoms during films their industry will lose millions and millions of dollars in profits, because many of their customers do not prefer that. For that reason alone, we should all support Prop 60. But we should also support Prop 60 because it would require the porn producers to pay for health screenings and tests of their adult film employees. This will help stop the spread of deadly sexually transmitted diseases among a certain aspect of the population.

VOTE **NO** ON PROPOSITION 61

State Prescription Drug Purchases. Pricing Standards. Initiative Statute.

Prop 61 would hurt our well-deserving veterans, and other Californians, from getting affordable prescriptions drugs. Prop 61 is being pushed on us by the head of a billion dollar company that sells prescription drugs and HMO policies. Deceptively, he has exempted his group from Prop 61's provisions. If Prop 61 is passed an estimated 88% of Californians would be excluded from getting access to cheaper prescriptions. But the group that would suffer the most is our veterans. The US Department of Veterans Affairs currently gets special discounted drugs for veteran's prescriptions. Prop 61 would get rid of these current discounts which will then result in veterans actually paying more for their needed medications. This is not fair and it is not right.

VOTE **NO** ON PROPOSITION 62

Death Penalty. Initiative Statute.

There is a reason California has the death penalty as a form of punishment for the most heinous of crimes...and that is to bring justice for grieving families and serve as a deterrent to committing murders. Prop 62 would eliminate the death penalty and would protect brutal killers like those who have killed children, mass murderers, serial killers, rape and torture murderers, and cop killers. If the death penalty is eliminated then California tax payers are on the hook to feed, clothe, house, guard, and provide health care needs for murders for the rest of their lives. Meanwhile the memory of those they killed fades. It is estimated that tax payers would have to pay over \$100 MILLION each year to provide for convicted murders. Currently California's death row includes killers of over 1,000 murder victims, 226 children that were killed, 43 peace officers, and 294 victims who were raped or tortured before being brutally killed.

VOTE **NO** ON PROPOSITION 63

Firearms. Ammunition Sales. Initiative Statute.

Prop 63 is another attempt to reduce the rights of law-abiding citizens to own guns and buy ammunition. Prop 63 is a reaction to the recent shootings that have taken place in parts of the country. California already has some of the toughest gun control restrictions on the books. There really is no need for Prop 63. Prop 63 goes so far as to deny a citizen the right to merely buy ammunition. And Prop 63 would increase the massive government run database it has on citizens. Prop 63 paves the way for government confiscation of guns, which then gives the government power over the people. Whether they want to own a gun for sport, hunting or to protect themselves and their property, the people have a Constitutional right to bear arms and own a gun, and with it the right to buy ammunition for those guns!!



VOTE **NO** ON PROPOSITION 64

Marijuana Legislation. Initiative Statute.

Prop 64 is extremely dangerous. It would legalize the use, sale and cultivation of marijuana. Those behind this initiative claim there is protections to prevent people under the age of 21 from accessing marijuana, but that is simply not true. If Prop 64 is approved anyone 21 years of age could grow marijuana right next door to you. Those living near schools could grow it and use it. And what is worse is that Prop 64 is written so that marijuana ads could be displayed on TV during primetime when children and youth are watching. Further, outdoor advertising would be allowed and items like marijuana candy and brownies could be advertised. In the states of Washington and Colorado that have legalized marijuana they reported that car crashes and deaths have doubled because of people driving while high on marijuana. Sadly, Prop 64 doesn't even have a DUI standard or restriction. Prop 64 would open the floodgates to trouble, put children and communities at risk, drain our police resources for enforcing this new law, and pave the way for people to create a black market of unregulated marijuana in an attempt to avoid state taxes on their sales of it.

VOTE **NO** ON PROPOSITION 65

Carryout Bags. Charges. Initiative Statute.

Prop 65 is very confusing. Which is why we are asking you to vote NO on Prop 65. Prop 65 would give grocery stores the right to charge you anywhere from 10 cents, 15 cents or 25 cents per plastic bag that you would use to carry your items that you purchase. While we are opposed to stores charging for plastic bags, we feel the issue should be left up to local communities to decide. But the issue behind Prop 65 isn't really over the right of stores to charge for bags. Left wing environmental groups see an opportunity to force grocery stores to hand over the profit from plastic bag fees to them so they can spend it on so-called "environmental" clean up and education purposes. But there is no restriction on what they could truly spend the money on if Prop 65 passes and the environmental groups are handed this free money for them. Grocery stores make the expense of paying for plastic bags. Why should environmental groups get money that rightfully belongs to the grocery stores?

VOTE **YES** ON PROPOSITION 66

Death Penalty. Procedures. Initiative Statute.

Prop 66 is the solution to fixing the problem concerning the death penalty in California. That is why we are asking you to vote YES on Prop 66. But please remember, you must vote NO on Prop 62, otherwise Prop 66 is useless. Prop 66 would limit the length of time a convicted murderer can use to challenge their death sentence. Right now, murderers have an unlimited amount of time to file appeal after appeal with the state that in effect delays their death penalty for decades. Meanwhile the families of those who were murdered are left with no closure and justice is never truly granted to them. Prop 66 would limit the appeals process to maximum of 5 years. It also would allow for more attorneys who specialize in this area of law to take up cases to ensure that truly innocent people are not wrongfully executed. It further gives the state Supreme Court the power to oversee the process and expedite appeals, while still protecting the legal right of those accused. Prop 66 would even take away special privileges death row inmates currently have...which saves taxpayers money from having to pay for those special privileges.

VOTE **NO** ON PROPOSITION 67

Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags. Referendum.

Prop 67 would ban most grocery stores from offering plastic bags to their customers. The few remaining stores that would be allowed to provide them would be forced to charge at least 10 cents per plastic bag. Supporters of Prop 67 claim that the money generated from the bag tax would be used on educational environmental purposes, yet those really aren't defined. Prop 67 would also force grocery stores to convert to very expensive use of certain reusable bags that the state deems appropriate. For those stores that the state views are in violation of this new burdensome requirement, they would be subject to costly fines. The proposed ban on using plastic bags is another attempt by environmental extremists to dictate how grocery stores (and pharmacies too) provide services to their customers. It should be noted that current law already requires all grocery stores to have available on-site collection of returned plastic bags that are then taken to recycling centers. The current system we have in place works.

