

2016 CGFA Proposition Voter Guide



This is an informational guide for the 2016 California Propositions provided for your reference*. If you have any questions feel free to contact your association office. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th.

Proposition 51 – School Bonds. Funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities. Initiative Statute.

Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for new construction and modernization of K–12 public school facilities; charter schools and vocational education facilities; and California Community Colleges facilities.

Fiscal Impact: State costs of about \$17.6 billion to pay off both the principal (\$9 billion) and interest (\$8.6 billion) on the bonds. Payments of about \$500 million per year for 35 years.

Positions: California Farm Bureau Federation – Opposes
California Chamber of Commerce – Supports
Western Growers – No Position

Proposition 52 – Medi-Cal Hospital Fee Program. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Extends indefinitely an existing statute that imposes fees on hospitals to fund Medi-Cal health care services, care for uninsured patients, and children’s health coverage.

Fiscal Impact: Uncertain fiscal effect, ranging from relatively little impact to annual state General Fund savings of around \$1 billion and increased funding for public hospitals in the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

Positions: California Farm Bureau Federation – No Position
California Chamber of Commerce – Supports
Western Growers – No Position

Proposition 53 – Revenue Bonds. Statewide Voter Approval. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Requires statewide voter approval before any revenue bonds can be issued or sold by the state for certain projects if the bond amount exceeds \$2 billion.

Fiscal Impact: State and local fiscal effects are unknown and would depend on which projects are affected by the measure and what actions government agencies and voters take in response to the measure's voting requirement.

Positions: California Farm Bureau Federation – Opposes
California Chamber of Commerce – Opposes
Western Growers – Opposes

Proposition 54 – Legislature. Legislation and Proceedings. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Prohibits the Legislature from passing any bill unless published on the Internet for 72 hours before vote. Requires the Legislature to record its proceedings and post on Internet. Authorizes use of recordings.

Fiscal Impact: One-time costs of \$1 million to \$2 million and ongoing costs of about \$1 million annually to record legislative meetings and make videos of those meetings available on the Internet.

Positions: California Farm Bureau Federation – Supports
California Chamber of Commerce – Supports
Western Growers – No Position

Proposition 55 – Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Extends by twelve years the temporary personal income tax increases enacted in 2012 on earnings over \$250,000, with revenues allocated to K–12 schools, California Community Colleges, and, in certain years, healthcare.

Fiscal Impact: Increased state revenues—\$4 billion to \$9 billion annually from 2019–2030—depending on economy and stock market. Increases funding for schools and community colleges, health care for low-income Californian’s, budget reserves, and debt payments.

Positions: California Farm Bureau Federation – Opposes

California Chamber of Commerce – Opposes
Western Growers – Opposes

Proposition 56 – Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Increases cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack, with equivalent increase on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes containing nicotine.

Fiscal Impact: Additional net state revenue of \$1 billion to \$1.4 billion in 2017–18, with potentially lower revenues in future years. Revenues would be used primarily to augment spending on health care for low-income Californians.

Positions: *California Farm Bureau Federation – No Position*
 California Chamber of Commerce – No Position
 Western Growers – No Position

Proposition 57 – Criminal Sentences. Parole. Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Allows parole consideration for nonviolent felons. Authorizes sentence credits for rehabilitation, good behavior, and education. Juvenile court judge decides whether juvenile will be prosecuted as adult.

Fiscal Impact: Net state savings likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually, depending on implementation. Net County costs of likely a few million dollars annually.

Positions: *California Farm Bureau Federation – Opposes*
 California Chamber of Commerce – No Position
 Western Growers – No Position

Proposition 58 – English Proficiency. Multilingual Education. Initiative Statute.

Preserves requirement that public schools ensure students obtain English language proficiency. Requires school districts to solicit parent/community input in developing language acquisition programs. Requires instruction to ensure English acquisition as rapidly and effectively as possible. Authorizes school districts to establish dual-language immersion programs for both native and non-native English speakers.

Fiscal Impact: No notable fiscal effect on school districts or state government.

Positions: *California Farm Bureau Federation – No Position*
 California Chamber of Commerce – Supports
 Western Growers – No Position

Proposition 59 – Corporations. Political Spending. Federal Constitutional Protections. Legislative Advisory Questions.

Asks whether California's elected officials should use their authority to propose and ratify an amendment to the federal Constitution overturning the United States Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. Citizens United ruled that laws placing certain limits on political spending by corporations and unions are unconstitutional.

Fiscal Impact: No direct fiscal effect on state or local governments.

Positions: *California Farm Bureau Federation – Opposes*
 California Chamber of Commerce – No Position
 Western Growers – No Position

Proposition 60 – Adult Films. Condoms. Health Requirements. Initiative Statute.

Requires adult film performers to use condoms during filming of sexual intercourse. Requires producers to pay for performer vaccinations, testing, and medical examinations. Requires producers to post condom requirement at film sites.

Fiscal Impact: Likely reduction of state and local tax revenues of several million dollars annually. Increased state spending that could exceed \$1 million annually on regulation, partially offset by new fees.

Positions: California Farm Bureau Federation – No Position
California Chamber of Commerce – No Position
Western Growers– No Position

Proposition 61 – State Prescription Drug Purchases. Pricing Standards. Initiative Statute.

Prohibits state from buying any prescription drug from a drug manufacturer at price over lowest price paid for the drug by United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Exempts managed care programs funded through Medi-Cal.
Fiscal Impact: Potential for state savings of an unknown amount depending on (1) how the measure's implementation challenges are addressed and (2) the responses of drug manufacturers regarding the provision and pricing of their drugs.

Positions: California Farm Bureau Federation – No Position
California Chamber of Commerce – Opposes
Western Growers – No Position

Proposition 62 –Death Penalty. Initiative Statute. (Contradicts Proposition 66)

Repeals death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. Applies retroactively to existing death sentences. Increases the portion of inmates' wages that may be applied to victim restitution.
Fiscal Impact: Net ongoing reduction in state and county criminal justice costs of around \$150 million annually within a few years, although the impact could vary by tens of millions of dollars depending on various factors.

Positions: California Farm Bureau Federation – No Position
California Chamber of Commerce – No Position
Western Growers – No Position

Proposition 63 – Firearms. Ammunition Sales. Initiative Statute.

Requires background check and Department of Justice authorization to purchase ammunition. Prohibits possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines. Establishes procedures for enforcing laws prohibiting firearm possession by specified persons. Requires Department of Justice's participation in federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System.
Fiscal Impact: Increased state and local court and law enforcement costs, potentially in the tens of millions of dollars annually, related to a new court process for removing firearms from prohibited persons after they are convicted.

Positions: California Farm Bureau Federation – Opposes
California Chamber of Commerce – No Position
Western Growers – No Position

Proposition 64 – Marijuana Legalization. Initiative Statutes.

Legalizes marijuana under state law, for use by adults 21 or older. Imposes state taxes on sales and cultivation. Provides for industry licensing and establishes standards for marijuana products. Allows local regulation and taxation.
Fiscal Impact: Additional tax revenues ranging from high hundreds of millions of dollars to over \$1 billion annually, mostly dedicated to specific purposes. Reduced criminal justice costs of tens of millions of dollars annually.

Positions: California Farm Bureau Federation – Opposes
California Chamber of Commerce – No Position
Western Grower s– No Position

Proposition 65 – Carryout Bags. Charges. Initiative Statute.

Redirects money collected by grocery and certain other retail stores through mandated sale of carryout bags. Requires stores to deposit bag sale proceeds into a special fund to support specified environmental projects.

Fiscal Impact: Potential state revenue of several tens of millions of dollars annually under certain circumstances, with the monies used to support certain environmental programs.

Positions: California Farm Bureau Federation – No Position
California Chamber of Commerce – No Position
Western Growers – No Position

Proposition 66 – Death Penalty. Procedures. Initiative Statute. (Contradicts Proposition 62)

Changes procedures governing state court challenges to death sentences. Designates superior court for initial petitions and limits successive petitions. Requires appointed attorneys who take noncapital appeals to accept death penalty appeals. Exempts prison officials from existing regulation process for developing execution methods.

Fiscal Impact: Unknown ongoing impact on state court costs for processing legal challenges to death sentences. Potential prison savings in the tens of millions of dollars annually.

Positions: California Farm Bureau Federation – No Position
California Chamber of Commerce – No Position
Western Growers – No Position

Proposition 67 – Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags. Referendum.

A "Yes" vote approves and a "No" vote rejects, a statute that prohibits grocery and other stores from providing customers single-use plastic or paper carryout bags but permits sale of recycled paper bags and reusable bags.

Fiscal Impact: Relatively small fiscal effects on state and local governments, including a minor increase in state administrative costs and possible minor local government savings from reduced litter and waste management costs.

Positions: California Farm Bureau Federation – No Position
California Chamber of Commerce – No Position
Western Growers – No Position

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