



California Ballot Measures

California State PTA supports these ballot measures for the November 2024 election

Proposition 2

\$10 billion for school bonds

Authorizes bonds for public school and community college facilities.

Prop 2 will authorize \$10 billion in state general obligation bonds for repairs, upgrades, and construction of facilities at K-12 public schools and community colleges. Public schools get \$8.5 billion to renovate existing facilities, buy land and erect new construction, and upgrade facilities for career technical education programs and

charter schools, while \$1.5 billion goes to community college facilities. Requires annual audits. The state's school repair fund – last replenished in 2016 – is nearly empty. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs of about \$500 million annually for 35 years to repay the bonds.

Voting Yes on Proposition 2 will provide \$10 billion for California schools.

Proposition 3

Marriage equality

Constitutional right to marriage

Prop 3 will amend the California Constitution to recognize the fundamental right to marry, regardless of sex or race. Removes outdated language in the California Constitution stating that marriage is only between a man and a woman. The Supreme Court held; "[T]he right to 'marry, establish a home and bring up children' is a central

part of the liberty protected by the Due Process Clause." Excluding same-sex couples from marriage thus conflicts with a central premise of the right to marry. Without the recognition, stability, and predictability marriage offers, their children suffer the stigma of knowing their families are somehow lesser... – Justice Anthony Kennedy Fiscal Impact: None.

Voting Yes on Proposition 3 will affirm marriage equality for all Californians.

Proposition 4

\$10 billion for climate protection

Authorizes bonds for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, and protecting communities and natural lands from climate risks.

Prop 4 will authorize \$10 billion in general obligation bonds toward these goals: Increase safe drinking water supply, reduce drought and flood risks; improve forest health and wildfire protection; reduce coastal risks (sea level rise, protect fish); protect/restore natural habitats; support renewable energy; expand/renovate local

and state parks; extreme heat mitigation; help farms to be climate-resilient and more sustainable. Requires annual audits. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs of about \$400 million annually for 40 years to repay bonds.

Voting Yes on Proposition 4 will provide \$10 billion to cope with climate change issues.

Proposition 5

Affordable housing

Allows local bonds for affordable housing and public infrastructure with 55% voter approval.

Prop 5 will amend the California Constitution to allow for approval of bonds with a 55% vote, rather than the current 2/3 approval requirement, for affordable housing for low- and middle-income Californians, and for local infrastructure projects, including roads, water, and fire protection. Accountability requirements include citizens

oversight committee and annual audits. Fiscal Impact: Increased local borrowing to fund affordable housing, supportive housing, and public infrastructure. The amount would depend on decisions by local governments and voters.

Borrowing would be repaid with higher property taxes.

Voting Yes on Proposition 5 will make it easier to pass bond measures to fund affordable housing.

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