

# UPCOMING BALLOT MEASURES

*Propositions that are on the November 4, 2008 General Election Ballot*

## **Proposition 1 - VOTE NO** **High-Speed Passenger Train Bond**

A \$9.95 billion bond to enact the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century. \$9 billion would be used in conjunction with available federal funds for the purpose of funding the planning and construction of a high-speed train system. Nine hundred fifty million dollars would be available for other capital projects. Note that the federal funding is necessary to complete the project, but it is not allocated or guaranteed. There is also no guarantee that the train will be built in Southern California, as current plans lean towards northern projects. It is also fiscally irresponsible to incur an additional \$9.95 billion in debt at this time.

## **Proposition 2 - VOTE NO** **Treatment of Farm Animals.**

Requires the enclosures for farm animals to meet non-industry standards defined by animal activist groups. This is an attempt to regulate how local businesses are run by unrealistic and unnecessary mandates. This proposition intrudes upon how specific businesses are run.

## **Proposition 3 - VOTE NO** **Children's Hospital Bond Act.**

Authorizes \$980,000,000 in bonds, to be repaid from state's General Fund, to fund the construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing and equipping of children's hospitals. It is fiscally irresponsible to incur an additional \$980 million in debt at this time.

## **Proposition 4 - NO POSITION** **Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Constitutional Amendment.**

Amends California Constitution to prohibit abortion for unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent, legal guardian or, if parental abuse reported, an adult family member. Provides exceptions for medical emergency or parental waiver.

**Proposition 5 - NO POSITION**

**Nonviolent Offenders. Sentencing, Parole and Rehabilitation. Statute.**

Requires the state to expand and increase funding for individualized treatment and rehabilitation programs for nonviolent drug offenders. Reduces criminal consequences, shortens parole, and limits the court's authority to incarcerate offenders who violate probation or parole.

**Proposition 6 - NO POSITION**

**Criminal Penalties and Laws**

Requires new state spending on programs to combat crime and gangs, and to operate prison and parole systems. Increases penalties for several crimes, eliminates bail for illegal immigrants charged with violent or gang-related felonies, and changes evidence rules to allow use of certain hearsay statements as evidence when witnesses are unavailable.

**Proposition 7 - VOTE NO**

**Renewable Energy Mandate**

An unrealistic mandate that requires all utilities to generate 20% of their power from renewable energy by 2010, to 40% by 2020, and 50% by 2025. Imposes high penalties for noncompliance. Requires utilities to sign longer contracts (20 year minimum) to procure renewable energy – even though those sources have yet to be defined or identified. Higher costs will be passed on to consumers and businesses.

**Proposition 8 - NO POSITION**

**Limit on Marriage. Constitutional Amendment.**

Amends the California Constitution to provide that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.

**Proposition 9 - NO POSITION**

**Victims' Rights. Parole.**

Requires notification to victim and opportunity for input during phases of criminal justice process, including bail, pleas, sentencing and parole. Establishes victim safety as consideration in determining bail or release on parole.

**Proposition 10 - VOTE NO**  
**Bonds for Renewable Energy**

Authorizes \$5 billion in bonds paid from CA's General Fund. Funds will be paid to: purchasers of alternative fuel vehicles, for research of renewable energy technology and development of alternative fuel vehicle technology. It is fiscally irresponsible to incur an additional \$5 billion in debt at this time.

**Proposition 11 - VOTE YES**  
**Redistricting, Constitutional Amendment and Statute.**

Creates 14-member redistricting commission responsible for drawing new district lines for State Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization districts. Requires State Auditor to randomly select commission members from voter applicant pool to create a commission with five members from each of the two largest political parties, and four members unaffiliated with either political party. Requires nine votes to approve final district maps. Establishes standards for drawing new lines, including respecting the geographic integrity of neighborhoods and encouraging geographic compactness.

**Proposition 12 - VOTE NO**  
**Veteran's Bond Act of 2008.**

Authorizes a \$900 million bond for financing farm, home, and mobile home purchase assistance for veterans. It is fiscally irresponsible to incur an additional \$900 million in debt at this time.