



Carl DeMaio, Chairman

# Carl DeMaio and Reform California have released their "Plain English" voter guide to give you an easy-tounderstand explanation of the ballot measures and grade candidates.

California's General Election is underway, and ballots must be returned by November 8, 2022. With a bunch of confusing ballot measures and hundreds of candidates running for office, voters can feel overwhelmed and lost.

This "Plain English" voter guide makes voting simple – especially when it comes to the ballot measures and local offices that do not allow candidates to disclose their party affiliation. Endorsements below are given only to candidates who "passed the test" on these crucial criteria: opposing taxes, fighting crime, improving schools, creating jobs, and defending personal freedoms.

2022 offers a real chance for a wave election to block costly tax hikes and elect common-sense leaders - but to do that we need your help in turning out your friends, family, and neighbors to vote and share this easy-to-understand voter guide with them!

### How to Use the Guide – 8 Sections:

Step 1: Review Statewide Ballot Measures
Step 2: Review Your Local Ballot Measures
Step 3: Review Statewide Candidate Races
Step 4: Review Legislative Candidate Races (Congress/State Legislature)
Step 5: Review Your County Candidate Races
Step 6: Review Your City Candidate Races (unless you live in unincorporated area)
Step 7: Review Your School District Candidate Races
Step 8: Review Your Remaining Special District Candidate Races

# **Statewide Ballot Measures**

## $\operatorname{Prop} \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{NO}$

Official Title: Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom. Legislative Constitutional Amendment. *Plain English Translation: Eliminates Any Restrictions on When Abortions Can Be Performed.* 

Prop 1 is being sold publicly as merely a codification of a prochoice position in the California state constitution, but it actually goes far further than that. The actual text of this ballot measure would repeal the current ban on abortions after 23 weeks of a pregnancy and allow the right to a lateterm abortion up to the moment of birth. Prop 1 would give California one of the most extreme abortion laws in the country. This measure may also interfere with existing state laws that allow for Sexually Violent Predators to be placed under mandatory chemical treatment to limit their sex drive and desires. Reform California recommends a NO vote.

## Prop 26 — NO

Official Title: Allows In-Person Roulette, Dice Games, Sports Wagering on Tribal Lands. Initiative Constitutional Amendment. Plain English Translation: Protects Tribal Gaming Rights but Enriches Trial Lawyers Through More Frivolous Lawsuits.

Prop 26 affirms the current practice of allowing only federally recognized Native American tribes to operate roulette, dice games, and sports wagering on tribal lands, subject to compacts negotiated by the Governor and ratified by the Legislature. It would also allow on-site sports wagering at privately operated horse-racing tracks in specified counties for ages 21 and up. Unfortunately, the measure contains a "poison pill" to expand the use of the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) to allow unscrupulous trial attorneys to file frivolous lawsuits to shakedown small businesses. Reform California recommends a "NO" vote on Prop 26.

## Prop 27 — NO

Official Title: Allows Online and Mobile Sports Wagering Outside Tribal Lands. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. *Plain English Translation: Allows Private Businesses to Engage in Online Gambling to Compete with Native American Tribes.* 

Prop 27 would expand gambling in California beyond casinos currently operated by Native American tribes by allowing private businesses to operate online and mobile sports wagering for persons 21 and up. Native American tribes say this competition from private businesses will undermine their ability to fund programs for their tribes. Reform California recommends a NO vote.

## Prop 28 — NO

Official Title: Provides Additional Funding for Arts and Music Education in Public Schools. Initiative Statute. *Plain English Translation: Earmarks Mandatory Funding from the Existing State Education Budget for Arts and Music Programs.* 

Prop 28 is an earmark - or a requirement that the state spend at least a certain amount of funds from the state budget for the exclusive benefit of art and music programs. The earmark mandates that 1% of required state funding be set aside for arts and music programs and then allocates a greater proportion of the funds to schools serving more economically disadvantaged students. Earmarks are not free money - so any earmark will have to come at the expense of other important programs — including programs for fundamental academic areas like reading, writing, arithmetic, etc. Reform California recommends a NO vote.

### Prop 29 — NO

Official Title: Requires On-Site Licensed Medical Professional at Kidney Dialysis Clinics and Establishes Other State Requirements. *Plain English Translation: Imposes Costly Regulations on Kidney Dialysis Clinics to Benefit Organized Labor Unions.* 

Prop 29 may be familiar to voters since it has been rejected TWICE before in 2018 and 2020. Why does it keep appearing on the ballot? Wealthy labor unions force the measure on the ballot in an attempt to impose new costly regulations on kidney dialysis clinics that would benefit the interests of the unions. Prop 29 requires specific medical personnel on site during treatment at outpatient kidney dialysis clinics whether or not the personnel are even needed. The measure also increases mandatory state reporting and prohibits clinics from closing or substantially reducing services without state approval. A "no" vote keeps your doctors and clinics more independent from state control. Reform California recommends a NO vote.

### Prop 30 — NO

Official Title: Provides Funding for Programs to Reduce Air Pollution and Prevent Wildfires by Increasing Tax on Personal Income Over \$2 Million. *Plain English Translation: TAX INCREASE - Increases Income Taxes to Fund a Variety of New Government Programs.* 

Prop 30 is a massive income tax increase - even though California already has the highest income taxes in the country of any state. Prop 39 imposes a 1.75% tax increase for personal incomes over \$2 million. Revenue for the proposition aims to go toward climate change measures, but the definition of programs eligible for these new funds is quite broad as to allow the funds to be used in a wide range of ways. Reform California recommends a NO vote.

### Prop 31 — NO

Official Title: Referendum on 2020 Law that Would Prohibit the Retail Sale of Certain Flavored Tobacco Products. *Plain English Translation: Should California Ban the Sale of Flavored Tobacco?* 

Prop 31 is a "referendum" or question on whether a proposed state law should be implemented or rejected. State Senate Bill, SB 793, which prohibits the retail sale of certain flavored tobacco products and tobacco flavor enhancers. A "yes" vote would uphold and pass the law into effect, banning the retail sale of these flavored tobacco products. A "no" vote would overturn the law and tobacco companies would be allowed to sell flavored tobacco products in the state.

## Local Ballot Measures

#### Los Angeles County

#### Measure A — NO

Official Title: Charter Amendment-providing Authority to Remove an Elected Sheriff for Cause. *Plain English Translation: Gives Politicians the Power to Remove a Sheriff That You Elect If They Don't Like Them.*  Measure A grants the Board of Supervisors the power to remove an elected sheriff for just "cause" — what politicians define as "violations of the public trust." This measure was crafted to subvert the will of voters and remove Sheriff Villanueva for refusing to enforce draconian and unscientific covid lockdowns. While backers of the measure say it was crafted to hold sheriffs accountable for cases of "deputy violence" and escaping oversight measures, we find these claims dubious. Measure A allows the Board too much discretion for removing sheriffs they disagree with politically. A NO vote blocks this measure.

## Measure C — NO

Official Title: General Tax on Cannabis Business in The Unincorporated Area of County. *Plain English Translation: Increase Taxes By 4% on Pot Shops.* 

No matter where you stand on the issue of legalized marijuana use, Measure C is a massive tax increase on pot shops. A NO vote will block this tax increase.

## **City of Arcadia**

## Measure CA — NO

Official Title: Provide for election of City Councilmembers bydistrict ... to change the City Clerk from elected to appointed, to establish a City Prosecutor... and to make other modernizing amendments. *Plain English Translation: Should the City Switch to By-District Elections and Allow the City Clerk to be Appointed by Politicians Instead of Elected by Voters?* 

Measure CA makes several changes to the city charter, many related to election procedures. It contains a "poison pill" however, as it changes the City Clerk from elected to appointed. This directly subverts the will of voters and allows potentially corrupt politicians to appoint their crony friends to positions of power. A NO vote keeps the City Clerk elected by the people.

## Measure HT — NO

Official Title: Increase the maximum rate of the City's Transient Occupancy Tax (also known as Hotel Tax) charged to guests of hotels and any other overnight lodging facilities from a maximum of 10% to 12%. *Plain English Translation: Increase the Traveler Tax on Hotel Guests By 2%.* 

Measure HT is a massive tax increase on out-of-town guests by 2%. While the measure and proponents may argue this tax is paid by hotels and motels, they pass that fee onto guests. While the measure claims to fund parks, roads, and public safety, we find those claims dubious. A NO vote stops this tax increase.

## Measure SW — NO

Official Title: Shall the measure to establish a Sports Wagering Tax at a rate of up to 5% of sports wagering gross revenues, providing approximately \$1,000,000 annually until ended by voters for general government use such as City parks, streets, and public safety, be adopted? *Plain English Translation: Massive 5% Tax Increase on Sports Wagering.* 

Measure SW is a massive tax increase on sports wagering of 5%. While the measure claims to fund parks, roads, and

public safety, we find those claims dubious. A NO vote stops this massive tax increase.

## **City of Baldwin Park**

## Measure BP — NO

Official Title: Shall an ordinance establishing a ¾ cent sales tax be adopted. *Plain English Translation: Massive 0.75% Sales Tax Increase.* 

Measure BP is a massive sales tax increase of 0.75%. While the measure claims to fund parks, roads, and public safety, we find those claims dubious. A NO vote stops this massive tax increase.

## Measure CB — NO

Official Title: Shall the measure authorizing cannabis retailers to sell and deliver medical cannabis and cannabis products to adults, and adult-use cannabis and cannabis products to persons 21 years and older, with retailers paying a 0.5% tax and 4% tax on gross receipts from sales, respectively, providing \$300,000 to \$3 million annually for general government use, and authorizing City Council to modify rates up to 5%, until repealed by voters, be adopted? *Plain English Translation: Legalize Pot and Impose Massive Tax Increase on Pot Shops.* 

No matter where you stand on the issue of legalized marijuana use, Measure CB is a massive tax increase on pot shops. A NO vote will block this tax increase.

## Measure CN — YES

Official Title: Establishing campaign contribution limits and penalties lowering the maximum contribution from an individual or political action committee to \$750 per candidate/PAC per election cycle be adopted by voters? *Plain English Translation: Lower Individual Political Contribution Limit per Cycle from \$4,900 to \$750.* 

Measure CN reduces the political campaign contribution limit for city races from \$4,900 to \$750. According to state law, if a city doesn't set its own limit, the limit is automatically \$4,900. Establishing a \$750 limit is reasonable for a city the size of Baldwin Park. A YES vote approves the measure.

## Measure RM — NO

Official Title: Shall the voters elect five Councilmembers to a four-year term with an annually sequential rotating Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore of the City Council of the City of Baldwin Park commencing in the year 2024? *Plain English Translation: Make Mayor Appointed Instead of Elected.* 

Measure RM directly subverts the will of voters and allows potentially corrupt politicians to appoint their crony friends

to positions of power. A NO vote keeps the mayor elected by the people.

## Measure TL — YES

Official Title: Shall the measure, establishing term limits so that no member of the City Council may serve more than three terms in office in their lifetime (12 years) and no directly elected Mayor may serve more than six terms in office in their lifetime (12 years) and no member of the City Council or directly elected Mayor may serve more than a combined 12 years in office, regardless of the office be adopted? *Plain English Translation: Establish Term Limits of a Combined 12 Years for Service on the City Council and/or as Mayor.* 

Measure TL imposes a lifetime combined limit of 12 years of service on the City Council and/or as Mayor. Local term limits help improve accountability and keep politicians in touch with their communities. A YES vote approves this measure.

## **City of Bell Gardens**

## Measure AA — YES

Official Title: Establishing term limits for Bell Gardens councilmembers where no person may serve more than 3 four-year terms of office cumulatively over the person's lifetime and where service for the unexpired balance of a vacated City Council seat (whether by appointment or election) will also count as service for a full four-year term of office even if such service is for a period that is less than four years in duration? *Plain English Translation: Establish a 3-Term Lifetime Limit on City Council Members and Count Partial Terms as Full Terms for 3-Term Limit.* 

Measure AA imposes a lifetime limit of 3 terms on the City Council. Local term limits help improve accountability and keep politicians in touch with their communities. A YES vote approves this measure.

## City of Carson

## Measure R — NO

Official Title: Carson Essential Services Protection Measure. Plain English Translation: Continue 2% Tax on Gas/Electric Utilities.

Measure R is essentially a massive tax increase. It is an extension of the current 2% utility tax rate, and it would last until ended by voters (in other words: permanently). A NO vote blocks the tax rate from continuing, effectively giving city residents a tax cut! Vote NO to lower your tax bill.

## **Cerritos Community College District**

## Measure CC — NO

Official Title: Cerritos College Safety, Rep Air, Career Training Measure. Plain English Translation: Shall the City Take Out \$425 Million in Bonds to be Repaid by Taxpayers to Give a Line of Credit to a Poorly Managed Community College District?

Measure G is effectively a massive tax increase on city residents through a bond. Bonds are government loans that must be paid back by taxpayers. This bond is being used as a replacement for improving efficiency with current resources. A NO vote blocks this bond and saves taxpayers millions.

## City of Claremont

## Measure CT — NO

Official Title: Establishing a tax on cannabis and hemp businesses of the following rates: 4%-7% of gross receipts for retail businesses. *Plain English Translation: Establish 4-7% Tax on Pot Shops.* 

No matter where you stand on the issue of legalized marijuana use, Measure CT is a massive tax increase on pot shops. A NO vote will block this tax increase.

## **City of Commerce**

## Measure SL — YES

Official Title: Commerce City Council Term Limits. *Plain English Translation: Align Term Limits of Council Members with the Next Statewide Election.* 

Measure SL is a bookkeeping measure to align the term limits of City Council Members in the City of Commerce with the next statewide election according to state law. State law requires that City of Commerce move their elections to coincide with statewide elections, which without this measure would result in multiple council members needing to resign and leave their office vacant for a period of time. A YES vote allows continuity of government.

## City of Compton

## Measure ED — YES

Official Title: Shall the measure amending the Compton City Charter to change the City's general municipal election date to coincide with the statewide primary election, change the date of the City's primary nominating election to an established election date, and make other related and technical changes to the City's election procedures and terms of office, be adopted? *Plain English Translation: Align Compton Elections with Statewide Election Dates.*  Measure ED is a bookkeeping measure to align Compton election with the next statewide election according to state law. State law requires that City of Compton move their elections to coincide with statewide elections. A YES vote allows continuity of government and compliance with state law.

### Measure AM — NO

Official Title: Shall the measure amending the Compton City Charter to reduce the number of required monthly regular City Council meetings from four to two be adopted? *Plain English Translation: Allows City Council to Cancel Meetings and Hide from Voters.* 

Measure AM reduces the number of monthly council meetings from 4 to 2, allowing the city council to hide from voters and skirt public input and accountability. A NO vote keeps the City Council accountable.

## **Compton Unified School District**

### Measure AAA — NO

Official Title: Compton Unified School District Measure AAA. Plain English Translation: Shall the City Take Out \$350 Million in Bonds to be Repaid by Taxpayers to Give a Line of Credit to a Poorly Managed School District?

Measure AAA is effectively a massive tax increase on city residents through a bond. Bonds are government loans that must be paid back by taxpayers. This bond is being used as a replacement for improving efficiency with current resources. A NO vote blocks this bond and saves taxpayers millions.

## **City of Cudahy**

#### Measure BA — NO

Official Title: Cannabis Businesses Accountability Measure. Plain English Translation: Legalize Pot and Impose Massive 15% Tax Increase on Pot Shops.

No matter where you stand on the issue of legalized marijuana use, Measure BA is a massive tax increase on pot shops. A NO vote will block this tax increase.

#### **City of Culver**

#### Measure BL — NO

Official Title: Updating Culver City's business license tax. *Plain English Translation: Massive Tax Increase on Business Licenses and Fees.* 

Measure BL is a massive tax increase on business licenses, generating an additional \$10 million for the city. While the city claims the revenue will fund emergency services, parks, and homeless prevention, the measure contains loopholes allowing the money to be diverted to other projects with little accountability. A NO vote blocks this tax increase.

### Measure VY — NO

Official Title: Amending the City of Culver City Charter to allow Culver City residents aged 16 and 17 ... to vote on City and School District candidates and ballot measures. *Plain English Translation: Decrease Election Security and Lower Voting Age to 16 for City Elections.* 

Measure VY may seem like a nice attempt to expand voting access, but it will dramatically decrease the security of our elections and make it easier for voter fraud to occur. Younger voters are highly unlikely to participate in elections, but they will still be mailed ballots – and who knows who will cast those votes? A NO vote helps maintain the integrity of our elections and keeps the voting age at the age of maturity: 18.

#### **City of Downey**

#### Measure D — NO

Official Title: Downey Transient Occupancy Tax Measure. *Plain English Translation: Increase the Traveler Tax on Hotel Guests By 4%.* 

Measure D is a massive tax increase on out-of-town guests by 4%. While the measure and proponents may argue this tax is paid by hotels and motels, they pass that fee onto guests. While the measure claims to fund parks, roads, and public safety, we find those claims dubious. A NO vote stops this tax increase.

#### **Downey Unified School District**

## Measure K — NO

Official Title: To repair and improve Downey's aging neighborhood schools ... shall Downey Unified School District's measure be adopted authorizing \$504,000,000 in bonds at legal rates. *Plain English Translation: Shall the City Take Out \$504 Million in Bonds to be Repaid by Taxpayers to Give a Line of Credit to a Poorly Managed School District?* 

Measure K is effectively a massive tax increase on city residents through a bond. Bonds are government loans that must be paid back by taxpayers. This bond is being used as a replacement for improving efficiency with current resources. A NO vote blocks this bond and saves taxpayers millions.

## **City of Duarte**

#### Measure J — NO

Official Title: An Ordinance Establishing a Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance in the City of Duarte. *Plain English Translation: Establish \$25 Minimum Wage for Healthcare Workers.*  Measure J is a massive price hike on healthcare services. The measure establishes a \$25 minimum wage for healthcare workers. While proponents argue the wage will be paid by the employers, it will be passed onto patrons through price hikes on services. A NO vote blocks this price hike.

### **Eastside Union School District**

### Measure ES — NO

Official Title: To repair and improve East Lancaster's aging neighborhood elementary and middle schools ... shall Eastside Union School District's measure be adopted authorizing \$23,000,000 in bonds. *Plain English Translation: Shall the City Take Out \$23 Million in Bonds to be Repaid by Taxpayers to Give a Line of Credit to a Poorly Managed School District?* 

Measure ES is effectively a massive tax increase on city residents through a bond. Bonds are government loans that must be paid back by taxpayers. This bond is being used as a replacement for improving efficiency with current resources. A NO vote blocks this bond and saves taxpayers millions.

## City of El Monte

### Measure OT — NO

Official Title: Shall the City of El Monte increase its existing transient occupancy tax paid only by hotel and motel guests from its current rate 10% to a new increased rate of 14%. *Plain English Translation: Increase the Traveler Tax on Hotel Guests By 4%.* 

Measure OT is a massive tax increase on out-of-town guests by 4%. While the measure and proponents may argue this tax is paid by hotels and motels, they pass that fee onto guests. While the measure claims to fund public safety and public works projects, we find those claims dubious. A NO vote stops this tax increase.

#### **City of El Segundo**

#### Measure BT — NO

Official Title: Shall an ordinance amending businesses taxes ... be adopted? *Plain English Translation: Massive Tax Increase on Businesses.* 

Measure BT is a massive tax increase on businesses, generating an additional \$10 million for the city. While the city claims the revenue will fund emergency services, parks, and homeless prevention, the measure contains loopholes allowing the money to be diverted to other projects with little accountability. A NO vote blocks this tax increase.

#### Measure Y — NO

Official Title: Establishing taxes upon cannabis businesses not to exceed \$20 per square foot for cultivation and 10% of

gross receipts for other cannabis businesses, until ended by voters, generating approximately \$600,000 to \$1,500,000 annually. *Plain English Translation: Impose Massive 10% Tax Increase on Pot Shops.* 

No matter where you stand on the issue of legalized marijuana use, Measure Y is a massive tax increase on pot shops. A NO vote will block this tax increase.

### Measure W — NO

Official Title: City Initiative for Commercial Cannabis Regulation. *Plain English Translation: Legalize Retail Pot Shops.* 

Do we really need more pot shops? No matter where you stand on legalized marijuana use, pot is readily available in California as-is. A NO vote blocks this measure.

## City of Hawthorne

### Measure I — NO

Official Title: Charter Adoption. *Plain English Translation: Transition to Charter City and Raise Salaries of Greedy Politicians from ~\$7,200 to \$75,700.* 

Measure I is a massive pay day for greedy city politicians. Under the guise of switching from a general law city to a charter city, city politicians are hoping they can trick you into raising their pay by nearly \$70,000 a year — EACH. A NO vote blocks this pay day for politicians at the expense of taxpayers.

## **City of Hermosa Beach**

## Measure B — NO

Official Title: Shall an ordinance be adopted establishing a ¾¢ sales tax. *Plain English Translation: Massive 0.75% Sales Tax Increase.* 

Measure B is a massive sales tax increase of 0.75%. While the measure claims to fund roads and public safety, it actually contains loopholes to allow the funding to be diverted to any project. A NO vote stops this massive tax increase.

#### Measure M — NO

Official Title: Shall an ordinance proposed by initiative petition be adopted that repeals the City's existing ban on cannabis businesses and allows by City-approved permit up to two cannabis retail storefront businesses, including home delivery from those stores? *Plain English Translation: Legalize Retail Pot Shops.* 

Do we really need more pot shops? No matter where you stand on legalized marijuana use, pot is readily available in California as-is. A NO vote blocks this measure.

### Measure T — NO

Official Title: Shall an ordinance be adopted enacting a local business tax on cannabis/hemp. *Plain English Translation: Massive Tax Increase of 10% on Pot Shops.* 

No matter where you stand on the issue of legalized marijuana use, Measure T is a massive tax increase on pot shops. A NO vote will block this tax increase.

## Measure U — NO

Official Title: Shall Ordinance No. N.S. 211, establishing a civil service system, adopted on June 7, 1960, be repealed to enable the Hermosa Beach City Council to adopt an updated personnel/civil service ordinance? *Plain English Translation: Repeals Laws Mandating Hiring Based on Merit and Experience and Allows Labor Unions to Take Over Government Jobs.* 

Measure U repeals the current civil service system, which mandates that the hiring and promotion of employees of the city is "on the basis of merit, experience and record." Labor unions would then be invited in to help "update" the system. These labor unions will push to end merit-based hires and promotions and instead hire their crony friends with corrupt backroom deals with city employees and politicians. A NO vote blocks this attack on merit-based hiring and stops corrupt backroom deals.

## **City of Huntington Park**

## Measure PP — NEUTRAL

Official Title: Huntington Park Overnight Parking Permit Program. Plain English Translation: Establish Overnight Parking Permits.

Measure PP establishes an overnight parking permit program, for which times and dates will be set by the City Council.

## City of Inglewood

## Measure HC — NO

Official Title: Ordinance to Establish Minimum Wage for Certain Employees of Privately Owned Covered Healthcare Facilities. *Plain English Translation: Establish \$25 Minimum Wage for Healthcare Workers.* 

Measure HC is a massive price hike on healthcare services. The measure establishes a \$25 minimum wage for healthcare workers. While proponents argue the wage will be paid by the employers, it will actually be passed onto patrons through price hikes on services. A NO vote blocks this price hike.

#### Las Virgenes Unified School District

#### Measure S — NO

Official Title: To upgrade classrooms ... shall Las Virgenes Unified School District's measure be adopted authorizing \$340,000,000 in bonds at legal rates. *Plain English Translation: Shall the City Take Out \$340 Million in Bonds to be Repaid by Taxpayers to Give a Line of Credit to a Poorly Managed School District?* 

Measure S is effectively a massive tax increase on city residents through a bond. Bonds are government loans that must be paid back by taxpayers. This bond is being used as a replacement for improving efficiency with current resources. A NO vote blocks this bond and saves taxpayers millions.

### City of Long Beach

#### Measure LBC — YES

Official Title: Realign City and State Election Dates. *Plain English Translation: Align Long Beach Elections with Statewide Elections.* 

Measure LBC is a bookkeeping measure to align Long Beach elections with the next statewide election according to state law. State law requires that City of Long Beach move their elections to coincide with statewide elections. A YES vote allows continuity of government and compliance with state law.

## Measure E — YES

Official Title: Shall the Long Beach City Charter be amended to establish a Police Oversight Commission and add a Police Oversight Director, to redesign City's police oversight and accountability through modified practices, including a Director with authority to audit Police Department complaint investigations, review major use of force incidents, and make recommendations on Police Department operations, policies, procedures, and trainings, and a Commission to provide feedback to the Director, and which would replace the Citizen Police Complaint Commission? *Plain English Translation: Establish Police Oversight Commission.* 

Measure E establishes a police oversight commission to ensure the integrity of the city police department. Establishing the commission is easy but making sure unbiased and competent people run the commission is the challenge.

#### Measure BB — NO

Official Title: Long Beach Water and Gas Consolidation. *Plain English Translation: Government Takeover of Gas, Sewer, and Water Utilities.* 

Measure BB is a government takeover of gas utilities, merging them with water and sewer. The measure claims it will save

residents money by simplifying the system, but it will actually lead to increased rates and service failures through government inefficiency. A NO vote blocks this government takeover and rate hike.

## Long Beach Unified School District

## Measure Q — NO

Official Title: Long Beach Unified School District Classroom Repair, Student Health/Safety/Achievement Measure. *Plain English Translation: Shall the City Take Out \$1.7 Billion in Bonds to be Repaid by Taxpayers to Give a Line of Credit to a Poorly Managed School District?* 

Measure Q is effectively a massive tax increase on city residents through a bond. Bonds are government loans that must be paid back by taxpayers. This bond is being used as a replacement for improving efficiency with current resources. A NO vote blocks these backroom deals and saves taxpayers millions.

## Measure LBU — YES

Official Title: Realign Long Beach Unified School District and State Election Dates. *Plain English Translation: Align Long Beach Elections with Statewide Elections.* 

Measure LBC is a bookkeeping measure to align Long Beach elections with the next statewide election according to state law. State law requires that City of Long Beach move their elections to coincide with statewide elections. A YES vote allows continuity of government and compliance with state law.

## **City of Los Angeles**

## Measure LH — NO

Official Title: Authorization for Additional Low-income Housing. Plain English Translation: Increase Dense Urban Development, Allow the City to Engage in Backroom Deals for Government Contracts.

Measure LH approves "affordable" housing projects, which simply waste taxpayer funds to benefit politically connected developers. These units will come at a high price tag, which is driven by two factors: corrupt kickbacks engineered by liberal politicians, and high regulatory costs to build any housing in California. These 'corrupt kickbacks' manifest as union-only labor contracts, where in exchange for a contract, unions contribute to liberal politicians' campaigns using union dues from developers and contractors working on the projects. A NO vote blocks this waste of taxpayer money.

## Measure SP — NO

Official Title: Parks and Recreational Facilities Parcel Tax. *Plain English Translation: Massive Parcel Tax Increase.* 

Measure SP is a massive tax increase on parcels — in other words a land/property tax. While proponents claim the measure will fund parks, childcare, and "equity," we find these claims dubious. A NO vote blocks this massive tax increase.

## Measure ULA — NO

Official Title: Funding for Affordable Housing and Tenant Assistance Programs Through a Tax on Real Property Transfers Over \$5 Million. Initiative Ordinance. *Plain English Translation: Massive Tax Increase of 4-5.5% on Sales/Transfers of Property.* 

Measure ULA is a massive tax increase on sales and transfers of property. Revenue from the measure will allegedly fund "affordable housing programs resources for tenants at risk of homelessness," but we find those claims dubious. "Affordable" housing programs waste taxpayer funds to benefit politically connected developers. A NO vote blocks this massive tax increase and waste of taxpayer money.

## Los Angeles Community College District

## Measure LA — NO

Official Title: Los Angeles Community College District Safety, Repair, Job Training Measure. *Plain English Translation: Shall the City Take Out \$5.3 Billion in Bonds to be Repaid by Taxpayers to Give a Line of Credit to a Poorly Managed Community College District?* 

Measure LA is effectively a massive tax increase on city residents through a bond. Bonds are government loans that must be paid back by taxpayers. This bond is being used as a replacement for improving efficiency with current resources. A NO vote blocks this bond and saves taxpayers billions.

## City of Lynwood

## Measure TR — NO

Official Title: Shall the City adopt Ordinance No.1752 establishing a 5%, but not to exceed 10% tax on businesses selling cannabis products at retail stores in the City. *Plain English Translation: Massive Tax Increase of 5-10% on Pot Shops.* 

No matter where you stand on the issue of legalized marijuana use, Measure TR is a massive tax increase on pot shops. A NO vote will block this tax increase.

## City of Malibu

## Measure MC — NO

Official Title: Shall a measure be adopted establishing a 1/2¢ transactions and use (sales) tax ... until ended by voters. *Plain English Translation: Massive Sales Tax Increase*.

Measure MC is a massive sales tax increase of 0.5%. While the measure claims to fund public safety, homeless prevention, and more, we find those claims dubious. The measure contains loopholes allowing funds to be diverted to other projects with little accountability. A NO vote blocks this tax increase.

## City of Manhattan Beach

## Measure MB — NO

Official Title: Shall a measure repealing Manhattan Beach's existing prohibition of all commercial cannabis activity ... allowing Manhattan Beach City Council discretion to legalize other cannabis uses ... be adopted? *Plain English Translation: Legalize Retail Pot Shops.* 

Do we really need more pot shops? No matter where you stand on legalized marijuana use, pot is readily available in California as-is. A NO vote blocks this measure.

## Measure V — YES

Official Title: Shall a measure readopting Manhattan Beach's existing: (1) prohibition of all commercial cannabis activities in the City; and (2) allowance of limited indoor cannabis cultivation consistent with state law, be adopted? *Plain English Translation: Keep Retail Pot Shops Illegal.* 

Do we really need more pot shops? No matter where you stand on legalized marijuana use, pot is readily available in California. A YES vote keeps the amount of pot shops as-is.

## City of Monrovia

## Measure MM — NO

Official Title: Shall Monrovia Unified School District's measure be adopted authorizing \$75,000,000 in bonds at legal rates. *Plain English Translation: Shall the City Take Out \$75 Million in Bonds to be Repaid by Taxpayers to Give a Line of Credit to a Poorly Managed School District?* 

Measure MM is effectively a massive tax increase on city residents through a bond. Bonds are government loans that must be paid back by taxpayers. This bond is being used as a replacement for improving efficiency with current resources. A NO vote blocks this bond and saves taxpayers millions.

## **City of Monterey Park**

## Measure MP — NO

Official Title: Establishing a ¾¢ transactions and use (sales) tax until ended by voters. *Plain English Translation: Massive Sales Tax Increase.* 

Measure MC is a massive sales tax increase of 0.75%. While the measure claims to fund public safety, parks, homeless prevention, and more, we find those claims dubious. The measure contains loopholes allowing funds to be diverted to other projects with little accountability. A NO vote blocks this tax increase.

## Palmdale School District

## Measure PRM — NO

Official Title: Shall Palmdale (Elementary) School District's measure authorizing \$120,000,000 in bonds ... be adopted? *Plain English Translation: Shall the City Take Out \$120 Million in Bonds to be Repaid by Taxpayers to Give a Line of Credit to a Poorly Managed School District?* 

Measure MM is effectively a massive tax increase on city residents through a bond. Bonds are government loans that must be paid back by taxpayers. This bond is being used as a replacement for improving efficiency with current resources. A NO vote blocks this bond and saves taxpayers millions.

## **Paramount Unified School District**

## Measure P — YES

Official Title: Shall the members of the Paramount Unified School District Board of Education be limited to three (3) four-year terms of office for a maximum of 12 years? *Plain English Translation: Establish a 3-Term Limit on Board of Education Members, for Maximum of 12 Years.* 

Measure P imposes a limit of three terms on Board of Education members. Local term limits help improve accountability and keep politicians in touch with their communities. A YES vote approves this measure.

## **City of Pasadena**

## Measure L — NO

Official Title: Pasadena Public Library Services Continuation Measure. *Plain English Translation: Continue Massive Tax on Parcels.* 

Measure L is effectively a massive tax increase on parcels in other words a land/property tax — by continuing the current parcel tax which is set to expire. While proponents claim the measure will fund library services, we find these claims dubious. A NO vote blocks this massive tax increase.

## Measure H — NO

Official Title: Pasadena Charter Amendment Initiative Petition Measure Imposing Rent Control. *Plain English Translation: Decrease Rental Units by Chasing Away Landlords with Bans on Evictions and Rent Caps.* 

Measure H will effectively decrease the amount of rental housing by chasing away landlords. The measure limits rent adjustments annually to 75% of the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index and prohibits most evictions. These measures disincentivize landlords from renting out their property, which will exacerbate the housing crisis. A NO vote blocks this poorly thought-out blow to the housing market.

## Pasadena Area Community College District

### Measure PCC — NO

Official Title: Shall the Pasadena Area Community College District bond measure authorizing \$565,000,000 at legal rates be adopted. *Plain English Translation: Shall the City Take Out* \$565 Million in Bonds to be Repaid by Taxpayers to Give a Line of Credit to a Poorly Managed Community College District?

Measure PCC is effectively a massive tax increase on city residents through a bond. Bonds are government loans that must be paid back by taxpayers. This bond is being used as a replacement for improving efficiency with current resources. A NO vote blocks this bond and saves taxpayers millions.

## **City of Pico Rivera**

### Measure AB — NO

Official Title: Update Pico Rivera's 64-year-old business license fee ... ensure all businesses operating in the city pay their fair share ... generating approximately \$5,800,000 annually until ended by voters. *Plain English Translation: Massive Tax Increase on Business Licenses.* 

Measure AB is a massive tax increase on business licenses, generating \$5.8 million for the city. While the city claims the revenue will fund emergency services, roads, and homeless prevention, we find those claims dubious. A NO vote blocks this tax increase.

## Measure F — YES

Official Title: Shall the terms served by City Council Members in the City of Pico Rivera be limited to not more than three (3) consecutive four (4) year terms, after which City Council Members shall not be qualified to serve in that elected office for a period of four (4) years? *Plain English Translation: Establish 4 Consecutive Term Limit on City Council Members.* 

Measure P imposes a limit of four consecutive terms on City Council members. Local term limits help improve accountability and keep politicians in touch with their communities. A YES vote approves this measure.

#### City of Pomona

## Measure PO — YES

Official Title: For the Police Oversight Commission Measure. Plain English Translation: Establish Police Oversight Commission. Measure PO establishes a police oversight commission to ensure the integrity of the city police department. Establishing the commission is easy but making sure unbiased and competent people run the commission is the challenge.

### Measure PE — YES

Official Title: For the Ethics Commission Measure. *Plain English Translation: Establish a City Ethics Commission*.

Measure PE establishes an ethics commission to ensure the integrity of the city government and employees. Establishing the commission is easy but making sure unbiased and competent people run the commission is the challenge.

## Measure PI — YES

Official Title: For the Independent Redistricting Commission Measure. Plain English Translation: Establish Independent Redistricting Commission.

Measure PI establishes an Independent Redistricting Commission to draw the lines for the city electoral districts every ten years, following the US census. Establishing the commission is easy but making sure unbiased and competent people run the commission is the challenge.

### Measure PT — YES

Official Title: For the Term Limits Measure. *Plain English Translation: Establish 3 Consecutive Term Limit on City Council Members and Mayor.* 

Measure P imposes a limit of three consecutive terms on City Council members and the mayor. Local term limits help improve accountability and keep politicians in touch with their communities. A YES vote approves this measure.

## Measure PR — NO

Official Title: For the Resign to Run Measure. *Plain English Translation: Force City Council Members Running for Mayor to Resign.* 

Measure PR would require city council members running for mayor to resign their council seat if the new mayoral term would begin before the council member's current term ends. While we understand the intent of the measure is to make elections fairer, the method by which this measure goes about the issue would create additional costs for taxpayers and additional challenges for the city government. A NO vote blocks this measure.

## Measure PL — YES

Official Title: For the Local Primary Measure. *Plain English Translation: Establish Primary Elections for Mayor and City Council.*  Measure PL amends the city charter to establish primary elections for mayor and city council beginning in 2024. Under the measure, if a candidate receives a majority of the vote in the primary, they shall be elected. But, if a candidate fails to obtain a majority of the vote, the top two vote-getters will advance to the general election. A YES vote approves this measure.

### Measure PC — NO

Official Title: For the Campaign Finance Measure. *Plain English Translation: Increases Campaign Contribution Limits with Rate of Inflation and Requires Stricter Financial Disclosures from Campaigns.* 

Measure PC does... well, we don't have much information on it. The city hasn't published the measure text online, and the City Clerk did not respond to repeated requests in a timely manner. We can't support anything that the city is keeping shrouded in secret. A NO vote blocks this suspicious measure.

### Measure PG — NO

Official Title: For the General Charter Update Measure. *Plain English Translation: Amend the City Charter.* 

Measure PG does... well, we don't have much information on it. The city hasn't published the measure text online, and the City Clerk did not respond to repeated requests in a timely manner. We can't support anything that the city is keeping shrouded in secret — especially a substantial charter update. A NO vote blocks this suspicious measure.

## Measure PS — NO

Official Title: Special Tax Measure. *Plain English Translation: Massive Tax Increase on Parcels*.

Measure PS is effectively a massive tax increase on parcels in other words a land/property tax. While proponents claim the measure will fund road improvements, we find these claims dubious. A NO vote blocks this massive tax increase.

## City of San Marino

#### Measure Z — NO

Official Title: Shall the measure to levy an annual special parcel tax on specified vacant commercial and residential properties within the City of San Marino ... be adopted? *Plain English Translation: Massive Tax Increase on Parcels.* 

Measure Z is effectively a massive tax increase on parcels in other words a land/property tax. While proponents claim the measure will fund public safety and school improvements, we find these claims dubious. A NO vote blocks this massive tax increase.

## **City of Santa Monica**

### Measure CS — NO

Official Title: Shall the measure ... to provide a third-tier transfer tax ... be adopted? *Plain English Translation: Massive Tax Increase on Property Transfers.* 

Measure CS is a massive tax increase on transfers of property. Revenue from the measure will allegedly fund "affordable housing," schools, and more, but we find those claims dubious. A NO vote blocks this massive tax increase.

### Measure GS — NO

Official Title: Shall the City of Santa Monica increase the transient occupancy tax ... by 1% for hotels and motels, and by 3% for home shares. *Plain English Translation: Increase the Traveler Tax on Hotel Guests By 1%.* 

Measure HT is a massive tax increase on out-of-town guests by 1% and home shares by 3%. While the measure and proponents may argue this tax is paid by hotels and motels, they pass that fee onto guests. While the measure claims to fund parks, roads, and public safety, we find those claims dubious. A NO vote stops this tax increase.

### Measure PB — NO

Official Title: Shall the City Charter be amended to: (a) expand eligibility requirements for service on the City's Personnel Board to include, in addition to City of Santa Monica ("City") residents, residents of Los Angeles County that are employed full-time within the City, or own real property in the City, or have been issued a business license by the City; and (b) reduce the term of service for Personnel Board members from five to four years? *Plain English Translation: Allow Non-City Residents to Serve on City Board*.

Measure PB allows non-city residents to serve on a city board and make decisions on behalf of the city. Allowing nonresidents to have a say in city affairs weakens the voice of city residents. A NO vote maintains local say and control.

### Measure DT — NO

Official Title: Increasing the one-time tax on real property sales ... and establishing an additional incremental tax. *Plain English Translation: Massive Tax Increase on Property Sales and Transfers.* 

Measure DT is a massive tax increase on sales and transfers of property. Revenue from the measure will go straight into the city general fund to be used on any project the city wishes, with little accountability. A NO vote blocks this massive tax increase.

#### Measure DTS — NO

Official Title: If the "Comprehensive Real Property Transfer Tax Measure" is enacted, should at least 30% of its additional revenue be used for housing assistance to protect seniors and low-income families from housing displacement, with the remainder of the additional revenue to be used for homelessness services; behavioral health services, public safety and emergency response teams for City streets and parks; reopening public libraries; after-school programs; and crossing guards near public schools? *Plain English Translation: Allocate Property Transfer Tax Revenue to Affordable Housing Programs.* 

Measure DTS allocates revenue from the property transfer tax, if enacted, to affordable housing and various other programs. While the measure sounds nice, it contains a "poison pill" by funding affordable housing. "Affordable" housing programs waste taxpayer funds to benefit politically connected developers. These arrangements also discriminate against small and minority-owned businesses. A NO vote prevents the funding of these shady programs.

### Measure HMP — NO

Official Title: Establish a business tax on every licensed cannabis business ... up to 10% of gross receipts. *Plain English Translation: Massive Tax Increase of 10% on Pot Shops.* 

No matter where you stand on the issue of legalized marijuana use, Measure HMP is a massive tax increase on pot shops. A NO vote will block this tax increase.

### Measure RC — NO

Official Title: Shall the City Charter be amended to require intended owner occupancy of rent-controlled units for two years before tenant eviction; require owner occupancy within 60 days of vacancy; reduce the maximum Annual General Adjustment from 6% to 0.8% from 2/1/23 through 8/31/23, or average not to exceed 3%, with a 3% maximum Annual General Adjustment thereafter; and require elections only if the number of qualified candidates exceeds the number of open Board positions? *Plain English Translation: Decrease Units for Rent by Implementing Radical Rent Control Measures.* 

Measure RC will effectively decrease the amount of rental housing by chasing away landlords. The measure cuts rent adjustments annually in half. These measures disincentivize landlords from renting out their property, which will exacerbate the housing crisis. A NO vote blocks this poorly thought-out blow to the housing market.

#### Measure EM — NO

Official Title: Shall the City Charter be amended to allow the Rent Control Board to disallow or modify annual general rent adjustments for rent controlled units during a declared state of emergency ... while maintaining the landlord's ability to petition for a rent adjustment. *Plain English Translation*: Decrease Units for Rent by Implementing Radical Rent Control Measures During a State of Emergency.

Measure EM will effectively decrease the amount of rental housing by chasing away landlords. The measure will allow the Rent Control Board to stop or modify rent adjustments during a state of emergency, hurting and disincentivizing landlord income. These measures disincentivize landlords from renting out their property, which will exacerbate the housing crisis. A NO vote blocks this poorly thought-out blow to the housing market.

## Santa Monica Community College District

## Measure SMC — NO

Official Title: Santa Monica College Affordable Higher Education, Career Training, Classroom Upgrades. *Plain English Translation: Shall the City Take Out \$375 Million in Bonds to be Repaid by Taxpayers to Give a Line of Credit to a Poorly Managed Community College District?* 

Measure SMC is effectively a massive tax increase on city residents through a bond. Bonds are government loans that must be paid back by taxpayers. This bond is being used as a replacement for improving efficiency with current resources. A NO vote blocks this bond and saves taxpayers millions.

### **City of Sierra Madre**

## Measure HR — NEUTRAL

Official Title: Shall the general plan land use designation change from "Institutional" to "Hillside" and the zoning designation change from "Institutional" to "Hillside Management" for the Mater Dolorosa Property? *Plain English Translation: Permits Building of New Single-Family Homes on the Mater Dolorosa Property.* 

Measure HR would amend the land use and zoning designation of the Mater Dolorosa Property from "Institutional," where Single-family homes are prohibited, to "Hillside Management," where single-family homes, duplexes, and accessory dwelling units are allowed. Proponents argue this applies land-use designations more equally in Sierra Madre, while opponents argue the measure will harm the small village character of the city.

## **City of South El Monte**

### Measure CM — NO

Official Title: Shall the measure, permitting and thoroughly regulating limited cannabis retail businesses ... establishing a general tax at a maximum 8% of noncultivation cannabis business proceeds and \$25/square foot of cultivation space ... be adopted? *Plain English Translation: Impose Massive Tax Increase on and Legalize Pot Shops.* 

No matter where you stand on the issue of legalized marijuana use, Measure CM is a massive tax increase on pot shops. A NO vote will block this tax increase.

### Measure X — NO

Official Title: Shall the measure, permitting/regulating limited cannabis businesses ... regulating personal cannabis use; establishing a maximum 6% special excise tax on retail cannabis/edibles sales ... be adopted? *Plain English Translation: Impose Massive Tax Increase on and Legalize Pot Shops.* 

No matter where you stand on the issue of legalized marijuana use, Measure X is a massive tax increase on pot shops. A NO vote will block this tax increase.

## **City of South Gate**

## Measure PD — NO

Official Title: Business License Tax Measure. *Plain English Translation: Massive Tax Increase on Business Licenses.* 

Measure PD is a massive tax increase on business licenses. While the city claims the revenue will fund public safety, roads, and parks, the measure contains loopholes that allow the funding to be diverted to other projects. A NO vote blocks this tax increase.

## City of South Pasadena

### Measure LL — NO

Official Title: Shall an ordinance be adopted extending South Pasadena's Library Special Tax, which is due to expire on June 30, 2024, to remain in effect until otherwise terminated by a majority vote of the South Pasadena electorate? *Plain English Translation: Extend Special Tax Rate Permanently.* 

Measure LL is effectively a massive tax increase. It is an extension of the current special tax rate, and it would last until ended by voters (in other words, permanently). A NO vote blocks the tax rate from continuing, effectively giving city residents a tax cut! Vote NO to lower your tax bill.

#### Wiseburn Unified School District

## Measure EE — NO

Official Title: Shall Wiseburn Unified School District's locally controlled measure authorizing \$98,000,000 in bonds at legal rates ... be adopted. *Plain English Translation: Shall the City Take Out \$98 Million in Bonds to be Repaid by Taxpayers to Give a Line of Credit to a Poorly Managed School District?* 

Measure EE is effectively a massive tax increase on city residents through a bond. Bonds are government loans that must be paid back by taxpayers. This bond is being used as a replacement for improving efficiency with current resources. A NO vote blocks this bond and saves taxpayers millions.

### Statewide Candidate Races

**Governor** Brian Dahle

Lt. Governor Angela Underwood Jacobs

Attorney General Nathan Hochman

Treasurer Jack Guerrero Controller Lanhee Chen

Secretary of State Rob Bernosky

Superintendent of Public Instruction Lance Christensen

State Insurance Commissioner Robert Howell State Board of Equalization — 1 Ted Gaines

State Board of Equalization — 2 Peter Coe Verbica

State Board of Equalization — 3 You're Doomed

State Board of Equalization — 4 You're Doomed

#### Legislative Races

US Senate Mark Meuser

US Congress - District 23 Jay Obernolte

US Congress - District 26 Matt Jacobs US Congress - District 27 Mike Garcia

US Congress - District 28 Wes Hallman

US Congress - District 29 You're Doomed US Congress - District 30 You're Doomed

US Congress - District 31 Daniel Bocic Martinez

US Congress - District 32 Lucie Lapointe Volotzky US Congress - District 34 You're Doomed

US Congress - District 35 Not Norma Torres

US Congress - District 36 Not Ted Lieu

US Congress - District 37 You're Doomed

US Congress - District 38 Eric Ching

US Congress - District 42 John Briscoe

US Congress - District 43 Allison Pratt

US Congress - District 44 Paul Jones

US Congress - District 45 Michelle Steel

State Senate - District 20 You're Doomed

State Senate - District 22 Vincent Tsai

### **County Candidate Races**

County Sheriff Not Robert Luna

City of Los Angeles Mayor Rick Caruso

Judge – Superior Court Office 151 Not Patrick Hare

Continue to next page >>

State Senate - District 28 You're Doomed

State Senate - District 30 Mitch Clemmons

State Senate - District 34 Rhonda Shader

State Senate - District 36 Janet Nguyen

State Assembly - District 34 Tom Lackey

State Assembly - District 39 Paul Andre Marsh

State Assembly - District 40 Suzette Martinez Valladares

State Assembly - District 42 Lori Mills

State Assembly - District 44 Barry Curtis Jacobsen

State Assembly - District 46 Dana Caruso

**State Assembly - District 49** Burton Brink **State Assembly - District 51** You're Doomed

**State Assembly - District 52** You're Doomed

State Assembly - District 53 Toni Holle

State Assembly - District 55 Keith Girolamo Cascio

State Assembly - District 56 Jessica Martinez

**State Assembly - District 61** You're Doomed

State Assembly - District 62 You're Doomed

State Assembly - District 64 Raul Ortiz

State Assembly - District 66 George Barks

State Assembly - District 67 Soo Yoo

**State Assembly - District 69** You're Doomed

Judge – Superior Court Office 118 You're Doomed

Judge – Superior Court Office 90 Not Mellisa Lyons

Judge – Superior Court Office 70 Not Holly Hancock Judge – Superior Court Office You're Doomed

Judge – Superior Court Office 67 Not Elizabeth Lashley-Haynes



CONTRIBUTE TO THE FIGHT ONLINE www.TargetCalifornia.org

Special thanks to our "Tax Problem-Solver" Mike Dallo for sponsoring for online version of this voter guide at ElectionGuideCalifornia.org



Ad paid for by Reform California. Advertisement was not authorized by a candidate, or a committee controlled by a candidate.