

2020 California Ballot Propositions

We are in the age of quick fixes and very rich special interest groups and lobbyist.

3 Criteria for voting for a California Proposition:

1. How much is it going to cost?
2. Who is really going to pay for it?
3. How will it affect my children and future generations?

CISS **NO!** Proposition 14 Bonds Issues \$5.5 billion in bonds for state stem cell research institute. Marcy Darnovsky, executive director of the Center for Genetics and Society: "It does nothing to address CIRM's built-in conflicts of interest, or its lack of legislative oversight — **despite it being an agency supported wholly by public funds. The new proposition makes some things worse**; for example, it outsources critically important decisions about ethical standards to an unaccountable national committee. ..

CICA **NO!** Proposition 15 Taxes Requires commercial and industrial properties to be taxed based on market value and dedicates revenue. Supporters of Prop 15 say big businesses will finally have to pay their fair share in property taxes, **but opponents warn small businesses will bear the burden**. Major players against it: California Chamber of Commerce, California Small Business Association and several taxpayers' groups. Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association: "This is yet another attack on the longstanding taxpayer protections in Prop. 13. Special interests continue to push for new and higher taxes to pay for their out-of-control pensions, which have already directed existing tax revenue away from classrooms and other state priorities."

LRCA **NO!** Proposition 16 Affirmative Action Repeals Proposition 209 (1996), which says that the state cannot discriminate or grant preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education, or contracting. Wenyuan Wu, director of administration for the Asian American Coalition for Education: "Built on partial evidence and shallow prescriptions for an unrealistic utopia, ACA-5 is in essence divisive and discriminatory. Its overarching goal to undo Proposition 209, a bill that won the popular vote in 1996 and has withstood legal scrutiny over time, is misguided in that ACA-5 proposes instant but wrong solutions to persistent social ills.

LRCA **NO!** Proposition 17 Suffrage Restores the right to vote to people convicted of felonies who are on parole. **PAROLE IS TO PROVE REHABILITATION BEFORE FULL LIBERTY, INCLUDING VOTING RIGHTS, IS RESTORED.**

LRCA **NO!** Proposition 18 Suffrage Allows 17-year-olds who will be 18 at the time of the next general election to vote in primaries and special elections. 17-year-olds will almost always still be in high school, and under the strong influence of their teachers. This again makes it **less likely that they would be expressing their own, independently thought-out choices** were they to be allowed to vote."

LRCA **NO!** Proposition 19 Taxes Changes tax assessment transfers and inheritance rules. This is a **special-interest measure** that seeks to raise hundreds of millions of new tax revenues to appease yet another special interest. Prop 19 is a **cash grab, not tax reform**; it's not fair to property heirs,

CISS **NO!** Proposition 20 Law Enforcement Makes changes to policies related to criminal sentencing charges, prison release, and DNA collection. Prop. 20 itself is the wrong vehicle for raising and implementing the policy changes it promotes. At a time when Californians continue to be supportive of scaling back mass incarceration, Prop. 20 **offers only the preferences of police and prison guard unions**. Complex issues such as the matters at hand demand a more deliberative and thoughtful approach than Prop. 20 provides.

CISS **NO!** Proposition 21 Housing Expands local governments' power to use rent control. California's housing woes trace to our lawmakers and regulators, who over the years have imposed a licensing, permitting and construction **regime that raises costs and makes home construction more difficult.**

CISS **NO!** Proposition 22 Business Considers app-based drivers to be independent contractors and enacts several labor policies related to app-based companies. One of the key innovations of app-based companies is their ability to match whatever workers are available to the customers seeking services, enabling individual workers to come and go on their own schedule. The challenge for the state is to preserve that innovation while guarding against the exploitation of those who rely on app platforms for their livelihoods.

CISS **NO!** Proposition 23 Healthcare Requires physician on-site at dialysis clinics and consent from the state for a clinic to close. **NURSES, DOCTORS AND PATIENTS URGE NO ON 23—THE DANGEROUS AND COSTLY DIALYSIS PROPOSITION** Nearly 80,000 Californians with failed kidneys receive dialysis treatment three days a week to stay alive.

CISS **NO!** Proposition 24 Business Expands the provisions of the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) and creates the California Privacy Protection Agency to implement and enforce the CCPA. Prop. 24 fails us in two key ways: First, Prop. 24 creates a loophole that allows commercial credit agencies and data corporations to sell the personal information of small-business owners. Creating the loophole weakens the privacy of small-business owners and hurts our Black, Latino and Asian-American small businesses the most.

VR **NO!** Proposition 25 Trials Replaces cash bail with risk assessments for suspects awaiting trial This legislation is a reckless attempt at changing the state's bail system and is **fundamentally bad for California.**

Remember all taxation responsibility eventually falls on the middle working class in future generations.

- The government doesn't have any money or power until you give it to them.
- If you tax big business they will just raise the price of products on you because they operate with a small margin of profit.
- Big corporations will not lose no matter what but the small businesses will suffer if they try to grow or compete.
- The government cost you 3X as much to operate as the local private sector so be careful when you give it management over health care and the economy.