

California Ballot Propositions 2024 MCDC Recommendations

Prop 2 Bonds for Public Schools and Community College Facilities.

- Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for repair, upgrade, and construction of facilities at K-12 public schools (including charter schools), community colleges and career technical programs including for improvement of health and safety conditions and classroom upgrades.
- Support: CA Teachers Assoc; CA School Nurses Organization; Community College League of CA; League of Women Voters of CA.
- Opposed: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assoc.

MCDC: Yes

Prop 3 Constitutional Right to Marriage.

- Amends CA Constitution to fundamental right to marry, regardless of sex or race. Removes language in CA Constitution stating that marriage is only between a man and woman.
- Support: Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Dolores Huerta Foundation; Equality CA; Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA; Human Rights Campaign; TransLatin@Coalition; League of Women Voters of CA.
- Opposed: CA Family Council; The American Council of Evangelicals.

MCDC: Yes

Prop 4 Bonds for Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Protection, and Protecting Communities and Natural Lands from Climate Risks.

- Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for water, wildfire, and protection of communities and lands
- Support: Clean Water Action; CALFIRE Firefighters; National Wildfire Federation; The Nature Conservatory; Community Water Center; Coalition for Clean Air; League of Women Voters of CA.
- Oppose: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assoc.

MCDC: Undecided

Prop 5 Allows Bonds for Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure with 55% Voter Approval.

- Allows approval of local infrastructure and housing bonds for low-and middle-income Californians with 55% vote. If bonds were ultimately approved by localities would result in higher property taxes. Would change the CA Constitution for approving certain bonds by lowering the voting requirement for approval from 2/3 to 55%.
- Support – CA Professional Firefighters; League of Women Voters of CA; Habitat for Humanity CA.

- Oppose – CA Taxpayers Assoc; CA Hispanic Chambers of Commerce; Women Veterans Alliance.

MCDC: Undecided

Prop 6 Eliminates Constitutional Provision Allowing Involuntary Servitude for Incarcerated Persons.

- Amends CA Constitution to remove current provision that allows jails and prisons to impose involuntary servitude to punish crime (i.e. forcing incarcerated persons to work).
- Support: Assemblymember Lori Wilson; Dolores Huerta Foundation; Law Enforcement Action Partnership; League of Women Voters CA.
- Oppose: None submitted

MCDC: Undecided

Prop 32 Raises Minimum Wage

- For employers with 26 or more employees raises minimum wage to \$17 immediately, \$18 on Jan. 1, 2025
- For employers with 25 or fewer employees raises minimum wage to \$17 on Jan. 1, 2025, \$18 on Jan.1, 2026.
- Support: none; put on ballot by petition signatures; League of Women Voters; UNITE HERE Local 11; One Fair Wage
- Oppose: CA Chamber of Commerce; CA Restaurant Assoc.; CA Grocers Assoc.

MCDC: Undecided

Prop 33 Rent Control

- Repeals Costa- Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995 which currently prohibits local ordinances limiting residential rental rates for new tenants or rent increases for existing tenants in residential properties that were 1st occupied after Feb.1, 1995; single family homes; and condominiums.
- Support: CA Nurses Assoc; CA Alliance for Retired Americans; Mental Health Advocacy; Coalition for Economic Survival; Tenants Together; AIDs Healthcare Foundation.
- Oppose: CA Council for Affordable Housing; Women Veterans Alliance; CA Chamber of Commerce; CA Small Business Assoc; CA Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; CA Senior Alliance.
- League of Women Voters is neutral.
- The biggest question about Prop 33 is what impact will it have on building affordable housing.

MCDC: No

Prop 34 Restricts Spending of Prescription Drug Revenues by Certain Health Care Providers

- Requires certain providers to spend 98% of revenues from federal discount prescription drug program on direct patient care. Authorizes statewide negotiation of Medi-Cal drug prices.

- Support: The ALS Assoc; CA Chronic Care Coalition; Latino Heritage LA;
- Oppose: National Org for Women; Consumer Watchdog Coalition for Economic Survival; AIDS Healthcare Foundation; Dolores Huerta.
- Has been dubbed the Stop the Revenge Initiative to stop passage of Prop 33 on Rent Control.

MCDC: No

Prop 35 Provided Permanent Funding for Medi-Cal Health Care Services

- Makes permanent the existing tax on managed health care insurance plans which, if approved by the federal government, provides revenues to pay for Medi-Cal health care.
- Support: Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA; College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists; American Academy of Pediatrics CA.
- Oppose: None submitted but League of Women Voters oppose based on belief that the measure is “ballot-box budgeting.” The League is concerned that the prop will limit the ability of the state to respond to changes in Medi-Cal that may occur especially changes mandated by the Feds.

MCDC: Yes

Prop 36 Allows Felony Charges and Increases Sentences for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes

- Changes Prop 47 by allowing felony charges for possessing certain drugs (especially Fentanyl) and for thefts under \$950 if defendant has 2 prior drug or theft convictions.
- Support: Crime Victims United of CA; CA District Attorneys Assoc., Family Business Assoc of CA; Californians for Safer Communities; CA Black Chamber of Commerce.
- Oppose: DA of Contra Costa County; Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice; Prosecutors Alliance Action; League of Women Voters.
- Response to “unintended consequences” of 2014 Prop 47 which changes some theft and drug crimes from felonies to misdemeanors. Would increase some sentences; those convicted could wind up serving time in state prisons rather than county jails. Creates new court process for some drug convictions (possession of specified drugs; have 2 or more past drug convictions). Eligible defendants could get treatment & if finish their charges would be dismissed.
- Opponents point to multiple new CA laws intended to deal with retail theft and drug possession.

MCDC: No