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Agenda

- **Legislative Update**

Nancy Berlin, Policy Director, California Association of Nonprofits

- **The Ballot Proposition Picture**

Jan Masaoka, CEO, CalNonprofits

- **Which propositions are most critical to the nonprofit community, and how can we be thinking about them?**

- Nancy Berlin, Policy Director, California Association of Nonprofits
- Melissa Breach, Executive Director, League of Women Voters in California
- Chris Hoene, Executive Director, California Budget and Policy Center
- **Close**



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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The California Law-Making Tug of War



GUN CONTROL

MINIMUM WAGE



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BALLOT PROPOSITIONS OVERVIEW

17 state
propositions

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- ★ Know your **rights as a voter!**
- ★ Deadline: **Sign up to vote, register by October 24.**
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PROPOSITION 55: Tax Extension to Fund Education & Healthcare

Extension of the Proposition 30 income tax increase on high income taxpayers



SUPPORTS	OPPOSES
California Democratic Party League of Women Voters of California Governor Jerry Brown	California Republican Party California Chamber of Commerce
\$46 million Hospital assns Public employee unions	\$0



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PROPOSITION 54: Public Display of Bills Prior to Vote

Proposition 54:

Require that every bill is published in print and online at least 72 hours before each house of the legislature can vote on it



SUPPORTS	OPPOSES
	
California Republican Party Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assoc. League of Women Voters of California California Association of Nonprofits	California Democratic Party California Labor Federation
\$7.9 million Charles Munger	\$0



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YES, you can lobby on Ballot Measures



1. Publicly endorse or oppose measures
2. Organize volunteers to gather signatures
3. Pay staff to gather signatures
4. Contribute or loan money to campaigns
5. Host campaign events
6. Register voters and encourage them to vote yes or no on a specific measure
7. Propose and draft a ballot measure



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TAKING POSITIONS ON PROPOSITIONS AND VOTER MOBILIZATION



Compliance

1. Do not support or oppose candidates.
2. Measure and report lobbying activities.
 - Insubstantial Part Test (measures the percent of activity an organization spends on lobbying) OR
 - 501 (h) Expenditure Test (measures how much money an organization spends on lobbying)
3. Visit BolderAdvocacy.org & read Worry-Free Lobbying For Nonprofits.



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Impact without Lobbying

1. Register voters (staff, clients, members, etc.)
2. Provide unbiased education on ballot measures
 1. Vote with your mission
 2. Voter's Edge California widget
www.votersedge.org/ca
 3. *Easy Voter Guide* easyvoterguide.org
 4. Pros and Cons presentations cavotes.org
3. Support voter turnout
4. Vote



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Can nonprofits & foundations take positions on state and local ballot measures?



<http://www.nonprofitvote.org/documents/2010/09/nonprofits-and-ballot-measures-en.pdf>



<http://www.bolderadvocacy.org/navigate-the-rules/ballot-measures>

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PROPOSITION 64: Legalizing recreational marijuana

Legalizes recreational marijuana and hemp under state law and establishes certain sales and cultivation taxes



SUPPORTS	OPPOSES
	
California Democratic Party Cannabis Industry Association of Calif. California Medical Association National Latino Officers Association	California Republican Party California Hospital Association California Assn. of Highway Patrolmen Senator Dianne Feinstein
\$4.1 million Sean Parker and affiliates \$2 million Fund for Policy Reform	\$264,000 Smart Approaches to Marijuana \$25,000 California Teamsters



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PROPOSITION 62 & 66: Death Penalty

Propositions 62 and 66:
If both pass, the one with the most “yes” votes would supercede the other.



<p>Prop 62: Death Penalty Repeal</p> 	<p>Proposition 66: Death Penalty Court Procedures. Speeds up appeals process.</p> 
<p>For: Calif Democratic Party MALDEF, ACLU \$1 million Reed Hastings (Netflix) \$1 million Nick McKeown</p>	<p>For: Calif Republican Party Calif District Attorneys Assn \$751,000 Calif peace officers assns</p>
<p>Against: Calif Republican Party Calif District Attorneys Association \$75,000 Peace officer associations</p>	<p>Against: Calif Democratic Party California Labor Federation \$281,000 ACLUs</p>



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PROPOSITION 59: Advisory to overturn Citizens United Act

Proposition 59:

Instructs California elected officials use their authority to overturn the Citizens United decision, potentially through an amendment to the U.S. Constitution



SUPPORTS	OPPOSES
	
California Democratic Party California Common Cause	Los Angeles Times League of Women Voters of California
\$62,000 NextGen CA \$61,000 Tom Steyer	\$0



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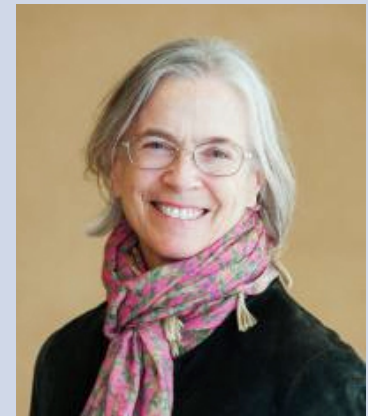
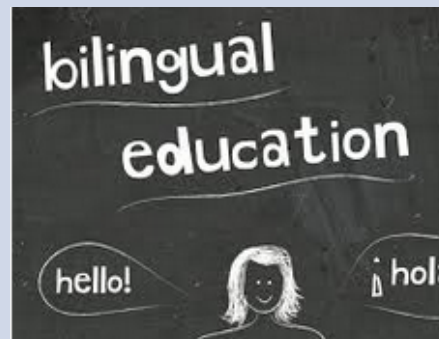
Prop 56

Tobacco tax increase
Increases the cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack, with equivalent increases on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes



Prop 58

Bi-lingual education
Allows non-English languages to be used in classrooms (when teaching English for example)



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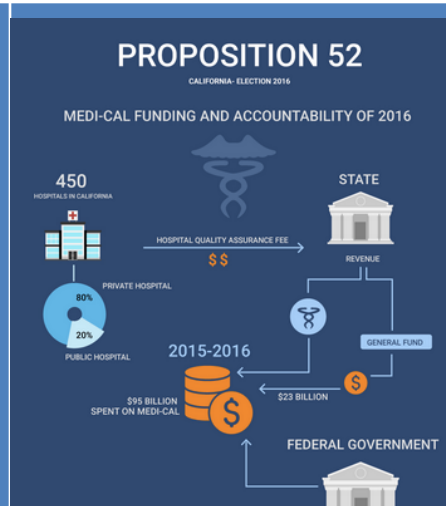
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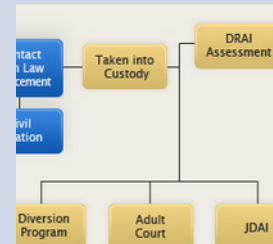
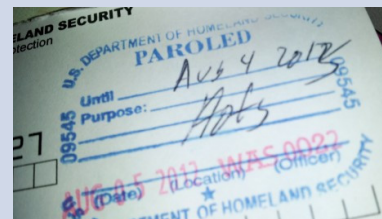
Prop 52

Hospital fee revenue to Medi-Cal
Would require voter approval (now: legislature) to change use of certain hospital fees from being used to match federal money to fund Medi-Cal services



Prop 57

Parole for non-violent criminals, and procedures for assigning cases to juvenile or adult court



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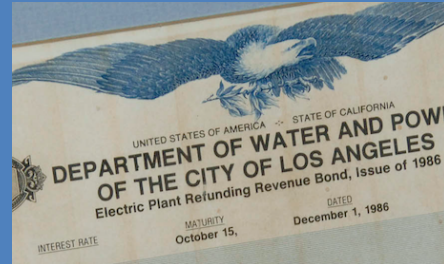
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Prop 53

Require voter approval for revenue bonds of more than \$2 billion



Prop 60

Require condoms for actors in pornographic films



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Prop 61

Drug price standards



Prop 65 & Prop 67

Plastic bags

65: money from bag sales
to go to wildlife fund

67: ratify ban on plastic
bags



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Prop 63

Gun control
Background checks for
ammunition purchases
and ban on large-capacity
ammunition magazines



Prop 51

School facility bonds
\$9 million in
general obligation
bonds



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