

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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TO: Steering Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director

RE: November 2016 Ballot Measures for consideration

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay

BACKGROUND

There are 17 State and two County Propositions on the November ballot. They are listed below by number, title and a short summary. SBCCOG Staff has reviewed them and suggests that Propositions 51, 52, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66 not be considered for further review and a SBCCOG position as they do not deal with issues affecting SBCCOG's goals and work program.

If the Steering Committee is in agreement, then discussion should center around the remaining propositions (in Bold)– 53, 54, 57, 65, 67 and county measures A and M (to consider request by some board members for a change in current opposition position). Also included are the positions of the League of California Cities (LCC).

State Propositions

Proposition 51 - School Bonds. Funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities. Initiative Statutory Amendment.

Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for new construction and modernization of K-12 public school facilities; charter schools and vocational education facilities; and California Community Colleges facilities.

Proposition 52 - State Fees on Hospitals. Federal Medi-Cal Matching Funds. Initiative Statutory and Constitutional Amendment.

both an Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. It extends indefinitely an existing statute that imposes fees on hospitals to fund Medi-Cal health care services, care for uninsured patients, and children's health coverage.

Proposition 53 - Revenue Bonds. Statewide Voter Approval. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Requires statewide voter approval before any revenue bonds can be issued or sold by the state for certain projects if the bond amount exceeds \$2 billion. Could affect local control – no exemption for emergencies/natural disasters.

LCC Opposes

Proposition 54 - Legislature. Legislation and Proceedings. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

It prohibits the Legislature from passing any bill unless published on the Internet for 72 hours before a vote; requires the Legislature to record its proceedings and post them on the Internet; and it authorizes the use of recordings.

LCC supports

Proposition 55 - Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Extends by twelve years the temporary personal income tax increases enacted in 2012 on earnings over \$250,000, with revenues allocated to K-12 schools, California Community Colleges, and, in certain years, healthcare.

Proposition 56 - Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

both an Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. It increases cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack, with equivalent increase on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes containing nicotine.

Proposition 57 - Criminal Sentences. Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

It allows parole consideration for nonviolent felons; authorizes sentence credits for rehabilitation, good behavior, and education; and provides that a juvenile court judge decides whether a juvenile will be prosecuted as adult.

LCC – action deferred, no position at this time

Proposition 58 - English language education.

Preserves requirement that public schools ensure students obtain English language proficiency. Requires school districts to solicit parent/community input in developing language acquisition programs. Requires instruction to ensure English acquisition as rapidly and effectively as possible. Authorizes school districts to establish dual-language immersion programs for both native and non-native English speakers.

Proposition 59 - Campaign finance: voter instruction.

Asks whether California's elected officials should use their authority to propose and ratify an amendment to the federal Constitution overturning the United States Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*. *Citizens United* ruled that laws placing certain limits on political spending by corporations and unions are unconstitutional.

Proposition 60 - Adult Films. Condoms. Health Requirements. Initiative Statute.

Requires adult film performers to use condoms during filming of sexual intercourse. Requires producers to pay for performer vaccinations, testing, and medical examinations. Requires producers to post condom requirement at film sites.

Proposition 61 - State Prescription Drug Purchases. Pricing Standards. Initiative Statute.
Prohibits state from buying any prescription drug from a drug manufacturer at price over lowest price paid for the drug by United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Exempts managed care programs funded through Medi-Cal.

Proposition 62 - Death Penalty. Initiative Statute.
Repeals death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. Applies retroactively to existing death sentences. Increases the portion of life inmates' wages that may be applied to victim restitution

Proposition 63 - Firearms. Ammunition Sales. Initiative Statute.
Requires background check and Department of Justice authorization to purchase ammunition. Prohibits possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines. Establishes procedures for enforcing laws prohibiting firearm possession by specified persons. Requires Department of Justice's participation in federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

Proposition 64 - Marijuana Legalization. Initiative Statute.
Legalizes marijuana under state law, for use by adults 21 or older. Imposes state taxes on sales and cultivation. Provides for industry licensing and establishes standards for marijuana products. Allows local regulation and taxation.

Proposition 65 - Carry-Out Bags. Charges. Initiative Statute.
Redirects money collected by grocery and certain other retail stores through mandated sale of carryout bags. Requires stores to deposit bag sale proceeds into a special fund to support specified environmental projects.
LCC opposes

Proposition 66 - Death Penalty. Procedures. Initiative Statute.
Changes procedures governing state court challenges to death sentences. Designates superior court for initial petitions and limits successive petitions. Requires appointed attorneys who take noncapital appeals to accept death penalty appeals. Exempts prison officials from existing regulation process for developing execution methods.

Proposition 67 - Referendum to Overturn Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags.
This is a Referendum. A "Yes" vote approves, and a "No" vote rejects, a statute that prohibits grocery and other stores from providing customers single-use plastic or paper carryout bags but permits sale of recycled paper bags and reusable bags.
LCC supports

County Propositions – 2/3 vote required

Measure A - the Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Protection Measure of 2016.

Continues voter support for local parks, beaches, open space and water resources by approving an annual parcel tax of 1.5 cents per square foot of development. Estimated tax for the owner of a 1500 sq ft home will be \$22.50/year and will be included on the annual property tax bill. Will generate approximately \$94 million/year and will replace expiring dedicated funding from voter-approved Propositions A of 1992 and 1996. The local return category is 35%.

Measure M - Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan - accompanying memo

RECOMMENDATION

After discussion, the Steering Committee should recommend to the Board which propositions that SBCCOG should support, which to oppose and those on which no position should be taken