



The official voting guide of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

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As the voice of business for the Los Angeles region, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce has worked to create a favorable business environment since 1888. The November 2 California Election Ballot contains critical initiatives that will impact L.A. businesses and the economy for years to come. This voting guide is intended to provide the business perspective on these issues. We hope you will join us in voting for a better L.A.

SUPPORT

Proposition 20

Will add the task of re-drawing congressional district boundaries to the Citizens Redistricting Commission created by Prop. 11 (2008). California is best served by allowing the non-partisan, independent commission to redraw all of California's legislative districts following the 2010 census. This will be an open, transparent public process that protects communities rather than politicians. The Chamber was an original proponent of Prop. 11 and is a steering committee member of Yes on Prop. 20 & No on Prop. 27.

Proposition 22

Prohibits State government from taking designated types of local funds. Sacramento often raids local government funds in order to backfill the State's chronic budget deficit. This initiative will help protect cities and counties while at the same time forcing Sacramento to better manage the state budget process.

Proposition 26

Will require a 2/3 vote in the Legislature to pass new taxes and fees. Increasingly, the State Legislature seeks to increase taxes by calling them "fees" which only requires a simple majority. This initiative would protect taxpayers from hidden taxes disguised as fees.

OPPOSE

Proposition 19

Would permit the personal cultivation, possession, transport and use of marijuana. The Chamber agrees that the "war on drugs" is a failure and that it is necessary to pursue alternative methods to control and regulate marijuana. Unfortunately, Prop. 19 is poorly written and cannot be improved without a subsequent initiative.

Proposition 24

Would eliminate three important job-creating tax incentives approved by the Legislature in 2008 and 2009. Prop. 24 will stop these incentives from going in to effect and put struggling California businesses at a disadvantage at the worst possible time in our economic recovery.

Proposition 25

Would reduce the threshold for passing a State budget from 2/3 to a simple majority. While reforming the 2/3 budget vote is important, Prop. 25 is flawed in that it also lowers the Constitutional vote requirements for the State Legislature to pass or raise taxes and increase legislators' tax-free expense accounts. In addition, it restricts your Constitutional right to repeal bad laws and fees at the ballot box.

Proposition 27

Voters beware! This self-serving initiative would repeal Prop. 11 (and Prop. 27, if passed) and return the task of redistricting to the California State Legislature. Funded almost exclusively by politicians, Prop. 27 is a major step backwards for political reforms in California and would ensure another decade of extreme partisanship as lawmakers carve up districts to choose their voters in order to protect their incumbency.

Neutral

Proposition 23

Would temporarily suspend AB 32 until the State's unemployment rate drops to 5.5 percent or less for four consecutive quarters. The L.A. Area Chamber appreciates arguments on both sides of this proposition and has taken a neutral position.

