

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

August 23, 2018

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors  
FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee  
SUBJECT: State Ballot Measures for November 2018

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

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

**Proposition 1 - The Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018**

Prop. 1 would authorize the sale of \$4 billion in bonds to finance existing housing programs, as well as infrastructure grants to match local housing funds for repairs and improvements. One-quarter of the \$4 billion bond would go toward helping veterans purchase homes which would include farms and mobile homes. Three quarters or \$3 billion would be used to finance various existing housing programs, as well as infill infrastructure financing and affordable housing matching grant programs, as provide.

*League position: Support.*

*No committees registered in opposition*

*RECOMMEND: SUPPORT*

**Prop. 2 Using Mental Health Dollars for Low-Income Housing**

Prop. 2 would authorize the state to use mental health funds from the Mental Health Services Act for permanent supportive housing up to \$2 billion. The Mental Health Services Act was approved by voters in 2004, instituting a tax on incomes over a million dollars. Would authorize the Legislature to amend the No Place Like Home Act of 2018 by a two-thirds vote, so long as the amendment is consistent with and furthers the intent of the act.

*League position: Support.*

*Leaders of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Contra Costa wrote argument against*

*RECOMMEND: NO POSITION*

**Proposition 3: Supply and Water Quality Bond Act of 2018** :

This measure authorizes \$8.877 billion in state general obligation bonds for various infrastructure projects: \$3.03 billion for safe drinking water and water quality, \$2.895 billion for watershed and fisheries improvements, \$940 million for habitat protection, \$855 million for improved water conveyance, \$685 million for groundwater sustainability/storage, and \$472 million for surface water storage/dam repairs. It appropriates money from General Fund to pay off bonds and requires certain projects to provide matching funds from non-state sources; gives priority to disadvantaged communities.

*League position: Support.*

*No committees registered in opposition*  
*RECOMMEND SUPPORT*

**Prop. 4 Bonds for Children’s Hospital**

Prop. 4 would authorize a \$1.5 billion bond to build, expand, and renovate children’s hospitals, including public and private nonprofit hospitals, and the University of California’s acute care children’s clinics.

*RECOMMEND NO POSITION*

**Prop. 5 Property Tax Relief to Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons**

Prop. 5 would grant property tax relief to property owners who are over the age of 55 years old or severely disabled. The measure would allow them to transfer their tax rate to a replacement property of equal or lesser value or when the property is unlivable, due to natural disasters or caused by environmentally toxic hazards.

*RECOMMEND NO POSITION*

**Proposition 6: Repeal of Recently Enacted State Transportation Funds:** This measure repeals a 2017 transportation law's tax and fee provisions that pay for repairs and improvements to local roads, state highways, and public transportation. It requires the Legislature to submit any measure enacting specified taxes or fees on gas or diesel fuel, or on the privilege to operate a vehicle on public highways, to the electorate for approval.

*League position: Oppose*

*Contract Cities Association: Oppose*

*SBCCOG already opposes*

*Supporters – California Republican Party and several Republican elected officials  
National Federation of Independent Businesses*

**Prop. 7 Daylight Savings Time**

Prop. 7 would authorize the legislature to determine how the state’s time should be set, repealing a 1949 proposition that mandated Daylight savings.

*RECOMMEND NO POSITION*

**Prop. 8 Relates to Dialysis Regulation and Revenue**

Prop. 8 would place new regulations related to Dialysis clinics, including a cap on outpatient charges for dialysis. The proposition also requires dialysis outpatient clinics to submit financial information to the state.

*RECOMMEND NO POSITION*

**Prop. 9 Splitting California into Three States = REMOVED FROM BALLOT**

**Prop. 10 Allow Cities to Enact Rent Control**

Prop. 10 would repeal the Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act, enabling local governments to enact new rent control measures on residential dwellings built after February 1995.

*Support: Coalition for Affordable Housing, Mayor Eric Garcetti, L.A. Councilman Mike Bonin, West Hollywood Councilwoman Lindsey Horvath, California Democratic Party, Various labor unions*

*Oppose: California Republican Party*

*NO RECOMMENDATION*

**Prop. 11 Emergency Ambulance**

Prop. 11 would require private emergency ambulance companies to remain on call during work breaks, in the event of an emergency.

*RECOMMEND NO POSITION*

**Prop. 12 Cage Free Animals**

Prop. 12 would ban the sale of meat from animals that were confined in cages. The measure expands on a similar cage-free proposition passed by voters in 2008 but would include specific square footage requirements and adds breeding pigs and calves raised for veal to the animal list.

*RECOMMEND NO POSITION*

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

The SBCCOG opposed Proposition 6 at the June 28, 2018 meeting.  
Proposition 9 was removed from the ballot.

The Steering Committee recommends that the Board approve Proposition 1 and 3 and take no position on Propositions 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12.