

Please VOTE on November 4, 2008



The Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce Shares its Positions on the November Ballot Measures

As you consider your choices on the November ballot, the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce and BACPAC (Business and Community Political Action Committee) would like to share its positions on the statewide ballot measures. The Chamber's positions are based on the impact of the ballot measures on California's economy and job climate, encouraging the community to vote in favor of economic stability. Our Board of Trustees endorses the following City Council candidates and recommends positions on the following ballot measures:



District 2
Steven Rosansky



District 5
Ed Selich



District 7
Keith Curry

PROPOSITION 1A - OPPOSE

High Speed Passenger Train Bond Act
Provides \$9.95 billion of General Obligation Bonds to fund a high speed rail system which California simply cannot afford at this time.

PROPOSITION 2 - OPPOSE

The Standards for Confining Farm Animals Act
These restrictions increase costs to consumers and reduce competitiveness of California's farmers and ranchers. This is not the time to add additional impediments to California's staggering economy.

PROPOSITION 3 - OPPOSE

Children's Hospital Bond Act
The Chamber feels this is a really tough decision, but one that the state unfortunately cannot afford. If this is a top priority, it should be part of the state's annual budget in lieu of less important projects.

PROPOSITION 4 - NO POSITION

Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy

PROPOSITION 5 - OPPOSE

Nonviolent Offender Rehabilitation Act
Requires the State to expand and increase funding and oversight for individualized treatment and rehabilitation programs for nonviolent drug offenders and parolees.

PROPOSITION 6 - OPPOSE

Safe Neighborhoods Act
Requires new state spending on various programs to combat crime and gangs, and to operate prison and parole systems. The Chamber feels the State is in no position to take on additional spending at this time.

PROPOSITION 7 - OPPOSE

Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008
Requires all utilities including government-owned utilities, to generate 20% of their power from renewable energy by 2010, a standard currently applicable only to private electrical corporations. The Chamber opposes this measure due to its potential to substantially drive up energy prices in the state.

PROPOSITION 8 - NO POSITION

Limit on Marriage.

PROPOSITION 9 - NO POSITION

Criminal Justice System. Victims' Rights. Parole.

PROPOSITION 10 - OPPOSE

Renewable Energy & Clean Alternative Fuel Act
Authorizes \$5 billion in bonds paid from state's General Fund, allocated to purchasers of certain high fuel economy and alternative fuel vehicles. The Chamber has long advocated for sound, cost effective energy policies that are market driven and technology or fuel neutral. Unfortunately, this measure does not meet that test.

PROPOSITION 11 - SUPPORT

The California Voters First Initiative
Creates 14-member redistricting commission responsible for drawing new district lines for State Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization districts. The Chamber believes this measure is long overdue and deserves everyone's support.

PROPOSITION 12 - SUPPORT

Veteran's Bond Act
This is a \$900 Million bond measure to finance Cal-Vet home loans for veterans. Pay back is through paid mortgages and veterans have a better payment history than their non-veteran counterparts.

MEASURE J - SUPPORT

'Insurance for the Taxpayer'
Voters should support a countywide measure, Measure J, which would require voter approval for all pension increases for Orange County elected officials and employees. This is a good-government measure that will save taxpayers money and restore a semblance of balance to a system that has gotten out of control.



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