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# 2016 CALIFORNIA VOTER GUIDE



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The California chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-CA) has compiled three unique resources into our CAIR-CA Voter Guide to help guide community members as they plan to vote in the November 2016 elections. Inside, you will find a:

- + Congressional scorecard,
- + State legislative scorecard, and
- + Statewide proposition guide.

The scorecards reflect the voting performance of California representatives from Congress and the State Legislature. The votes of each legislator have been rated positive (+) or negative (-) depending on how closely their votes on relevant legislation corresponded with civil rights and social justice priorities identified by CAIR-CA. The criteria selected for each topic is rooted in legislation introduced and voted upon in 2015-2016.

As the amount of legislation introduced in both Congress and the State legislature is rather expansive, please note that elected officials should not be judged by these criteria alone. This scorecard is intended to provide a general profile that we hope will assist American-Muslim voters in better understanding the attitudes of elected officials towards key issues. CAIR-CA makes no claims as to the favorability of one candidate being elected over another. Therefore, we encourage readers of this guide to further research the actions of their local representatives before supporting any particular candidate.

At the end of the guide CAIR-CA has provided recommendations on statewide ballot propositions. As a non-profit, non-partisan organization, we cannot advocate for specific candidates for office, but we are able to endorse ballot propositions. Please contact your local CAIR-CA office if you have comments or questions. »

# CONGRESSIONAL SCORECARD<sup>i</sup>

## **S. 1177**

### **EVERY STUDENT ACHIEVES ACT OF 2015**

SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT ON DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

S. 1177 ends the landmark No Child Left Behind Act and sends significant power back to the states and local districts while maintaining limited federal oversight of education. This bill addresses issues such as accountability and testing requirements, distribution and grant requirements, fiscal accountability requirements, and the evaluation of teachers. The bill provides states with increased flexibility and responsibility for developing accountability systems, deciding how federally required tests should be weighed, selecting additional measures of student and school performance, and implementing teacher evaluation systems.

## **H.R. 4038**

### **AMERICAN SECURITY AGAINST FOREIGN ENEMIES ACT (SAFE) OF 2015**

PASSED IN HOUSE ON NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2015. SENATE MOVED TO BLOCK CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL IN JANUARY 2016

The SAFE Act would effectively halt President Obama's plan to resettle Syrian and Iraqi refugees. The bill would require heads of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Director of National Intelligence (DNI) to unanimously certify that each Syrian and Iraqi refugee being resettled inside the United States does not pose a threat.

## **H.R. 3762<sup>ii</sup>**

### **RESTORING AMERICANS' HEALTHCARE FREEDOM RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2015**

VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT ON JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

H.R. 3762 proposed repealing most of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," and defunding Planned Parenthood for one year.

In a statement, the President outlined the "significant progress we have made in improving health care in America" since the passage of his signature healthcare law in 2010. He held that H.R.3762 would undo much of that progress and stated that,

<sup>i</sup> Statutes of all bills are current as of September 26, 2016, and information on such bills such as names, descriptions, statuses, and voting records have been adapted or obtained from <https://www.congress.gov/legislation>

<sup>ii</sup> Veto Message from the President -- H.R. 3762. (2016). Retrieved August 19, 2016, from <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/01/08/veto-message-president-hr-3762>

“This legislation would cost millions of hard-working middle-class families the security of affordable health coverage they deserve. Reliable health care coverage would no longer be a right for everyone: it would return to being a privilege for a few.” The President also warned that the bill, which proposed defunding Planned Parenthood, would “limit access to health care for men, women, and families across the Nation, and would disproportionately impact low-income individuals” who use the reproductive healthcare organization’s services.

## **S. 1252**

### **GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY ACT OF 2016**

SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT ON JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

S. 1252 would support programs and activities that would:

- + Place food insecure countries on a path toward self-sufficiency and economic freedom by coordinating U.S. assistance programs;
- + Accelerate inclusive, agricultural-led economic growth that reduces global poverty, hunger, and malnutrition;
- + Increase the productivity, incomes, and livelihoods of small-scale producers;
- + Build resilience to food shocks among vulnerable populations and households while reducing reliance upon emergency food assistance;
- + Create an environment for agricultural growth and investment;
- + Improve the nutritional status of women and children;
- + Demonstrably meet, align with, and leverage U.S. strategies and investments in trade, economic growth, national security, science and technology, agriculture research and extension, maternal and child health, nutrition, water, sanitation, and hygiene;
- + Strengthen partnerships between U.S. and foreign universities that build agricultural capacity; and
- + Ensure the effective use of taxpayer dollars in furthering these objectives

## **H.R. 158**

### **VISA WAIVER PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT AND TERRORIST TRAVEL PREVENTION ACT**

PASSED IN HOUSE ON DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 AND BECAME PROVISION OF H.R. 2029 AS THE CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2016. SIGNED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

H.R. 158 would bar nationals and foreigners who have traveled to Iraq, Iran, Sudan, or Syria in the past five years from traveling or being admitted to the United States

under the Visa Waiver Program. Instead, such nationals would be required to go through the immigration process at a United States Embassies or Consulates to obtain a Visa. This would instate a mandatory bar on all persons attempting to enter the United States who are dual citizens and those who have engaged in legitimate travel.

### **S.Amdt. 1889 to S.Amdt. 1463 in HR 1735 – 2016**

#### **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)**

#### **AMENDMENT TO REAFFIRM TORTURE PROHIBITION**

PASSED IN SENATE ON JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2015. AMENDMENT VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT

The McCain-Feinstein Amendment sought to reaffirm the prohibition on torture and limitation of interrogation techniques in the U.S. Army Field Manual, which serves as the standard for all United States government interrogations. It opposes brutal and illegal interrogation techniques called “enhanced interrogation,” which were reportedly carried out by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). These abusive techniques include waterboarding, nudity, stress positions, sleep deprivation, forced rectal feeding, and other forms of physical violence. Under the amendment, every three years the Secretary of Defense, in conjunction with the Attorney General, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), must complete a thorough review of the Army Field Manual and make necessary revisions to ensure that it complies with the legal obligations of the United States and best practices for interrogation that do not involve the use or threat of force. It also ensures the International Committee of the Red Cross access to the detainees.

### **H.AMDT. 221 to H.R. 1735**

#### **CLOSURE OF GUANTANAMO BAY DETENTION CAMP**

FAILED IN HOUSE

The amendment sought to provide a framework for closure of the military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by December 31st, 2017. Proponents of Guantanamo’s closure cite ongoing reports of abuse of detainees and a lack of due process, which have tarnished the United States’ international credibility. Closure of the facility is a step towards safeguarding constitutional values meant to protect those in custody from abuse, indefinite detention, and lack of due process.

## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEMBERS	STATUS	S 1177	HR 4038	HR 3762	S 1252	HR 158	HR 1735 (A 221)
Aguilar, Pete (D-31)	SR	NV	-	+	+	NV	-
Bass, Karen (D-37)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+
Becerra, Xavier (D-34)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Bera, Ami (D-7)	SR	+	-	+	+	-	+
Brownley, Julia (D-26)	SR	+	-	+	+	-	+
Calvert, Ken (R-42)	SR	+	-	-	+	-	-
Capps, Lois (D-24)	R	+	+	+	+	-	NV
Cárdenas, Tony (D-29)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Chu, Judy (D-27)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	NV
Cook, Paul (R-8)	SR	+	-	-	+	-	-
Costa, Jim (D-16)	SR	+	-	+	+	-	+
Davis, Susan A. (D-53)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Denham, Jeff (R-10)	SR	+	-	-	+	-	-
DeSaulnier, Mark (D-11)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Eshoo, Anna G. (D-18)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Farr, Sam (D-20)	R	+	+	+	+	+	+
Garamendi, John (D-3)	SR	+	-	+	+	-	+
Hahn, Janice (D-44)	S	+	-	+	+	-	+
Honda, Michael M. (D-17)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+
Huffman, Jared (D-2)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Hunter, Duncan D. (R-50)	SR	+	-	-	+	-	-
Issa, Darrell E. (R-49)	SR	+	-	-	+	-	-
Knight, Stephen (R-25)	SR	+	-	-	+	-	-
LaMalfa, Doug (R-1)	SR	+	-	-	+	-	-

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Lee, Barbara (D-13)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lieu, Ted (D-33)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Lofgren, Zoe (D-19)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Lowenthal, Alan S. (D-47)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Matsui, Doris O. (D-6)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
McCarthy, Kevin (R-23)	SR	+	-	-	+	-	-
McClintock, Tom (R-4)	SR	+	-	-	-	-	-
McNerney, Jerry (D-9)	SR	+	+	NV	+	-	+
Napolitano, Grace F. (D-32)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Nunes, Devin (R-22)	SR	+	-	-	+	-	-
Pelosi, Nancy (D-12)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Peters, Scott H. (D-42)	SR	+	-	+	+	-	+
Rohrabacher, Dana (R-48)	SR	-	-	-	+	-	-
Roybal-Allard, Lucille (D-40)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Royce, Edward R. (R-39)	SR	+	-	-	+	-	-
Ruiz, Raul (D-36)	SR	+	-	+	+	-	-
Sánchez, Linda T. (D-38)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Sanchez, Loretta (D-46)	S	NV	+	+	+	-	NV
Schiff, Adam B. (D-28)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Sherman, Brad (D-30)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Speier, Jackie (D-14)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Swalwell, Eric (D-15)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+

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Takano, Mark (D-41)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+
Thompson, Mike (D-5)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Torres, Norma J. (D-35)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Valadao, David G. (R-21)	SR	+	-	-	+	-	-
Vargas, Juan (D-51)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+
Walters, Mimi (R-45)	SR	+	-	-	+	-	-
Waters, Maxine (D-43)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+

## U.S. SENATE

MEMBERS	STATUS	S 1177	HR 3762	HR 1735 (S.Amdt 1889-1463)	S 1252
Boxer, Barbara (D-CA)	R	+	+	+	+
Feinstein, Dianne (D-CA)	N	+	+	+	+

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# STATE LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD<sup>iii</sup>

## **SB 411** **CRIMES**

SIGNED INTO LAW AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

SB 411 clarifies that video recording, audio recording, and/or photographing public safety officers in the course of their duties, while in a public place or in a place he or she has a right to be, does not constitute an obstruction of an officer.

## **SB 600** **CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTION FOR CALIFORNIA'S IMMIGRANTS**

SIGNED INTO LAW ON SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

SB 600 amends the Unruh Civil Rights Act (1959) to outlaw discrimination on the basis of citizenship, immigration status, and primary language. In doing so, immigrants will share the same civil rights protections as all Californians.

## **AB 953** **RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING ACT OF 2015**

SIGNED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2015

In an effort to prevent peace officers from engaging in racial or identity profiling, AB 953 was created to modernize California's definition of profiling to account for identity characteristics beyond race. The law also requires the state to create a system for collecting and reporting basic information on police-community interactions, enhance training on fair and impartial policing, and establish an advisory board that develops solutions to curb profiling.<sup>iv</sup>

## **SB 358** **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT: GENDER WAGE DIFFERENTIAL**

SIGNED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

In 2013, a woman in California working full-time earned 84 cents to every dollar a man earned. The discrepancy has created a \$34-billion-dollar wage loss each year for women in California. This gap is significantly greater for women of color.

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<sup>iii</sup> Statutes of all bills are current as of September 29, 2016, and information on bills such as names, descriptions, statuses, and voting records have been adapted or obtained from <https://leginfo.ca.gov>

<sup>iv</sup> AB 953: The Racial & Identity Profiling Act of 2015 (Weber) | [aclunc.org](http://aclunc.org). Retrieved August 19, 2016, from <http://bit.ly/AB953ACLU>

Due to the ambiguity in the language California's equal pay laws, SB 358 was enacted to amend the state's existing labor codes. Under what is now Section 11975 of the California Labor Code, employers are prohibited from paying its employees at wage rates less than the rates paid to employees of the opposite sex for substantially similar work. The law also prohibits an employer from reprimanding employees who disclose or discuss their own wages, the wages of others, inquiring about another employee's wages, or encouraging other employees to do so.

**SB 178**  
**CALIFORNIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION PRIVACY ACT (CalECPA)<sup>v</sup>**

SIGNED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

SB 178 provides protection against warrantless government access to mobile devices, e-mail, text messages, digital documents, metadata, and location information. Previously, law enforcement would use outdated privacy laws to access electronic information and turn mobile phones into tracking devices without proper judicial oversight.

**SB 3**  
**MINIMUM WAGE: ADJUSTMENT**

SIGNED INTO LAW ON APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

SB 3 increases the minimum wage for companies with 26+ employees to \$10.50 per hour in 2017 and \$11 in 2018 and will rise by \$1 each year until it reaches \$15 per hour in 2022. Small business with 25 or fewer employees will have an additional year before having to raise the minimum wage of their workers. Starting in 2023, California's minimum wage will be tied to the Consumer Price Index and will rise up to 3.5% each year. The increases will benefit an estimated 2.2 million people who earn minimum wage in the state.<sup>vi</sup>

**SB 10**  
**HEALTH CARE COVERAGE: IMMIGRATION STATUS**

SIGNED INTO LAW ON JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

SB 10 directs the State to apply for a waiver under Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act to allow undocumented immigrants and Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipients to purchase a health plan through Covered California with their own money.

<sup>v</sup> Cal. Pen. Code § 1546 et seq.

<sup>vi</sup> Jerry Brown signs \$15 minimum wage into law. (n.d.). Retrieved August 19, 2016, from <http://bit.ly/MinWage15>

**AB 2844**  
**PUBLIC CONTRACTS: ANTI-BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT,  
AND SANCTIONS (BDS) BILL**

SIGNED INTO LAW ON SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

California's Unruh Civil Rights Act and Fair Employment and Housing Act prohibit discrimination of an individual in public places and employment. AB 2844 requires any person who submits a bid or proposal to the state, or proposes to enter into or renew a contract with the state is worth more than \$100,000, to comply with California's anti-discrimination laws. To be in compliance, the person must attest that they have not adopted any policies against any sovereign nation or peoples as recognized by the United States government, specifically the state or people of Israel. Before submitting a bid or proposing a contract with the state, the person must certify, under penalty of perjury, that no such boycott policies are in place, subjecting themselves to criminal punishment for perjury.

**AB 2845**  
**SCHOOL SAFETY: SAFE PLACE TO LEARN ACT**

SIGNED INTO LAW ON SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

The act aims to mandate that school districts provide school site and community resources for students who are subject to discrimination and bullying based on actual or perceived religious affiliation. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction of California would also be required to publish and make available, to students and their families, anti-bullying resources on its website for those who are subject to discrimination and bullying based on actual or perceived religious affiliation, nationality, race, or ethnicity.

**AB 2792**  
**LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES: FEDERAL  
IMMIGRATION POLICY ENFORCEMENT**

SIGNED INTO LAW ON SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

In an effort to rectify an absence of transparency and accountability within the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) program, the Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds (TRUTH) Act was created to allow public oversight through community forums and access of ICE records through California's Public Records Act (CPRA) requests. Local law enforcement assisting ICE would be required to provide a written consent form to detained individuals explaining their rights during the ICE interview process and to notify the individual's attorney of the individual's anticipated release.

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS	STATUS	SB 411	SB 600	AB 953	SB 358	SB 178	SB 3	SB10	AB 2844	AB 2845	AB 2792
Achadjian, Katcho (R-35)	R	+	+	-	+	+	-	NV	-	+	-
Alejo, Luis A. (D-30)	W	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	-	+	+
Allen, Travis (R-72)	SR	+	NV	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Arambula, Joaquin (D-31)	SR	NIO	NIO	NIO	NIO	NIO	NIO	+	-	+	+
Atkins, Toni G. (D-78)	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Baker, Catharine B. (R-16)	SR	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-
Bigelow, Frank (R-5)	SR	+	-	-	+	+	NV	-	-	+	-
Bloom, Richard (D-50)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Bonilla, Susan A. (D-14)	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Bonta, Rob (D-18)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+
Brough, William P. (R-73)	SR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Brown, Cheryl R. (D-47)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Burke, Autumn R. (D-62)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Calderon, Ian C. (D-57)	SR	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	-	+	+
Campos, Nora (D-27)	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Chang, Ling-Ling (R-55)	S	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Chau, Ed (D-49)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Chávez, Rocky J. (R-76)	SR	+	+	-	+	NV	-	NV	-	+	NV
Chiu, David (D-17)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Chu, Kansan (D-25)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+
Cooley, Ken (D-8)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+

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Cooper, Jim (D-9)	SR	+	+	NV	+	-	+	+	-	+	NV
Dababneh, Matthew (D-45)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Dahle, Brian (R-1)	SR	+	NV	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-
Daly, Tom (D-69)	SR	+	+	+	+	NV	-	+	-	+	NV
Dodd, Bill (D-4)	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Eggman, Susan Talamantes (D-13)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Frazier, Jim (D-11)	SR	+	+	NV	NV	-	+	+	NV	+	NV
Gaines, Beth (R-6)	S	-	-	-	+	NV	-	-	-	+	-
Gallagher, James (R-3)	SR	NV	-	-	+	NV	-	-	NV	+	-
Garcia, Cristina (D-58)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+
Garcia, Eduardo (D-56)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Gatto, Mike (D-43)	R	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Gipson, Mike A. (D-64)	SR	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	-	+	+
Gomez, Jimmy (D-51)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Gonzalez, Lorena S. (D-80)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Gordon, Richard S. (D-24)	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+
Gray, Adam C. (D-21)	SR	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	NV
Grove, Shannon L. (R-34)	R	NV	-	-	+	+	NV	-	-	+	-
Hadley, David (R-66)	SR	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-
Harper, Matthew (R-74)	SR	NV	-	-	-	+	NV	-	-	+	-
Hernández, Roger (D-48)	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+

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Irwin, Jacqui (D-44)	SR	+	+	NV	+	-	+	+	-	+	-
Jones, Brian W. (R-71)	R	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Jones-Sawyer, Sr., Reginald B. (D-59)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Kim, Young O. (R-65)	SR	+	+	-	+	NV	-	NV	NV	+	-
Lackey, Tom (R-36)	SR	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Levine, Marc (D-10)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Linder, Eric (R-60)	SR	+	+	-	+	-	NV	+	-	+	-
López, Patty (D-39)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Low, Evan (D-28)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Maienschein, Brian (R-77)	SR	+	+	-	+	+	-	NV	-	+	-
Mathis, Devon J. (R-26)	SR	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Mayes, Chad (R-42)	SR	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
McCarty, Kevin (D-7)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+
Medina, Jose (D-61)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Melendez, Melissa A. (R-67)	SR	+	NV	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Mullin, Kevin (D-22)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Nazarian, Adrin (D-46)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Obernolte, Jay (R-33)	SR	+	-	-	NV	+	-	-	-	NV	-
O'Donnell, Patrick (D-70)	SR	+	+	NV	+	NV	+	+	-	+	+

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MEMBERS	STATUS	SB 411	SB 600	AB 953	SB 358	SB 178	SB 3	SB10	AB 2844	AB 2845	AB 2792
Olsen, Kristin (R-12)	W	NV	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Patterson, Jim (R-23)	SR	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Perea, Henry (D-31)	NIO	+	+	NV	+	-	NIO	NIO	NIO	NIO	NIO
Quirk, Bill (D-20)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+
Rendon, Anthony (D-63)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Ridley-Thomas, Sebastian (D-54)	SR	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Rodriguez, Freddie (D-52)	SR	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+
Salas, Jr., Rudy (D-32)	SR	+	+	+	+	NV	NV	+	-	+	+
Santiago, Miguel (D-53)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Steinorth, Marc (R-40)	SR	+	NV	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Stone, Mark (D-29)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Thurmond, Tony (D-15)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Ting, Philip Y. (D-19)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Wagner, Donald P. (R-68)	S	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Waldron, Marie (R-75)	SR	+	-	-	+	-	-	NV	-	+	-
Weber, Shirley N. (D-79)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Wilk, Scott (R-38)	S	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Williams, Das (D-37)	W	+	+	NV	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Wood, Jim (D-2)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Hadley, David (R-66)	SR	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-

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Allen, Benjamin (D-26)	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Anderson, Joel (R-38)	N	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Bates, Patricia C. (R-36)	N	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Beall, Jim (D-15)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+
Berryhill, Tom (R-8)	N	+	-	-	+	+	NV	-	-	+	-
Block, Marty (D-39)	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Cannella, Anthony (R-12)	N	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	NV
de León, Kevin (D-24)	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Fuller, Jean (R-16)	N	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Gaines, Ted (R-1)	SR	NV	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Galgiani, Cathleen (D-5)	SR	+	+	NV	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Glazer, Steven M. (D-7)	SR	NIO	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Hall, Isadore III (D-35)	S	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	-	+	+
Hancock, Loni (D-9)	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+
Hernandez, Ed (R-22)	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Hertzberg, Robert M. (D-18)	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Hill, Jerry (D-13)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Hueso, Ben (D-40)	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	NV	+
Huff, Bob (R-29)	R	+	NV	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	NV
Jackson, Hannah-Beth (D-19)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+

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Leno, Mark (D-11)	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Leyva, Connie M. (D-20)	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Liu, Carol (D-25)	R	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+
McGuire, Mike (D-2)	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Mendoza, Tony (D-32)	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Mitchell, Holly J. (D-30)	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Monning, Bill (D-17)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Moorlach, John M.W. (R-37)	SR	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	NV	-
Morrell, Mike (R-23)	SR	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Nguyen, Janet (R-34)	N	+	+	-	+	-	-	NV	-	+	NV
Nielsen, Jim (R-4)	N	NV	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Pan, Richard (D-6)	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Pavley, Fran (D-27)	R	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Roth, Richard D. (D-31)	SR	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Runner, Sharon (R-21)	Passed Away in Office	NV	-	-	+	NV	NV	NV	NIO	NIO	NIO
Stone, Jeff (R-28)	N	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-
Vidak, Andy (R-14)	N	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-
Wieckowski, Bob (D-10)	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+
Wolk, Lois (D-3)	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+

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### PROPOSITION 51

#### SCHOOL BONDS. FUNDING FOR K-12 SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » SUPPORT

#### SUMMARY

Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds, which would include: \$3 billion towards new construction of K-12 public schools and \$3 billion for modernization of their facilities; \$1 billion for charter schools and vocational education facilities; and \$2 billion for California Community Colleges facilities. If passed, this would prohibit changes to existing authority to levy developer fees to fund school facilities, until new construction bond proceeds are spent or until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, whichever is earlier.

#### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A **YES** vote would be a vote in favor of the state issuing \$9 billion in bonds to fund improvement and construction of school facilities for K-12 schools and community colleges. A **NO** vote would be a vote against the state issuing \$9 billion in new bonds to fund the improvement and construction of education facilities.

### PROPOSITION 52

#### STATE FEES ON HOSPITALS. FEDERAL MEDI-CAL MATCHING FUNDS. (INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE)

CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » SUPPORT

#### SUMMARY

Requires voter approval before the legislature can divert fees collected from hospitals, as part of the federal Medicaid funds program, into the state's general

fund. Voter approval of changes to the fee program would prevent funds from being diverted away from hospital-provided Medi-Cal health care services so that fees are directed to their intended goal of funding Medi-Cal health care services, compensating hospitals who treat uninsured patients, and providing health coverage to children.

### **WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS**

A **YES** vote would ensure that existing Medi-Cal fees imposed on private hospitals would be directed to children's health services, Medi-Cal health care services, and uninsured patient care unless changes are approved by a two-thirds majority vote.

A **NO** vote would mean that existing fees on private hospitals used to fund health care for low-income Californians would end as of January 1, 2018.

## **PROPOSITION 53 REVENUE BONDS. INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS. STATE LEGISLATURE AND VOTER APPROVAL. (INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT)**

**CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » OPPOSE**

### **SUMMARY**

Requires voter approval on legislatively approved projects before revenue bonds for infrastructure projects funded, owned, or operated by the state or any joint agency can be issued if the bond amount exceeds \$2 billion. Applies retroactively to already approved projects if the remaining bond amount exceeds \$2 billion. Requires that specific project information for all state bonds be included in voter ballot pamphlet.

### **WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS**

A **YES** vote would be a vote in favor of requiring voter approval before the state could issue more than \$2 billion in revenue bonds for public infrastructure projects that include road and bridge repair, local water projects, and repairs following a natural disaster.

A **NO** vote would be a vote against the voter approval requirement and in favor of continuing to allow the state to issue revenue bonds for public infrastructure that include road and bridge repair, local water projects, and repairs following a natural disaster without first obtaining voter approval.

## **PROPOSITION 54 LEGISLATURE. LEGISLATION AND PROCEEDINGS. (INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE)**

**CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » SUPPORT**

## SUMMARY

Prohibits Legislature from passing any bill unless published on the Internet for at least 72 hours before the vote, except in cases of public emergency. Requires the Legislature to make audiovisual recordings of all its proceedings, except closed session proceedings, and post them on the Internet. Authorizes any person to record legislative proceedings by audio or video means, except closed session proceedings. Allows recordings of legislative proceedings to be used for any legitimate purpose, without payment of any fee to the State.

## WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A **YES** vote would be a vote in favor of prohibiting legislators from passing any bill until it has been in print and published on the Internet for 72 hours prior to the vote. A **NO** vote would allow legislators to pass any bill in accordance with the current rules and duties of the Legislature.

## PROPOSITION 55 TAX EXTENSION TO FUND EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE. (INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT)

CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » SUPPORT

## SUMMARY

Extends by 12 years the temporary personal income tax increases enacted in 2012 on earnings over \$250,000 (\$500,000 for joint filers; \$340,000 for heads of household) with revenues allocated 89% to K-12 schools and 11% to California Community Colleges. In certain years, up to \$2 billion will be allocated to healthcare programs. Bars use of education revenues for administrative costs, but provides local school governing boards discretion to decide, in open meetings and subject to annual audit, how revenues are to be spent.

## WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A **YES** vote would be a vote in favor of extending the temporary personal income tax increase approved in 2012 for incomes above \$250,000 until 2030. A **NO** vote would be a vote against extending the personal income tax increase, allowing the tax increase on high-income taxpayers to expire in 2018.

## PROPOSITION 56 CIGARETTE TAX TO FUND HEALTHCARE, TOBACCO USE PREVENTION, RESEARCH, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. (INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE)

CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » SUPPORT

## SUMMARY

Increases cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack, with equivalent increase on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes containing nicotine. Allocates revenues

primarily to increase funding for existing healthcare programs; also for tobacco use prevention/control programs, tobacco-related disease research and law enforcement, University of California physician training, dental disease prevention programs, and administration. Excludes these revenues from Proposition 98 funding requirements. If tax causes decreased tobacco consumption, tax revenues would be transferred to offset decreases to existing tobacco-funded programs and sales tax revenues. Requires biennial audit.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A **YES** vote would be a vote in favor of increasing the cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack to fund tobacco prevention and healthcare training.

A **NO** vote would mean no changes will be made to the current tax on cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic cigarettes containing nicotine.

## PROPOSITION 57 CRIMINAL SENTENCES. PAROLE. JUVENILE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AND SENTENCING. (INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE)

CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » SUPPORT

### SUMMARY

Allows parole consideration for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies upon completion of prison term for primary offense, as defined. Authorizes Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to award sentence credits for rehabilitation, good behavior, or educational achievements. Requires Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to adopt regulations to implement new parole and sentence credit provisions and certify they enhance public safety. Provides juvenile court judges shall make determination, upon prosecutor motion, whether juveniles age 14 and older should be prosecuted and sentenced as adults for specified offenses.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A **YES** vote would be a vote in favor of increasing parole chances for juveniles convicted of nonviolent felonies and give them more opportunities to earn credits for good behavior.

A **NO** vote would be against increasing parole chances for juveniles convicted of nonviolent felonies and allowing prosecutors, not judges, to decide whether a juvenile should be tried as an adult.

## PROPOSITION 58 SB 1174 (CHAPTER 753, STATUTES OF 2014), LARA. ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » SUPPORT

## SUMMARY

Requires school districts and county offices of education to provide English learners with a structured English immersion program. Repeals the sheltered English immersion requirement and waiver provisions required by Proposition 227, while preserving the 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. No notable fiscal effect on school districts or state government.

## WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A **YES** vote favors repealing most of 1998 Proposition 227's "English in Public Schools" Initiative, thus making available non-English languages in public schools for students wanting to master a second language.

A **NO** vote is a vote against opportunities for students to learn a non-English language in public schools.

## PROPOSITION 59

### SB 254, ALLEN. CAMPAIGN FINANCE: VOTER INSTRUCTION. (LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY QUESTION)

CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » SUPPORT

## BALLOT QUESTION

Calls California's elected officials to use all of their constitutional authority, including, but not limited to, proposing and ratifying one or more amendments to the United States Constitution, to overturn *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* (2010) 558 U.S. 310, and other applicable judicial precedents, to allow the full regulation or limitation of campaign contributions and spending, to ensure that all citizens, regardless of wealth, may express their views to one another, and to make clear that corporations should not have the same constitutional rights as human beings.

## WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A **YES** vote is a vote in favor of overturning the *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* decision.

A **NO** vote is a vote against Overturning the *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* decision.

## PROPOSITION 60

### ADULT FILMS. CONDOMS. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » SUPPORT

## SUMMARY

Requires performers in adult films to use condoms during filming of sexual intercourse. Requires producers of adult films to pay for performer vaccinations, testing, and medical examinations related to sexually transmitted infections. Requires producers to obtain state health license at beginning of filming and to post condom requirement at film sites. Imposes liability on producers for violations, on certain distributors, on performers if they have a financial interest in the violating film, and on talent agents who knowingly refer performers to noncomplying producers. Permits state, performers, or any state resident to enforce violations.

## WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A **YES** vote would be a vote in favor of additional workplace health and safety requirements placed on adult film productions.

A **NO** vote would bind adult film productions to only current state and local workplace health and safety requirements.

## PROPOSITION 61 STATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PURCHASES. PRICING STANDARDS. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » SUPPORT

## SUMMARY

Prohibits state agencies from paying more for a prescription drug than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Applies to any program where the state agency is the ultimate payer for a drug, even if the state agency does not purchase the drug directly. Exempts certain purchases of prescription drugs funded through Medi-Cal.

## WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A **YES** vote is a vote in favor of regulating drug prices by requiring state agencies to pay the same prices that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) pays for prescription drugs.

A **NO** vote is a vote against regulating drug prices by requiring state agencies to pay the same prices that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) pays for prescription drugs.

## PROPOSITION 62 DEATH PENALTY. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » SUPPORT

## SUMMARY

Repeals death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. Would apply retroactively to persons already sentenced to death. Portion



of life inmates' wages that may be applied to any victim restitution fines will be increased by 60%.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A **YES** vote is a vote in favor of repealing the death penalty.

A **NO** vote is a vote against repealing the death penalty.

## PROPOSITION 63 FIREARMS. AMMUNITION SALES. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » SUPPORT

### SUMMARY

Prohibits possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines, and requires their disposal by sale to dealer, destruction, or removal from state. Requires most individuals to pass background check and obtain Department of Justice authorization to purchase ammunition. Requires most ammunition sales be made through licensed ammunition vendors and reported to Department of Justice. Requires lost or stolen firearms and ammunition be reported to law enforcement. Prohibits persons convicted of stealing a firearm from possessing firearms. Establishes new procedures for enforcing laws prohibiting firearm possession by individuals convicted of felonies and violent crimes. Requires Department of Justice to provide information about prohibited persons to federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A **YES** vote will be a vote in favor of new requirements related to the sale and purchase of ammunition.

A **NO** vote will be a vote against implementing new requirements on firearm or ammunition.

## PROPOSITION 64 MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » NO POSITION

### SUMMARY

Legalizes marijuana under state law. Appoints state agencies to license and regulate marijuana industry. Imposes state excise tax on retail sales of marijuana equal to 15% of sales price, and state cultivation taxes on marijuana of \$9.25 per ounce of flowers and \$2.75 per ounce of leaves. Exempts medical marijuana from some taxation. Establishes packaging, labeling, advertising, and marketing standards and restrictions for marijuana products. Allows local regulation and taxation of marijuana. Prohibits marketing and advertising marijuana to minors. Authorizes resentencing and destruction of records for prior marijuana convictions.

## WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A **YES** vote is a vote in favor of legalizing marijuana under state law and enacting certain sales and cultivation taxes.

A **NO** vote is a vote against legalizing marijuana under state law and enacting certain sales and cultivation taxes.

## PROPOSITION 65 CARRY-OUT BAGS. CHARGES. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » NO POSITION

### SUMMARY

Redirects money collected by grocery and certain other retail stores through sale of carry-out bags whenever any state law bans free distribution of a particular kind of carry-out bag and mandates the sale of any other kind of carry-out bag. Requires stores to deposit bag sale proceeds into a special fund administered by the Wildlife Conservation Board to support specified categories of environmental projects.

## WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A **YES** vote is a vote in favor of redirecting money collected from the sale of carry-out bags by grocery or other retail stores to a special fund administered by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

A **NO** vote would allow the revenues of state law imposing a charge on carryout bags to be used towards any purpose.

## PROPOSITION 66 DEATH PENALTY. PROCEDURES. (INITIATIVE STATUTE)

CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » OPPOSE

### SUMMARY

Changes procedures governing state court appeals and petitions challenging death penalty convictions and sentences. Designates superior court for initial petitions and limits successive petitions. Imposes time limits on state court death penalty review. Requires appointed attorneys who take noncapital appeals to accept death penalty appeals. Exempts prison officials from existing regulation process for developing execution methods. Authorizes death row inmate transfers among California state prisons. Would require prisoners on death row to work while in prison and pay restitution to victims' families. The portion of wages to be provided as restitution would be increased. States other voter approved measures related to death penalty are null and void if this measure receives more affirmative votes.

## WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A **YES** vote supports changing the procedures governing state court appeals and petitions that challenge death penalty convictions and sentences.

A **NO** vote opposes changing the procedures governing state court appeals and petitions that challenge death penalty convictions and sentences, and would keep the current system for governing death penalty appeals and petitions.

## **PROPOSITION 67** **BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS. (REFERENDUM)**

**CAIR-CA RECOMMENDATION » SUPPORT**

### **SUMMARY**

This petition will place on the statewide ballot a challenge to a state law previously approved by the Legislature and the Governor. The challenged law must then be approved by a majority of voters at the next statewide election to go into effect. The law prohibits grocery and certain other retail stores from providing single-use bags but permits sale of recycled paper bags and reusable bags.

### **WHAT DOES YOUR VOTE MEAN**

A **YES** vote is a vote in favor of upholding or ratifying the contested legislation banning plastic bags that was enacted by the California State Legislature under the name Senate Bill 270.

A **NO** vote is a vote in favor of overturning Senate Bill 270.

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