



November 6, 2018 Ballot Propositions Recommendations and Candidate Alignment Values. **REVISION 2 10-12-18**

The Cheat Sheet:

The first 2 pages are a Cheat Sheet that you can take with you to the ballot, followed by a more detailed response for what and why. Your ballot may differ depending on which city you live in. When in doubt read the Candidate's "issues" statements then decide.

Vote as late as you can if you are mailing in ballots as we will send updates as we get them (e.g. if we are missing some candidates, or I learn new info and change my recommendations etc.)

Proposition Title	VACaction Recommendation	Subject
Proposition 1	NO	Bonds
Proposition 2	NO	Bonds
Proposition 3	NO	Bonds
Proposition 4	NO	Bonds
Proposition 5	YES	Taxes - Lowers them
Proposition 6	YES	Taxes - Freezes them
Proposition 7	No recommendation	Freeze to PDT if allowed by Fed
Proposition 8	NO	Healthcare
Proposition 10	NO	Housing
Proposition 11	YES	Labor
Proposition 12	No recommendation	Animals
Alameda County Measures H, P, T, X, EE: ALL	ALL NO	Bonds & Taxes
Contra Costa County Measures E, H, I, J, P, V	ALL NO	Bonds & Taxes
Santa Clara County Measures A, T, V	NO on these 3	Bonds & Taxes
Santa Clara County Measure S	YES	Lowers no bid Contractor selection to \$1M from \$5M
Santa Clara County Bond Measure U	YES	Remove City Council's ability to set their own salaries

Candidates	Individuals listed here align with Biblical values more than other candidates
Governor	John Cox (R)
Lt. Governor	Neither align with our values
Secretary of State	Mark Meuser (R)
State Controller	Konstantinos Reditis (R)
Treasurer; California	Greg Conlon (R)
Attorney General; California	Steven Bailey (R)
Insurance Commissioner	Steve Poizner (I)
State Superintendent of Public Instruction	Marshall Tuck (D) Lesser of 2 evils
U.S. Senator	Neither align with our values
California Supreme Court MUST VOTE YES OR NO	Carol Corrigan: Aligns
California Supreme Court MUST VOTE YES OR NO	Leondra Kruger: Does not align
Justice, California State Court of Appeal; Sixth Dist MUST VOTE YES OR NO	Nathan Mihara: Aligns Mary J. Greenwood: Does not align Allison Marston Danner: Does not align
U.S. House of Representatives, Dist 17	Ron Cohen (R)
U.S. House of Representatives, Dist 18	Christine Russell (R)
U.S. House of Representatives, Dist 19	Justin James Aguilera (R)
U.S. House of Representatives, Dist 20	Ronald Paul Kabat (NPP)
California State Senate Dist 10	Victor G. San Vicente (R)
California State Assembly, Dist 24	Alex Glew (R)
State Assembly, Dist 25	Bob Brunton (R)
State Assembly, Dist 27	Abstain
State Assembly, Dist 28	Michael L. Snyder (R)
State Assembly, Dist 29	Vicki L. Nohrden (R)
State Assembly, Dist 30	Neil G. Kitchens (R)
California Board of Equalization, Dist 2	Mark Burns (R)
Governing Board Trustee of Alum Rock Union Elementary School Dist	Linda Chavez
Santa Clara County Sheriff, El Camino Healthcare Dist	Neither align with our Values
Campbell Union High School Dist Board of Trustees	Peter Fung
Mayor of Milpitas	Robert Varich
Santa Clara County Board of Education	Bob Nunez
	Gino Borgioli

Updates for Rev 2:**Added in missing Candidate for Dist 19. Justin James Aguilera (R).****Added YES on Santa Clara County Measure U and S.****Added 2 new judge candidates who do NOT align with our values.****Register to Vote**

The last day to register to vote is **15 days before election day: Oct 22 but use OCT 21, 2018**

Register on line here: <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>

To get a copy of this, updates and other voting recommendations, make sure you are registered in our database click here: www.vac.org/signup

Basic Principles:

- Always apply Free Market Principles.
- Free Trade: Government does NOT know better how to make deals between private parties.
- No Crony Capitalism, watch out for rich businessmen pushing legislation that will give them an advantage over their competition or make them money (e.g. High Speed Rail).
- Governments role is to secure the rights we already have been given by God. Not to provide charity or negotiate contracts. They are to enforce contracts as long as those contracts do not violate people's rights.
- Christians and the Church are responsible for Charity not the government.
- Government Charity wastes over 80% of what it takes in. Private Charity gives over 85% to those who need it. Government hates competition and pushes out Churches (e.g. Cities that fined churches for feeding the poor).
- Every time the state takes care of someone, the Church has lost an opportunity to minister and share God's love and the Gospel.
- To the state, success is having more people needing charity as that grows their departments & allows them to hire more employees. To the church, success is getting people to the point where they need no charity.
- Never invite the Government to meddle, it's a like a cancer, you can never cut it out without hurting the victims.
- Education is not a government function. It's a service not a right. Goods and services are not rights. If you allocate a good or service as a right, you have to ask yourself, where will you get those services from that you've promised to

others for free? You'll have to use force to extract it. Thus, the government uses a gun to extract a portion of your labor to provide as services to others.

- Always vote for the lesser of two evils
- Lack of money is NOT the problem, for instance CA spends over \$13,000 a year per student in public schools are we are near the bottom in education.
- If something in the public interest really needs new or more money – they must cut some waste elsewhere and use that money. Don't give them any more money. Hold them responsible for fixing it with the money they already have. If I find I need a new car but don't have money to buy one, I cut back on other expenses until I can afford to buy it. I don't take another LOAN!
- A BOND = 2X or 3X a TAX A bond is borrowing on interest. What they are saying is: We have no money so we want to borrow it and then pay back 2x the amount of money that we don't have. BONDS should be illegal unless associated with an immediate tax to start paying it off so people can't push off the payment to their kids.
- Any law that slows down legislators from adding more bad laws is good.
- Any law that creates more transparency in the Legislature is good.
- Any Law that reduces taxes for ANYONE is good. Even if it's Marijuana Seller. Why? Because we don't want government to think they can legalize vices that destroy our communities and gain tax money from them.

For more detailed principles on how to make your voting decisions see:

<http://www.jesuisinvolvedinpolitics.com/HowThenShallweVote.pdf>

If you'd like your pastor to understand why we need to be more involved please get him to read this book or have him watch the videos here: www.i3ip.com

Also watch the Jesus Is Involved In Politics video sermon here:

<http://kansasvideo.jesuisinvolvedinpolitics.com>

Before we start: I'd rather you read each and every ballot, argued with your friends and then made your own decisions.

But the reality is that we have lives to live and don't always find this stuff interesting until it bites us.

But do consider that I may be wrong.... I don't think I am, but I could be.

If you have new info, a different perspective, email us: neil@vac.org

PROPOSITIONS 1-4 THESE FIRST FOUR ARE ALL BONDS

- ▶ In simple words: Borrow money and then pay back 2-3X the original cost
- ▶ Lots of supposed great causes: Veterans Home Loans, Homelessness, water infrastructure (didn't we just pass \$3B a few years ago?), Children's hospitals.
- ▶ 85% of the money will never get to them.
- ▶ **Recommendation NO**

PROPOSITION 5: Property Tax Transfer Initiative

- ▶ In simple words: Freeze Property Taxes for those over 55 (extends the property tax basis outside Santa Clara county).
- ▶ **Recommendation YES**

PROPOSITION 6 Voter Approval for Future Gas and Vehicle Taxes and 2017 Tax Repeal Initiative

- ▶ In simple words: Repeal the Fuel Tax
- ▶ **Recommendation YES**

PROPOSITION 7: Permanent Daylight-Saving Time Measure

- ▶ If the Federal Government allows it, allows Sacramento to end Daylight Savings and freeze it to PDT.

YES means: We can Freeze it.

NO means: We leave it be.

No Recommendation. I'll be voting Yes because I hate changing clocks.

PROPOSITION 8 Limits on Dialysis Clinics' Revenue and Required Refunds Initiative

- ▶ In simple words: Let's the government fix the prices for Dialysis.
- ▶ What? Seriously? When did the government become the expert in determining what things should cost: Here's what can go wrong...
 - ▶ Governments hate competition and they sue companies for price fixing. So why do they get to price fix? Are they economic geniuses?
 - ▶ When you fix the price and it's too high, nobody can afford the service and the service providers go out of business and Health Insurance goes up.

- ▶ When you fix the price and it's too low, the services providers get out of the business because they can't make money and you end up with extra long wait times and quality suffers because there's no competition.
- ▶ No market feedback loop. How do they know what dialysis should cost?
- ▶ Worse it will kill innovation in that area. Imagine you have an idea that will make dialysis cheaper and easier and less painful. But your idea won't get any traction or venture funding because the price is fixed. Why would you spend money to innovate? I can't think of a better way to hurt those on dialysis.

▶ **Recommendation NO**

PROPOSITION 10: Local Rent Control Initiative

- ▶ In simple words: Allows the Government to set prices for rent.
- ▶ Really? No! Here's what could go wrong:
 - ▶ People in rent-controlled housing won't leave.
 - ▶ People won't build new housing...nothing to gain...resulting in a housing shortage and skewed Commercial vs Residential buildings ratios.
 - ▶ People who *should* share housing or may move to smaller apartments won't because the prices are artificially low. Vacancy in non-rent control areas is 7%; in rent control areas it's 2% or less (and landlords are getting less).
 - ▶ Landlords have no incentive to fix up housing = slums and abandoned buildings (there are 4x more abandoned homes in NY compared to Homeless in NY)

▶ **Recommendation NO**

See also: <https://cei.org/blog/rent-control-why-it-so-bad>

<https://peckford42.wordpress.com/2017/04/23/rent-control-and-thomas-sowell/>

PROPOSITION 11: Ambulance Employees Paid On-Call Breaks, Training, and Mental Health Services Initiative

- ▶ In simple words: Allow Ambulance Companies to require their employees to remain on call during paid breaks. Right now, the government stops them from doing that. This law would basically remove existing Government control over a freemarket issue
- ▶ Government has no place to set prices or intervene between two parties as long as they are not being dishonest or violating rights.

▶ **Recommendation YES**

PROPOSITION 12: Require Animals to have adequate space to move

- ▶ In simple words: Ensure animals like Veal Cows are not kept in inhumane claustrophobic spaces.
- ▶ Animals do not have the same rights as humans. That does not mean we should not be humane, but the right way to do this is to boycott companies that mistreat their livestock in these ways. For instance, I do not buy or order veal unless there's a notice that says the Veal Cows are humanely treated.
- ▶ **No Recommendation.**

Santa Clara County Ballot Measures -

- A – Countywide sales tax extension – **NO** -No taxes or bonds
 S – No Bid Contracts lowered from \$5M to \$1M – **YES** -The city shouldn't just give contracts to their friends with no bids. It does raise another threshold from 100,000 to 600,000 so I'm not overly happy with it.
 T – San Jose infrastructure bond – **NO** -No taxes or bonds
 U – City Coucil Salaries set by a Salary Commision/Competiting Ordinances – **YES**
-We can't have politicians setting their own salary.
 V – San Jose housing bond – **NO** -No taxes or bonds

Alameda County Ballot Measures - NO ON ALL OF THEM

- H – Hayward school bond – **NO** -No taxes or bonds
 P – Berkeley tax on property sales – **NO** -No taxes or bonds
 T – Hayward tax on property sales – **NO** -No taxes or bonds
 X – Oakland tax on property sales – **NO** -No taxes or bonds
 EE – Union City tax on property sales – **NO** -No taxes or bonds

Contra Costa County Ballot Measures - NO ON ALL OF THEM

- E – Orinda \$50 million school bond – **NO** -No taxes or bonds
 H – Richmond tax on property sales – **NO** -No taxes or bonds
 I – Orinda \$55 million school bond – **NO** -No taxes or bonds
 J – Mt. Diablo school bond – **NO** -No taxes or bonds
 P – Pittsburg school bond – **NO** -No taxes or bonds
 V – El Cerrito tax on property sales – **NO** -No taxes or bonds

CANDIDATES

★★★★ indicates level of agreement with our principles.

Most of these taken from <https://www.electionforum.org/santa-clara-county-voter-guide/>

While not always true, in this cycle, the Republican candidates align far more with our values than the other parties. It's not too late to financially support your candidate or to help them with phone bank calling. This is quite easy. You connect with them and they

give you phone numbers of people to call who are most likely to align with your values. You merely call them and encourage them to register and vote.

Where available we've provided links to the various candidates who've contacted us. Click on the underlined text to donate, contact or help.

Statewide Offices

Governor

- [John Cox \(R\)](#) ★★★★★
- Gavin Newsom (D)

Lt. Governor

- Ed Hernandez (D) 🚫 Abstain
- Eleni Kounalakis (D) 🚫

Secretary of State

- [Mark Meuser \(R\)](#) ★★★
- Alex Padilla (D)

State Controller

- [Konstantinos Roditis \(R\)](#) ★★★★★
- Betty Yee (D)

Treasurer; California

- Fiona Ma (D)
- [Greg Conlon \(R\)](#) ★★★

Attorney General; California

- [Steven Bailey \(R\)](#) ★★★★★
- Xavier Becerra (D)

Insurance Commissioner

- Ricardo Lara (D)
- [Steve Poizner \(I\)](#) ★★★

State Superintendent of Public Instruction


- Tony Thurmond (D)
- [Marshall Tuck \(D\)](#) ★★★ (Lesser of 2 evils)

U.S. Senator



- Dianne Feinstein (D) 
- **Kevin de Leon (D)** 

Dianne Feinstein is bad and has made herself rich in the Senate, but her opponent de Leon is a full-bore Socialist. It's a toss up. However, it seems like as usual, DiFi will win. My recommendation is to vote for Leon because if he wins he'll not have any seniority in the Senate.

California Supreme Court (Must vote Yes/No)

- **Carol Corrigan: 7 (JI: 7, Q: 8) Yes** ★★★★★
- Leondra Kruger: 3 (JI: 3, Q: 3) No 

Justice, California State Court of Appeal; Sixth District

- **Nathan Mihara: 7 (JI: 6, Q: 8) Yes** ★★★★★
- Mary J. Greenwood: 4 (JI: 1, Q: 7) No 
- Allison Marston Danner: 4 (JI: 1, Q: 8) No 

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Representative, 17th District

- Ro Khanna (D)
- **Ron Cohen (R)** ★★

U.S. House of Representatives, District 18

- **Christine Russell (R)** ★★★★★
- Anna G. Eshoo (D)

U.S. Representative, 19th District

- Zoe Lofgren (D) 
- **Justin James Aguilera (R)**

U.S. House of Representatives, District 20

- **Ronald Paul Kabat (NPP)** ★★★★★
- Jimmy Panetta (D)

California State Senate**California State Senate, District 10**

- [Victor G. San Vicente \(R\)](#) ★★★★★
- Bob Wieckowski (D)

California State Assembly**State Assembly, District 24**

- Marc Berman (D)
- [Alex Glew \(R\)](#) ★★★★★

State Assembly, 25th District

- Kansen Chu (D)
- [Bob Brunton \(R\)](#) ★★★★★

State Assembly, District 27

- Ash Kalra (D) 🚫 Abstain

State Assembly, District 28

- Evan Low (D)
- [Michael L. Snyder \(R\)](#) ★★★★★

State Assembly, District 29

- Mark Stone (D)
- [Vicki L. Nohrden \(R\)](#) ★★★★★★

State Assembly, District 30

- Robert Rivas (D)
- [Neil G. Kitchens \(R\)](#) ★★★★★

California Board of Equalization**California Board of Equalization, Member, District 2**

- [Mark Burns \(R\)](#) ★★★★★
- Malia Cohen (D)

Local (CLICK TO FOLLOW THEIR LINKS WHERE PROVIDED)

Governing Board Trustee of Alum Rock Union Elementary School District

- [Linda Chavez](#) ★★★★★

Campbell Union High School District Board of Trustees

- [Robert Varich](#)

Santa Clara County Board of Education

- [Gino Borgioli](#)

Santa Clara County Sheriff, General Election, 2018

- Laurie Smith Incumbent vs John Hirokawa: **NO RECOMMENDATION AT THIS TIME**

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, District 4 General Election, 2018

- Susan Ellenberg vs Don Rocha None align with our values. **NO RECOMMENDATION AT THIS TIME**

Cities:**Mayor of Santa Clara**

No recommendation at this time. Watch for updates.

Mayor of Milpitas

Bob Nunez.

Other local elections (click to follow their link).

- ▶ [Peter Fung –El Camino Healthcare District](#)

If you are not in Santa Clara County you can go to:

<https://www.electionforum.org> and look up your county.

Now go out and Vote.