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Proposition 1 – NO. This measure authorizes California to borrow $11.25 billion to fund housing programs. With approximately $270 billion in unfunded pension and health care liabilities, California cannot borrow its way out of its housing shortage. It must address the cost of construction so that new housing can be built economically.

Proposition 2 – NO. While increasing state reserves would be financially prudent, this measure undermines the Gann spending limit, one of the few restrictions on state spending.

Proposition 3 – NO. Proof that there is no such thing as a "temporary" tax increase, this measure would lock in higher tax rates when we already have some of the highest tax rates in the nation.

Proposition 4 – NO. This proposition would authorize taxpayer dollars to be spent on political campaigns. Government subsidies for political campaigns: What could possibly go wrong?

Proposition 5 – NO. This measure would delay or remove the ability of voters to select a replacement in a recall election. Don't give up your recall rights!

Proposition 37 – NO. $25 billion more borrowing to subsidize housing down payments without addressing the underlying cost of construction. They want you to believe the state is not on the hook in the event of default.

Proposition 38 – NO. Authorizes $8.4 billion of debt to fund immunology research to make up for federal budget cuts. Proponents seem to be arguing that reducing the federal deficit requires Californians to increase theirs. If you want to get out of the fiscal hole created by debt and unfunded liabilities – stop digging!

Proposition 39 – YES. Prop 39 requires in-person voters to show government issued identification and mail-in voters to show the last 4 digits of a government issued ID. Need we say more?

Proposition 40 – NO. Don't be fooled by "billionaire tax" label. This measure authorizes the legislature to tax unrealized gains in your property, investment portfolios and retirement accounts without a vote of the people.

Proposition 41 – YES. This measure would require the state auditor to review any new tax proposal to determine if cuts could be made to the programs it would fund. It also requires new funding to remain within the state spending limit.

Proposition 42 – YES. Proponents of this measure want to prevent California from taxing assets with unrealized gains. Prop 42 bans new taxes based on ownership of assets like retirement accounts, investment accounts, and personal property. It would overturn Prop 40 which creates a new wealth tax based on assets.

Proposition 43 – YES. Amazingly, the California Legislature placed this measure on the ballot as part of an agreement with Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. It closes a court created loophole in Proposition 13 by requiring a 2/3 vote to pass special taxes placed on the ballot via the initiative process. Tax measures proposed by local governments already have a 2/3 vote requirement.

Proposition 44 – NO. The SEIU-UHW labor union wants to impose another regulation on community health clinics serving low income patients. Opponents argue that increased costs would end up forcing some clinics to cut back or close, reducing access to these needed services.

Proposition 45 – YES. Finally we can support a measure that addresses the high cost of housing without requiring new taxes or more borrowing. This proposition would speed up environmental reviews for housing, infrastructure and wildfire mitigation. Thanks to the California Chamber of Commerce for qualifying this measure.

Proposition RTM – NO. Bay Area transit agencies, and BART in particular, want to scare voters into giving them $17 billion in sales tax revenue. They haven't yet made the case that they have restructured their operations to make the best use of existing resources.

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