



Candidate Endorsements

Governor

Jerry Brown

Lieutenant Governor

No Endorsement

Secretary of State

Debra Bowen *

Controller

John Chiang *

Treasurer

Bill Lockyer *

Attorney General

No Endorsement

Insurance Commissioner

Dave Jones

Board of Equalization-District 1

Betty T. Yee *

Board of Equalization-District 2

Chris Parker

Board of Equalization-District 4

Jerome E. Horton *

U.S. Senate

Barbara Boxer *

U.S. Representative

CD17 Sam Farr*

State Assembly

AD27 Bill Monning*

AD28 Luis Alejo

State Senate

SD12 Anna Caballero

SD15 John Laird (Special Election on June 22)

Board of Supervisors

District 2 - Ed Mitchell (MCDCC Endorsement)

* denotes incumbent

Ballot Proposition Recommendations June 2010

Prop 13 – Seismic Retrofits

YES

The state legislature placed this proposal on the ballot to speed up seismic retrofitting by exempting property owners that do retrofit their buildings from increased property taxes.

Prop 14 – Top-Two Primary

NO

Placed on the ballot through a backroom deal by Republican Abel Maldonado, this changes the way primary elections work, by sending the top two vote getters at the primary onto the general election regardless of party. It is intended to limit voter choices at the general election and increase special interest spending on primary battles.

More information is at Protect Voter Choice (<http://www.stoptoptwo.org/>).

Prop 15 – Fair Elections

YES

Corporate money has been dominating our elections for far too long. This proposition offers the chance to bring it to an end. This proposition repeals the prohibition on public financing of state elections and creates a public financing system for elections beginning in 2014. The system would be funded by an increase in the fees lobbyists pay when they register with the state.

More information is at California Fair Elections Act (<http://www.yesfairelections.org/>).

Prop 16 – PG&E Power Grab

NO

PG&E has spent nearly \$30 million on this initiative, which limits the ability of local governments to create public power systems and to purchase blocks of renewable power by requiring a 2/3 vote to approve such systems, instead of a simple majority. Designed to protect PG&E's monopoly from competition that might drive down rates.

More information is at Stop the PG&E Power Grab (<http://www.powergrab.info/>).

Prop 17 – Auto insurance surcharge

NO

Mercury Auto Insurance has spent millions of dollars to get this on the ballot, which would undermine consumer protections and allow insurance companies to charge significantly higher premiums to customers who are even a few hours late with their payments.

More information is at Stop Prop 17 (<http://www.stopprop17.org/>).