



# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RECOMMENDS

## NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION

### ✓ YES ON PROPOSITION 1B

#### Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, Port Security Bond Act of 2006

Part of the bond package developed to help rebuild California's infrastructure. This bond act would raise \$19 billion for transportation improvements.

### ✓ YES ON PROPOSITION 1C

#### Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006.

A bond measure to finance housing-related programs, brownfield cleanup, and parks related to infill development. The League has long been concerned about providing adequate housing.

### ✓ YES ON PROPOSITION 1D

#### Education Facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006

This bond measure would fund new school construction, modernization, relief of overcrowding, and other school infrastructure needs. The League supports improving California's educational infrastructure.

### ✓ YES ON PROPOSITION 1E

#### Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006.

This bond measure will provide funds for flood protection, levee protection in the San Francisco Delta, and storm water management. The League supports protecting our existing water supply infrastructure.

### ✓ YES ON PROPOSITION 84

#### Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements. Bonds. Initiative Statute

This initiative continues the League's past support of efforts to insure that California has adequate water supplies. This initiative would fund projects for safe drinking water, flood control, protection of rivers, lakes, streams, forest and wildlife conservation, and coastal protection and state parks.

### ✗ NO ON PROPOSITION 85

#### Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Waiting Period and Parental Notification.

Parents rightfully want to be involved in their teenagers' lives, and all parents want what is best for their children. But good family communication can't be imposed by government. Mandatory notification laws may sound good, but in the real world, they just put teenagers in danger.

### ✓ YES ON PROPOSITION 86

#### Tax on Cigarettes.

This constitutional amendment imposes an additional 13-cent tax on each cigarette distributed and increases taxes on other tobacco products. The estimated \$2.1 billion in annual revenue will fund emergency services and nursing education for qualified hospitals, as well as tobacco-use prevention programs, research, and treatment of various tobacco-related illnesses. The League believes that the overwhelming social benefits of this measure greatly outweigh the potential downside of this earmarked tax.

### ✗ NO ON PROPOSITION 88

#### Classroom Learning and Accountability Act. Real Property Parcel Tax.

This measure would impose a \$50 tax on each real property parcel to create the Classroom Learning and Accountability Fund in the state treasury. While the League supports equitable access to quality education, this measure violates the League's State and Local Finance positions and is not real reform. It proposes to earmark funds via a constitutional amendment without providing sufficient funding to even bring education spending up to the national average. It also involves the state for the first time in taxing property.

## ✓ YES ON PROPOSITION 89

California Nurses Clean Money and Fair Elections Act of 2006.

Public Financing of Campaigns. Corporate Tax Increase.

This measure would allow candidates running for office voluntarily to receive public campaign funding by meeting certain eligibility requirements. Funding would be provided for by a 0.2 percent increase in the corporate income tax. This measure also imposes new limits on campaign contributions, and places new restrictions on contributions by corporations and lobbyists. The League vigorously supports practices which will enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office, and which place realistic limits on campaign contributions and expenditures.

## × NO ON PROPOSITION 90

Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property

This measure redefines the eminent domain process in ways that will make it difficult for government to protect the environment. It will likely increase costs to taxpayers for implementation of environmental protection laws or new consumer protection laws. The measure is, in part, vaguely worded and will likely result in extensive litigation.

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*The League has no position on Proposition 83 (Sex Offenders, Sexually Violent Predators. Punishment, Residence Restrictions and Monitoring) and will be neutral on Proposition 1A (Transportation Investment Fund) and Proposition 87 (Severance or Extraction Tax on California Oil Producers).*

## Berkeley Ballot Measures

### ✓ YES ON MEASURE A

Berkeley Public Schools Educational Excellence Act of 2006

This measure renews two current BSEP [Berkeley Schools Excellence Program] measures for another ten years. Your taxes will not change; Measure A keeps the current tax rates. The two measures now fund 30% of the classroom teachers in the Berkeley schools and enable the Berkeley schools to maintain smaller class sizes. Other uses include school libraries, music programs, teacher training and academic support. Measure A must pass by a 2/3 majority.

### ✓ YES ON MEASURE G

Berkeley Greenhouse Gas Emissions Advisory Resolution

Measure G advises the Mayor to work with the community toward a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by the year 2050. It advises the Mayor to work with the community to develop a plan for adoption by the City Council in 2007. The plan would set a ten-year emissions reduction target and identify specific steps the City and its residents should take to achieve the ten year and the long-term goals.

*The League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville takes no position on other local ballot measures in Berkeley and Albany.*

## VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE ON NOVEMBER 7

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