

OWL-CA

****POSITIONS ON CALIFORNIA BALLOT MEASURES
November 2, 1010 Statewide General Election**

Proposition 19: SUPPORT

Legalizes marijuana under California but not federal law. Permits local governments to regulate and tax commercial production, distribution, and sale of marijuana. Initiative Statute.

Allows adults 21 years of age and older to possess, transport and cultivate one ounce of marijuana for personal consumption.

***Proposition 20. OPPOSE**

Redistricting of Congressional Districts. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.
Amends the constitution to remove the state legislature from the process of establishing congressional districts and transfers that authority to the recently-authorized 14-member redistricting commission.

Proposition 21: SUPPORT

Establishes \$18 Annual Vehicle License Surcharge to help fund state parks and wildlife programs. Grants surcharged vehicles free admission to all state parks. Initiative Statute.

Creates a dedicated revenue stream for California's parks and wildlife.

Proposition 22: OPPOSE

Prohibits the state from borrowing or taking funds used for transportation, redevelopment, or local government projects and services. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Prohibits the State, even during a period of severe fiscal hardship, from delaying the distribution of tax revenues for transportation, redevelopment, or local government projects and services.

Proposition 23: OPPOSE

Suspends implementation of the air pollution control law (AB 32) requiring major sources of emissions to report and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming, until unemployment drops to 5.5 percent or less for full year. Initiative Statute.

This measure would halt efforts to address climate change by suspending the State law requiring that greenhouse gas emissions be reduced to 1990 levels by 2020, until state unemployment drops to 5.5% or less for four consecutive quarters.

Proposition 24: SUPPORT

Repeals recent legislation that would allow businesses to lower their tax liability. Initiative Statute.

Repeals recent legislation that allows businesses to carry back losses, share tax credits and lower taxable income.

Proposition 25: SUPPORT

Changes legislative vote requirement to pass budget and budget-related legislation from two-thirds to a simple majority. Retains two-thirds vote requirement for taxes. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Amends the constitution to reduce the vote requirement to pass the budget from 2/3 to a simple majority and provides that if the Legislature fails to pass a budget bill by June 15, all members of the Legislature will permanently forfeit any reimbursement for salary and expenses for every day until the day the budget is passed.

Proposition 26: OPPOSE

Requires that certain state and local fees be approved by two-thirds vote. Fees include those that address adverse impacts on society or the environment caused by the fee-payer's business. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Amends the constitution and requires a 2/3 vote to enact or increase fees; would redefine regulatory fees-- imposed on companies for harms done—as taxes.

***Proposition 27: OPPOSE**

Eliminates state commission on redistricting. Consolidates authority for redistricting with elected representatives. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Amends the constitution to return the redistricting process to the legislature. This measure would kill the major redistricting reform voters just approved in 2008.

***If both Prop 20 and Prop 27 pass, the measure with the highest number of votes will become law.**

****Reviewed & ratified by OWL-CA Council, October 15, 2010-Sacramento, CA.**