



TO: Regional Vice Chairs, County Chairs
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CC: Bryan Watkins, CAGOP Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer
RE: Ballot Measure Positions
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OBJECTIVE

The CAGOP has developed a memo to provide background on the six Ballot Initiatives on the 2022 November Ballot. The memo includes the CAGOP's positions on each proposition and talking points on how each proposition will affect Californians.

2022 BALLOT INITIATIVES

Proposition 1 – Abortion Constitutional Amendment | CAGOP Position: NO

1. Prop 1 was put on the ballot by Governor Newsom and Legislative Democrats.
2. California state law already allows access to abortion and contraception, but Prop 1 is so extreme it will allow unrestricted late-term abortions that will end up costing taxpayers millions.
3. And, despite record inflation and a soaring cost of living, Sacramento Democrats have already committed over \$200 million of taxpayer money this year to expand abortion and reproductive services – including tens of millions to pay the expenses for abortion seekers from other states.

Proposition 26 – In-Person Sports Wagering | CAGOP Position: NO

1. The proponents of Prop 26 want you to believe this measure is just about sports wagering, but don't be fooled.
2. While Prop 26 would authorize in-person sports wagering at tribal casinos and horse racetracks, this massive expansion of gaming also changes state law to give private trial lawyers the powers of the Attorney General – allowing them to file endless and frivolous lawsuits
3. If Prop 26 puts card clubs out of business, communities across California would lose 32,000 jobs and \$1.6 billion in wages.

Proposition 27 – Online Sports Wagering | CAGOP Position: NO

1. Decades ago, gaming companies passed the California Lottery with misleading promises of massive new revenues for schools. Now, out-of-state gambling corporations are using similar bait-and-switch tactics to promote Prop. 27 as a solution to homelessness with no accountability measures in place to protect taxpayers.
2. California has spent over \$30 Billion to address homelessness in the last 5 years, but things have only gotten worse.
3. Rather than legalize this massive expansion of online gambling, we should more effectively manage the billions the state is already spending as well as any new funding needed in the future.

Proposition 29 – Dialysis Worker Unionization | CAGOP Position: NO

1. Despite two measures that were identical to Prop 29 being overwhelmingly rejected by voters in 2018 and 2020, labor unions are going back to the ballot box for a third time with their obviously flawed proposal.

2. If passed, Prop 29 would increase the cost of healthcare while lessening the quality of service our most vulnerable patients receive.
3. We were right to oppose this before, and we are right to oppose it again. Vote NO on this disastrous measure.

Proposition 30 – Income Tax Increase for EV Subsidies | CAGOP Position: NO

1. The California Air Resources Board issued a new mandate requiring 90% of miles logged by rideshare drivers be in electric vehicles by 2030. Now, one company — Lyft — is proposing Prop 30, a massive \$4.5 billion tax increase, so they can use taxpayer’s hard-earned money to build more electric vehicle infrastructure and meet CARB’s new mandate.
2. This comes at a time when Californians already pay among the nation’s highest gas, income, and sales tax while grappling with a soaring cost of living thanks to record inflation. Now is the worst possible time to saddle taxpayers with \$4.5 billion in additional taxes to double down on the failed energy policies of Gov. Newsom and Sacramento Democrats.

Proposition 31 – Flavored Tobacco Ban | CAGOP Position: NO

1. The Sacramento politicians who wrote Proposition 31 say it will reduce underage tobacco use — but it’s already illegal to sell any tobacco product to anyone under the age of 21 in California.
2. Furthermore, research shows nearly half the cigarettes smoked in California are from illegal sources, making prohibition an even less effective approach. Prop. 31 will increase illegal smuggling and counterfeit markets and force even more tobacco sales into underground markets controlled by organized criminal gangs.
3. California should not abandon what is clearly working and replace it with a failed policy of the past — prohibition — that will increase crime. NO on Prop 31.

HELPFUL LINKS

CAGOP Voter Guide: www.CAVotes.com

CAGOP Proposition Guide: www.VoteCAGOP.org

CAGOP Endorsements: www.cagop.org/s/endorsements