

2024 General Election • Tuesday, November 5

The California Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors adopted the following recommendations on statewide ballot measures that will be before California voters in the Nov. 5 general election.

PROPOSITION	POSITION
<p>PROPOSITION 2: Issue \$10 Billion in Bonds to Fund Construction and Modernization of Public Education Facilities</p> <p>New construction and modernization of education institutions will cost \$8.5 billion for K-12 and \$1.5 billion for community colleges.</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p> <p><i>REASONING: California is already paying off billions in bond debt, all at a cost to the general fund to service the debt payments.</i></p>
<p>PROPOSITION 3: Removes Outdated Language Regarding Marriage from State Constitution</p> <p>Repeals the unenforceable constitutional provision that marriage only between a man and woman is valid or recognized in California.</p>	<p>NO POSITION</p> <p><i>REASONING: CAFB does not have policy on this topic.</i></p>
<p>PROPOSITION 4: The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act</p> <p>Allows for the issuance of \$10 billion in bonds to fund safe drinking water; drought, flood, water resilience; wildfire and forest resilience; nature-based climate solutions; climate-smart, park creation and outdoor access; and clean air programs among other programs. Allows for funding to be shifted from the state budget to bonds for ongoing programs.</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p> <p><i>REASONING: Shifting government program costs from general tax revenues to additional public indebtedness through bond issuance to mitigate budget shortfalls is bad fiscal policy.</i></p>
<p>PROPOSITION 5: Lower Supermajority Requirement to 55% for Local Bond Measures to Fund Housing and Public Infrastructure</p> <p>Amends the constitution to lower the threshold from 2/3 vote to 55% to allow a local government to impose a parcel tax for the purpose of issuing bonds to build or rehabilitate public infrastructure and affordable housing, including downpayment assistance, or permanent supportive housing.</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p> <p><i>REASONING: The 2/3 vote for taxes and fees is paramount and should not be weakened.</i></p>
<p>PROPOSITION 6: Amend the California Constitution to Bar Involuntary Servitude in Correctional Facilities</p> <p>Removes a constitutional provision allowing jails and prisons to impose involuntary servitude as criminal punishment. It prohibits the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from disciplining inmates for refusing work assignments while allowing inmates to voluntarily accept work assignments for credits to reduce their sentences.</p>	<p>NO POSITION</p> <p><i>REASONING: CAFB does not have policy on this topic.</i></p>
<p>PROPOSITION 32: \$18 Minimum Wage Increase</p> <p>Increases the minimum wage from \$16 per hour to \$18 per hour by January 1, 2025.</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p> <p><i>REASONING: California is already a difficult and costly state to do business in without an increasing minimum wage.</i></p>
<p>PROPOSITION 33: State Limitations on Local Rent Control</p> <p>Allows a city or county to enact rent control by repealing the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995.</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p> <p><i>REASONING: Private property rights are paramount.</i></p>
<p>PROPOSITION 34: Restrictions on AIDS Healthcare Foundation Support</p> <p>Ensures that health care providers spend 98% of revenues on direct patient care if their spending on items other than patient care exceeds \$100 million over 10 years.</p>	<p>NO POSITION</p> <p><i>REASONING: CAFB does not have policy on this topic.</i></p>
<p>PROPOSITION 35: Permanent Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax</p> <p>Makes permanent the existing tax on managed health care insurance plans, currently set to expire in 2026. The revenue generated pays for health care services for low-income families with children, seniors, disabled persons and other Medi-Cal recipients.</p>	<p>NO POSITION</p> <p><i>REASONING: CAFB does not have policy on this topic.</i></p>
<p>PROPOSITION 36: Drug and Theft Crime Penalties and Treatment-Mandated Felonies</p> <p>Allows for felony charges and increases sentences for certain drug and theft crimes, including organized theft.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p><i>REASONING: Law enforcement should have all the tools necessary to prevent crime from occurring.</i></p>