



Per the recommendation of the Legislation Action Committee, on October 9, 2014, the Cities Association Board of Directors took the following positions on the November 2014 State Election Ballot Measures.

- **Proposition 1: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 – Support Position-** If approved, Prop. 1 would provide a total of \$7.545 billion in bond funding for water related projects such as water conservation, groundwater recharge, storm water capture and reuse/Clean Water Act Compliance, watershed restoration, water storage and conveyance and water recycling and reuse. The \$7.545 billion in funding would come from the issuance of \$7.12 billion in new general obligation (GO) bonds and the reallocation of \$425 million in existing bond funds previously approved by voters.
- **Proposition 2: State Budget Stabilization Act – Support Position -** The measure, upon voter approval, would alter the state’s existing requirements for the Budget Stabilization Account (BSA), as established by Proposition 58. The BSA is a rainy day fund. ACA 1 would also establish a Public School System Stabilization Account (PSSSA)
- **Proposition 46: Medical Malpractice Lawsuits Cap and Drug Testing of Doctors – Oppose Position -** If approved by voters, the initiative will:
 - Increase the state's cap on non-economic damages that can be assessed in medical negligence lawsuits to over \$1 million from the current cap of \$250,000.
 - Require drug and alcohol testing of doctors and reporting of positive tests to the California Medical Board.
 - Require the California Medical Board to suspend doctors pending investigation of positive tests and take disciplinary action if the doctor was found impaired while on duty.
 - Require health care practitioners to report any doctor suspected of drug or alcohol impairment or medical negligence.
 - Require health care practitioners to consult the state prescription drug history database before prescribing certain controlled substances.
 - Members expressed concern for the proposed increase of the lawsuit cap and the overall increase on healthcare costs if this proposition is passed; members unanimously voted to oppose proposition 46.

- **Proposition 47: Reduced Penalties for some Crimes Initiative – Oppose Position** - The initiative, if approved by the state's voters, would reduce the classification of most "nonserious" and nonviolent property and drug crimes" from a felony to a misdemeanor. Though members support rehabilitation over incarceration for those who commit nonviolent crimes, members expressed concern for the proposed changes to criminal justice policies.
- **The LAC unanimously recommend to take no position on the following propositions:**
 - **Proposition 45: Public Notice Required for Insurance Rate Changes Initiative**
 - **Proposition 48: Referendum to Overturn Indian Gaming Compacts**