

The Cities Association Legislative Action Committee and Board of Directors reviewed the following November 2016 statewide propositions and regional measures having the most impact on cities across the region and approved the following positions.

- **Proposition 51: California Public Education Facilities Bond Initiative** – Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for new construction and modernization of K-12 public school facilities; charter schools and vocational education facilities; and California Community Colleges facilities – **No Position**.
- **Proposition 53: Voter Approval Requirement for Revenue Bonds Above \$2 Billion** - Requires statewide voter approval before any revenue bonds can be issued or sold by the state for certain projects if the bond amount exceeds \$2 billion. – **Oppose**.
- **Proposition 54: California Transparency Act of 2016** - Prohibits legislature from passing any bill unless published on Internet for 72 hours before vote. Requires Legislature to record its proceedings and post on Internet. Authorizes use of recordings – **Support**.
- **Proposition 57: Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016** - Allows parole consideration for nonviolent felons. Authorizes sentence credits for rehabilitation, good behavior, and education. Provides juvenile court judge authority to decide whether juvenile will be prosecuted as adult – **Oppose**.
- **Proposition 63: Safety for All Act of 2016** - Requires background check and Department of Justice authorization to purchase ammunition. Prohibits possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines. Establishes procedures for enforcing laws prohibiting firearm possession by specified persons. Requires Department of Justice's participation in federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System – **Support**.
- **Proposition 64: Marijuana Legalization Initiative Statute** - Legalizes marijuana under state law, for use by adults 21 or older. Imposes state taxes on sales and cultivation. Provides for industry licensing and establishes standards for marijuana products. Allows local regulation and taxation – **No Position**.
- **Proposition 65: Carryout Bags, Charges, Initiative Statute** - Redirects money collected by grocery and certain other retail stores through mandated sale of carryout bags. Requires stores to deposit bag sale proceeds into a special fund to support specified environmental projects – **Oppose**.

- **Proposition 67: Plastic Bag Ban Veto Referendum** - A “Yes” vote approves, and a “No” vote rejects, a statute that prohibits grocery and other stores from providing customers single-use plastic or paper carryout bags but permits sale of recycled paper bags and reusable bags – **Support (“Yes”)**.

- **Measure A: Santa Clara County Affordable Housing Bond** - To provide affordable local housing for vulnerable populations including veterans, seniors, the disabled, low and moderate income individuals or families, foster youth, victims of abuse, the homeless and individuals suffering from mental health or substance abuse illnesses, which housing may include supportive mental health and substance abuse services. Shall the County of Santa Clara issue up to \$950 million in general obligation bonds to acquire or improve real property subject to independent citizen oversight and regular audits – **Support (“Yes”)**.

- **Measure B: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Tax Measure** – To relieve traffic, repair potholes; shall VTA enact a 30-year half-cent sales tax to:
 - Repair streets, fix potholes in all 15 cities;
 - Finish BART extension to downtown San Jose, Santa Clara;
 - Improve bicycle/pedestrian safety, especially near schools;
 - Increase Caltrain capacity, easing highway congestion, improving safety at crossings;
 - Relieve traffic on all 9 expressways, key highway interchanges;
 - Enhance transit for senior, students, disabled;Mandating annual audits by independent citizens watchdog committee to ensure accountability – **Support**.