



City of Morgan Hill

Legislation Text

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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS ON 2016 REGIONAL AND STATE BALLOT MEASURES

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Discuss the recommended positions on 2016 regional and state ballot measures; and
2. Direct staff to correspond appropriately in support of Measure A, B, Propositions 51, 54, and 67; in opposition of Propositions 53, 57, 64, and 65; and to take no position on Proposition 63.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES, GOALS & STRATEGIES:

Ongoing Priorities

Enhancing Public Safety
Protecting the Environment
Maintaining Fiscal Responsibility
Supporting Youth
Preserving and Cultivating Public Trust

2016 Focus Areas

Participate in Regional Issues

REPORT NARRATIVE:

The November 2016 election has many statewide and regional ballot measures. The purpose of this report is to provide the City Council an opportunity to discuss if it would like to take a formal position on any of the following measures. A summary of each ballot measure and the positions the California Cities Association of Santa Clara County and the League of California Cities have taken is provided (Attachment 1). Staff has recommended these based on knowledge of the issues and input from professional affiliations (Attachment 2 - Cities Association of Santa Clara County Review of Statewide Ballot Propositions November 2016). Staff recognizes there may be additional measures individual Council Members may want to add for discussion.

Regional Ballot Measures

Support:

Measure A - Santa Clara County Affordable Housing Bond
Measure B - Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Sales Tax

Statewide Ballot Measures

Support:

Proposition 51 - California Public Education Facilities Bond Initiative
Proposition 54 - Public Display of Legislative Bills Prior to Vote
Proposition 67 - California Plastic Bag Ban Veto Referendum

Oppose:

Proposition 53 - Revenue Bonds
Proposition 57 - Parole for Non-Violent Criminals and Juvenile Court Trial Requirements
Proposition 64 - Marijuana Legalization Initiative Statute
Proposition 65 - Carryout Bags, Charges, Initiative Statute

No Position:

Proposition 63 - Background Checks for Ammunition Purchases and Large-Capacity Ammunition Magazine Ban

For more detailed information on each measure, see attached hyperlinks (Attachments 3-12).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Inform

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

For each item, the Council could choose to support, oppose, or not take a position.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION ACTIONS:

None.

FISCAL AND RESOURCE IMPACT:

No fiscal impact at this time.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

Not a Project

LINKS/ATTACHMENTS:

1. Recommended Positions on 2016 Ballot Measures
2. Cities Association of Santa Clara County Review of Statewide Ballot Propositions Nov. 2016
3. Ballot Measure links