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HJTA 2026 VOTING GUIDE
STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION **NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

- Watch your mailbox for your mail ballot in the first week of October.
- The last day to register to vote for the November 3, 2026 General Election is October 19, 2026.
- All California active registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot.
- County elections offices will begin mailing ballots by October 5, 2026.
- Ballot drop-off locations open October 6, 2026.
- Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before November 3, 2026.

HJTA'S QUICK VOTING GUIDE

YES on	**NO** on
39, 41, 42, 43, 45	**1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 37, 38, 40, 44**

BALLOT MEASURE RECOMMENDATIONS

NO on Prop. 1

Called the “Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026,” this is $11.25 billion in state general obligation bonds with only $1.25 billion allocated to benefit veterans. The rest will finance other housing assistance programs. Bonds are borrowed money, and HJTA states that the actual taxpayer cost is roughly double the advertised amount due to interest. HJTA recommends NO on 1.

NO on Prop. 2

This measure changes the Gann Limit and Budget Stabilization Account rules. HJTA says the proposal does not address what it views as the underlying weakening of the Gann Limit and falls short of spending reform. HJTA recommends NO on 2.

NO on Prop. 3

This measure renews and makes permanent income tax rates first approved in 2012 and renewed in 2016. HJTA opposes making those rates permanent and recommends NO on 3.

NO on Prop. 4

This measure would remove the Political Reform Act ban on using tax money to finance campaigns for elective office. HJTA opposes taxpayer-funded campaign expenses and recommends NO on 4.

NO on Prop. 5

This measure changes the process for recalling state officers, including eliminating the simultaneous election of a replacement candidate in some recalls. HJTA recommends NO on 5.

NO on Prop. 37

This measure authorizes $25 billion in bonds for a program that would offer second-mortgage loans for down payments on newly constructed or converted homes (not existing homes) to eligible buyers who earn less than 200% of the area median income. Although there is no direct cost to taxpayers, a market downturn could cause mass foreclosures if stretched borrowers are unable to make their payments or sell the home for what they owe. Investors bear the financial risks, but the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) must manage this massive pool of funds to protect the bondholders and pay them the interest they are owed. HJTA appreciates the intent of this measure, but we have concerns about the size of the program and the criteria for eligibility to participate. Prop. 37 is not a constitutional amendment, which leaves it subject to legislative alteration. More fundamentally, California's housing crisis is better addressed with less government impediments to building rather than a new government program. We urge a No vote on 37.

NO on Prop. 38

Authorizes $8.4 billion in state general obligation bonds for research and therapies involving the immune system. HJTA argues the cost should not be borne by California taxpayers and recommends NO on 38.

YES on Prop. 39

The Voter ID initiative. HJTA says voter ID helps prevent voter impersonation and ensure mail ballots are submitted by eligible voters. HJTA recommends YES on 39.

NO on Prop. 40

Creates a one-time 5% tax on covered assets above $1 billion, with provisions allowing later legislative changes. HJTA opposes the new tax structure and recommends NO on 40.

YES on Prop. 41

Requires pre-election audits of programs that would be funded by new statewide special taxes. HJTA recommends YES on 41.

YES on Prop. 42

Would prohibit certain new state taxes on ownership or control of personal property and certain retroactive taxes. HJTA recommends YES on 42.

YES on Prop. 43

The Local Taxpayer Protection Act to Save Proposition 13. HJTA says it restores the two-thirds vote requirement for local special taxes and closes the court-created "Upland" loophole. HJTA recommends YES on 43.

NO on Prop. 44

Requires qualifying community clinics to spend at least 90% of revenue on patient services and authorizes enforcement provisions. HJTA opposes the measure and recommends NO on 44.

YES on Prop. 45

Addresses aspects of CEQA for certain projects. HJTA says the measure is not a complete CEQA overhaul but views it as a first step and recommends YES on 45.

LOCAL BALLOT MEASURE RECOMMENDATIONS

City of Los Angeles — NO on Measure FD

A one-half percent sales tax increase with revenue earmarked for the fire department. HJTA opposes the measure.

City of Santa Monica — NO on Measure ES

A parcel tax of $495 per taxable parcel annually, adjusted for inflation, with revenue earmarked for schools. HJTA opposes the measure.

City of Palos Verdes Estates — NO on Measure PVE

This is a renewal of a parcel tax with a massive increase in the per-parcel rate from $342 to $1,025 to pay for police services and “to pay down the City's unfunded accrued pension liability.” City voters previously rejected a different measure in June to renew and increase the temporary parcel tax.

El Dorado County — NO on Measure S

Measure S is a 30-year countywide sales tax increase. It would raise the sales tax by 3/8 percent. Marshall Medical Center is sponsoring the campaign for the tax. The Yes on S website states that “Marshall receives revenue to support $125M in bond issuance to fund capital improvements.” El Dorado County has only two hospitals: Marshall Medical Center and Barton Memorial Hospital. Measure S is structured so Marshall qualifies for the hospital funding while Barton does not. South Lake Tahoe residents would still pay the countywide tax even though Barton falls below the measure’s hospital eligibility threshold.

Five-County Bay Area — NO on regional transit sales tax

A sales tax increase of at least one-half percent, and 1% in San Francisco, in San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties to fund transit. HJTA opposes the measure.

OFFICIAL HJTA-PAC CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

Statewide General Election

Category	First Name	Last Name	Office / District
Governor	Steve	Hilton	Governor
State Controller	Herb	Morgan	State Controller
Secretary of State	Don	Wagner	Secretary of State
Attorney General	Michael	Gates	Attorney General
Superintendent	Sonja	Shaw	Superintendent
Treasurer	Jennifer	Hawks	Treasurer
State Assembly	Heather	Hadwick	Assembly District 1
State Assembly	Joe	Patterson	Assembly District 5
State Assembly	Josh	Hoover	Assembly District 7
State Assembly	David	Tangipa	Assembly District 8
State Assembly	Jabra	Muhawieh	Assembly District 21
State Assembly	Carol	Pefley	Assembly District 28

State Assembly	Shannon	Kessler	Assembly District 30
State Assembly	David	Couch	Assembly District 32
State Assembly	Alexandra	Macedo	Assembly District 33
State Assembly	Charles	Hughes	Assembly District 34
State Assembly	Saul	Ayon	Assembly District 35
State Assembly	Jeff	Gonzalez	Assembly District 36
State Assembly	Rickey	Hayes	Assembly District 40
State Assembly	Ted	Nordblum	Assembly District 42
State Assembly	Carolyn	Daniels	Assembly District 44
State Assembly	Greg	Abdouch	Assembly District 45
State Assembly	Tracey	Schroeder	Assembly District 46
State Assembly	Greg	Wallis	Assembly District 47
State Assembly	Alexandra	Briseno	Assembly District 54
State Assembly	Leticia	Castillo	Assembly District 58
State Assembly	Phillip	Chen	Assembly District 59
State Assembly	Ed	Delgado	Assembly District 60
State Assembly	Natasha	Johnson	Assembly District 63
State Assembly	Tri	Ta	Assembly District 70
State Assembly	Kate	Sanchez	Assembly District 71
State Assembly	Gracey	Van Der Mark	Assembly District 72
State Assembly	Laurie	Davies	Assembly District 74
State Assembly	Carl	DeMaio	Assembly District 75
State Assembly	Andrew	Lawson	Assembly District 79
State Senate	Alexandra	Duarte	Senate District 4
State Senate	Roger	Niello	Senate District 6
State Senate	Linda	Price	Senate District 10
State Senate	Nathan	Magsig	Senate District 12
State Senate	Tony	Rodriguez	Senate District 20
State Senate	Mike	Netter	Senate District 22
State Senate	Joe	Lisuzzo	Senate District 28
State Senate	Kelly	Seyarto	Senate District 32
State Senate	Rhonda	Shader	Senate District 34

State Senate	Tony	Strickland	Senate District 36
State Senate	Laura	Bassett	Senate District 38
State Senate	Kristie	Bruce-Lane	Senate District 40
U.S. Congress	James	Gallagher	Congressional District 1
U.S. Congress	Robb	Tucker	Congressional District 3
U.S. Congress	Tom	McClintock	Congressional District 5
U.S. Congress	Kevin	Kiley	Congressional District 6
U.S. Congress	Jeff	Frese	Congressional District 10
U.S. Congress	Kevin	Lincoln	Congressional District 13
U.S. Congress	Peter	Verbica	Congressional District 19
U.S. Congress	Vince	Fong	Congressional District 20
U.S. Congress	David	Valadao	Congressional District 22
U.S. Congress	Jay	Obernolte	Congressional District 23
U.S. Congress	Bob	Smith	Congressional District 24
U.S. Congress	Young	Kim	Congressional District 40
U.S. Congress	Mitch	Clemmons	Congressional District 41
U.S. Congress	Jenny Rae	Le Roux	Congressional District 47
U.S. Congress	Jim	Desmond	Congressional District 48
U.S. Congress	Armen	Kurdian	Congressional District 49
Board of Equalization	Shannon	Grove	Board of Equalization 1
Board of Equalization	John	Pimentel	Board of Equalization 2
Board of Equalization	Denis	Bilodeau	Board of Equalization 4
County Assessor	Jordan	Marks	San Diego County Assessor
County Supervisor	Ted	Gaines	El Dorado County, 4th District
Local Offices	Mark	Fantozzi	Cupertino City Council
Local Offices	Mari Jane	Lopez-Taff	Citrus Height City Council, District 2
Local Offices	Dan	Hay	Fountain Valley City Council
Local Offices	Tonia	Arey	Los Angeles Community College District, Board of Trustees - Seat 6

Local Offices	**Elaine**	**Alaniz**	Los Angeles Community College District, Board of Trustees - Seat 4
Local Offices	**Kristina**	**Irwin**	Los Angeles Community College District, Board of Trustees - Seat 2
Local Offices	**Michael**	**Massey**	Paso Robles City Council, District 2
Local Offices	**Meri**	**Kaftan**	Plumas Lake Elementary School Board
Local Offices	**Marjorie**	**Hamada**	Rancho Cucamonga, Mayor
Local Offices	**Tenessa**	**Audette**	Redding City Council
Local Offices	**Erika**	**Lowery**	South Bay Union School District, District 1
Local Offices	**Lance**	**Christensen**	Wheatland School Board, Trustee
Local Offices	**Sean**	**Phayakapong**	Yorba Linda City Council

The HJTA-PAC generally does not endorse in city, county or school board races, with occasional exceptions for previously endorsed candidates and individuals who have a long history of fighting alongside HJTA to protect Proposition 13.

JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

California 2nd District Court of Appeal

We felt it was important to call to your attention two justices on the California 2nd District Court of Appeal who are on the ballot. These justices issued a ruling in December 2025 against taxpayers' interests and in a manner that weakens Proposition 13. The case was HJTA's challenge to Measure ULA, the so-called "mansion tax."

Justice Armen Tamzarian wrote and **Justice Audra Mori** signed the opinion, which concerningly declared, "the voters did not generally intend for Proposition 13 to limit their own power to raise taxes by initiative."

By doing so, these justices opened the door for local voters to override the state constitution and Proposition 13 to raise taxes in any manner, in any amount, without a two-thirds vote, if the tax increase is placed on the ballot by a "citizens' initiative." Their decision in this case, *Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association v. City of Los Angeles*, severely undermines the taxpayer protections in Proposition 13.

Voters will decide whether Justices Armen Tamzarian and Audra Mori are worthy of retention. Their names will be on the ballot in the 2nd District, which covers Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

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