



The VAC Recommendations for The Nov 2016 CA Propositions

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Only change in this revision:
Prop 65 changed to YES.

Please watch for email updates as we sometimes get feedback and correct things. Occasionally we also add propositions that we hadn't included the first go around.

To make sure you get this in the future, make sure you are registered on the www.vac.org website. **Please also forward this to all your friends, it's important that we create awareness.**

Please note, this is a SUBSET of the **Neil's Biased Voting Recommendations**. This list only recommends the way to vote on Propositions and Measures keeping in line with the VAC's non-profit status.

Neil's Biased Voting Recommendations is a private list of recommendations where I actually tell you which **PERSON** to vote for as well. If you want the **Neil's Biased Voting Recommendations** as well, then SIGN UP HERE: <http://eepurl.com/cnBJZX>

(You may need to confirm you want to join the group) and you will then receive election emails every 2 years.

For the November 2016 elections, please find a Christian friend who is not registered to vote and have them register online: <http://registertovote.ca.gov/>. Then teach them these principles.

The last day to register is October 24th.

I do also recommend re-registering every 4-6 years on paper because voters have been known to be bumped off. Especially conservative voters who live in liberal states. Wait...that's us. A few years ago,

a number of friends were running for office and had their friends who knew they were registered, sign their candidate forms, but when they got to the registrars, the registrar's office said they weren't qualified because some of those folks "weren't" registered. When they followed up and pushed it, some of them suddenly were found. Others were eliminated because their signatures didn't match. I don't know about you but my signature has changed a lot over the years. So reregister to vote and update your signature on the paper form. First time registrations can be done electronically.

BTW I recommend that you NOT mail in your absentee ballot. But instead go in and vote in person, OR take your ballot and hand it to them in the voting booth (not as good). There are rumors that mailed in Absentee Ballots may never make it (because more conservatives vote using Absentee Ballots).

WHY WE KEEP LOSING THIS BATTLE

There are **60M** Evangelicals of voting age in America, **30 Million** of them never vote. If even 1/3rd of those 30M voted for Godly values, we'd win every election in every city in every state in every year and we wouldn't have to choose between two horrible choices. Don't just pray and expect a miracle. Why would we think God will somehow force people who hate Him to vote for a better cause when he doesn't convince a portion of his own, those 30M Christians to just vote for what they already believe in? And how can we expect God to do some sort of miracle this time when He's not chosen to do so in the past? And in my study of the Old Testament, God never acts miraculously when the power to make changes are in the hands of his people but they don't do it. In other words, if the 30M non-voting Christians in America were to just vote, God wouldn't have to do a miracle. God knows that and He's going to hold us responsible for NOT doing what we SHOULD do.

To find out more, get the book ***Jesus Is Involved In Politics! Why aren't you? Why isn't your Church?*** Available at www.J3IP.com. It will give you lots of ways to convince those 30M non-voting Christians why they are Biblically **required** to vote.

Or even better go to www.J3IP.com and start a small group with the book *40 Days Towards a More Godly Nation!* Your kids will thank you.

Meanwhile send this free video to your friends:

<http://kansasvideo.jesuisinvolvedinpolitics.com>

Why are you *telling* people how to vote?

Somebody once attacked me with this line. I responded, by quoting the First Amendment and asking him why was he *telling* me not to try to influence how people vote. Isn't that hypocritical? Was he trying to influence me? Besides have you ever heard of the word "campaigning"?

Yet still, remember these are **my recommendations and while I hope you vote this way; to tell the truth**, I'd rather you read each and every ballot proposition yourself, argued with your friends and came to your *own* conclusions. But the reality is that we have lives to live and don't always find this stuff interesting until it bites us. So here are my humble offerings. Do however consider that I may be wrong.... I don't think I am, but I could be, so be discerning.

First the Principles. I've also added a link to the "How to Vote" chapter from my book "Jesus Is Involved in Politics! Why aren't you? Why isn't Your Church?" it goes into much more detail.

How then shall we Vote:

<http://www.jesuisinvolvedinpolitics.com/HowThenShallweVote.pdf>

Some Basic Principles of Voting (skip ahead to get to the recommendations)

These are important because you can apply them to future ballots and issues.

- 1.** Never vote for a bond. If they really need the money they need to reduce their existing waste to first. Remember bonds are just expensive ways of buying things and eventually taxes will have to be raised to pay for it. When they sell bonds, they have to pay that back at almost 2x the original cost. Worse, they don't identify how they will pay back the money they spent or the money it costs to payback the *interest* on that money. At some point someone will have to raise taxes. So don't saddle your kids with debt or with a society that is going to self-destruct with inflation when the government tries to print its way out of debt.
- 2.** Don't fall for the nonsensical statement: *We haven't adjusted the tax rate in X years and the population of the City has doubled.* Look folks, if double the people are living here then they have that many **more** people paying taxes and they are collecting double the tax. If they increase the tax rate for every N new people that move here, are they suggesting that eventually with enough people the tax rate should be 100%? This is sheer nonsense. Don't buy it.
- 3.** Never vote for increased taxes in any form or format. No increased property taxes for schools. The problem is not that they don't have enough money. The problem is that the system is incompetent. And don't think putting the right people in power will stop the incompetence. The system just doesn't work. It's a fundamental flaw. Anytime you are spending other people's money you will simply not care about how you spend it. Thus there will never be enough money. The only solution is to starve the beast. And when the system stops working fire the incompetents and hire someone who can make it work.
- 4.** The government is not filled with selfless genius angels. They aren't better at business than you and they aren't selfless (i.e. no you can't trust them to not benefit their best buddies e.g. a Governor would never have given a friend's husband the Bullet Train boondoggle contract, would he? He's selfless).

Yes, I know, it would be very nice to just let some expert figure out how to manage our economy and how to advise us on how to raise our kids, on what to eat and so on? Yes, it would be nice, if the government was the source of these benevolent geniuses?

Folks, government's role is not to spur the economy, nor to decide what businesses should do. Why do we think there are some genius angels in government who

- a. are such amazing economists and
- b. are not selfish and greedy in any way that they would drive business to their friends.
- c. Seriously, we do NOT want the people who manage the Veteran's Administration to manage your businesses. Do you want business micromanaged by the people who run the post office or the railways? Would you trust USPS or FedEx for some very important documents?

d. So any time there's an issue on the ballot or when you are voting for someone, ask yourself: Do we want to put the foxes in charge of the henhouse or are we better off controlling our own destinies?

5. What is Free Trade? It's the free agreement between any 2 parties to do commerce. It can be trading labor for goods or goods for goods. In most cases the goods are paychecks. The government is not good at business, if they were we wouldn't have economic melt downs. The worst economic meltdowns are when people with guns or the threat of imprisonment try to manipulate the markets. So don't let the government tell businesses what they can and can't do unless it violates someone's rights.
6. Never vote to give more power to the government unless it's a rights issue that should be dealt with by the government. In which case only give power at the lowest possible level. I.e. don't give power to the state over something that a city could be in control of. Government's job is to protect your rights - that's it. This by the way, dates all the way back to Moses and Jethro in the book of Exodus.
7. Never vote for Crony Capitalism. I.e. don't vote for a ball park so that some special friends of the government can become billionaires. Don't vote to fund stem cell research, or a new car company or for tax breaks for your politician's favorite boondoggle. If something will bring lots of money to the city, then let private people do it if it's such a great investment. The fact that private venture refuses to do it is because they aren't sure. So why should we risk the public's money?
8. Never vote to allow vices into your city, like legalized gambling. The cost to families and the city is huge when people get addicted and destroy lives. Most of the time this is just crony capitalism that gives one group the right to run a gambling facility but not anyone else. If you want to legalize gambling (bad idea; but then you should let **any** business start **any** sort of gambling they want), not just the friends of those in power, which is what is usually the case.
9. According to the declaration of Independence, the government's only job is to secure the rights given to us by our Creator. They are not here to feed the poor, but to ensure their rights are not violated so they can eventually learn and feed themselves. See point 15.
10. Government Charity is nothing more than taking a gun to your neighbor and forcing them to donate to your favorite charity. Charity should be voluntary otherwise it simply doesn't work. It makes the recipients feel entitled and not grateful and it makes the forced donors feel used and alienated against the recipients. Worse, for every dollar the government collects for taking care of the poor, only 15c gets to the poor person. The rest goes to pensions, buildings, parties and cronies. Government is horrible at Charity and over the last 40 years with Trillions being spent, there are still the same percentage of poor as before.
11. Never invite the government to meddle any more than it needs to. The more paperwork the government creates, the less goods are produced and more work, time and productivity is wasted. The wealth and security of a nation is based on the productivity of its people. More paperwork = less productivity. More government workers = less production.
12. Education is not and should not be a government function. But currently it has been made one. As with everything the government gets involved in, costs get high and production goes low. There are numerous studies that show that more money for education is not going to help education.
13. Any law that slows down Congress from adding new laws is good.
14. Any law that creates more transparency in the Legislature is good.

15. Recognize the difference between Rights and Goods (also known as Negative Rights and Positive Rights):

Many people confuse “rights” with “goods & services.” It’s critical to differentiate the two. Here’s an easy way to look at it: Rights are from God. Like the right to life, the right to free speech. But if a ‘right’ depends on someone *else’s* service, work, or money, it’s not a right, it’s a good or a service, and it’s certainly not a God given or Constitutional right.

FDR for instance, tried to create a second bill of rights. In that bill, he wanted to include things like the right to a good education, the right to healthcare, the right to your own house, the right to a good paying job, and the right to adequate food, clothing and recreation.

But, if you have your thinking hat on, you’ll immediately realize that while these are nice things, they all violate the very concept of God given unalienable rights. Why? Because while you may have the right to *not be prevented* from having an education, you don’t have a right *to* that education.

Why? Because that education will be dependent on someone else providing the labor to give you that education. Same for the food, someone had to grow that food. Someone had to harvest it and clean it.

As soon as something is a product of someone *else’s* work, it becomes a good, not a right. You always have a God given right to your *own* goods, but you have no right to someone *else’s* goods. That’s called stealing. And if goods are what you are promising to someone, however noble those goods are (like healthcare or a home), eventually you’ll have to enslave *some* men to guarantee those goods to *other* men. Our founders were not idiots. They understood quite well, why rights were not goods and why they could not write a constitution that guaranteed goods to anyone, unless they were the fruit of your *own* honest hard work.

Notice the difference. The right to bear arms is not a right to be given a free firearm. The right to free speech is not the right to be given a free printing press or radio station. The right to the pursuit of happiness is not the right to a guarantee of happiness. I hope you see the **great** difference. This is critical, anytime you vote on something, ask yourself, “Is this law acknowledging a true right or is it mandating goods that are a result of someone *else’s* hard work?”

Notice too, that the constitutions that *have* a bill of rights for education, jobs, healthcare and homes and other such “goods” are all communist and socialist constitutions. And we all know how successful *they’ve* been. They either go bankrupt or become oligarchies. Why? Because goods that are granted as rights, require enough goods. So either you go bankrupt with not enough goods, or you enslave the population with a totalitarian regime to ensure an ample supply of goods. We’ve seen and are seeing both today.

Goods that are granted as rights require you to enslave men fiscally or physically to ensure a continuous supply of the goods that you have promised to others.

Sadly, today most Americans don't know the difference and think there's a scale between what the government should provide and what they shouldn't. There's no scale. Rights are rights and goods are goods.

But do you see again that these are all moral issues and do you see that ignoring these moral issues causes oppression which is unloving?

Now don't get me wrong. Taxes or fees for Services that you require is fine. You drive a car; you pay fees for using the road. You own a house, you pay fees for sewage and police and fire protection that is in the same ratio of what you need. A heavier car, you pay more for the road that you beat up. That's not socialism. That's fees for services.

Furthermore, Socialism refutes the Bible. The Bible says that all men are inherently lazy & greedy. Remember the 7 deadly sins?

Well, Socialism says that all men should **work** as **hard** as they **can**, and only **take** as **little** as they **need**. But sin nature says all men will **work** as **little** as they **need** and **take** as **much** as they **can**.

It flips it.

So if the Bible is right about human nature, socialism is doomed to bankruptcy and worse, it forces what we call economic retardation. The poor stay dependent. And it Bible is proved right over and over again when we see the abject poverty of extremely socialist nations like Venezuela.

The problem though is that: *"It's very hard to convince the chicken that the farmer is not there for the chicken's benefit when the farmer feeds him, takes care of him, and shelters him. Especially when the farmer keeps promising the chicken more stuff as long as the chicken stays dependent on the farmer and keeps the farmer in power."*

(Taken from the book: *Jesus Is Involved In Politics! Why aren't you? Why isn't Your Church?*) www.j3ip.com

OK now the recommendations.

Note there's a cheat sheet at the end that you can print out and take to the polls with you.

The VAC VOTING RECOMMENDATIONS

November 8, 2016, City and Statewide Ballot Measures

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MEASURE A – BOND FOR MORE PUBLIC HOUSING

In simple words: Borrow money and then charge home owners up to \$120 more a year in taxes so they can build 2000 homes for the homeless.

I recommend NO!

MEASURE B – 1/2c SALES TAX INCREASE TO PAY FOR VTA & Traffic

Our huge Gas taxes and Vehicle Registration taxes is supposed to pay for our roads (in Oregon they pay \$32 every 2 years for registration). The more cars on the road the more money that comes in. Yes, they want to tax us MORE for all this.

First very few people use VTA, second, those who use BART should pay for themselves in ticket prices (not to mention BART employees enjoy great pensions and benefits unlike most private companies), third in 10-15 years we'll have self-driving cars and self-driving Ubers and slowly freeway speeds will get faster and faster and the number of people using BART or VTA will drop sharply.

I recommend NO!

MEASURE E - Opportunity to Work

In simple words: If you have part time workers, you have to give them first dibs over any new jobs before you hire more workers.

Why are these geniuses in Government better equipped to decide who I offer a job to? What if I need new skills, different personalities?

If the government can insist that a private person offer me a job he doesn't want to, and at what point do we then decide to force the employee to take a job they don't want to? Either we are free to run our businesses and lives or we are not.

I recommend NO!

MEASURE F – Pension Modification

In simple words: Mayor Reed passed Pension Reform a few years ago. The police unions sued and the courts cut it apart. Now depending on whom you listen to - they either want to fix it or go back to the old ways.

Both sides claim their way is better. Pete Constant a former police officer and Conservative says it's a bad idea. Chuck Reed says it's good. I have no real opinion on this because it's hard to decide what is better.

So officially: No recommendation, but in cases where it's confusing I usually personally just vote: NO! I'M ALSO INCLINED TO TRUST PETE CONSTANT SINCE HE HAS NO DOG IN THE FRAY AT THIS POINT.

(Note confusing is different from it being a dilemma. For dilemmas I abstain. For confusing I vote to keep the status quo.)

MEASURE G – Business Tax Modernization

In simple words: Raise taxes on Businesses.

Seriously? Do I even need to comment? When businesses are leaving the city and the state, this is their solution?

I recommend NO!

MEASURE X – Community College Bond

In simple words: Raise taxes on homes by \$155 a year. Education is a service, not a right. If they really need the money, cut some waste.

Not just a tax but a BOND which means it'll cost 2x to pay it back.

I recommend NO!

MEASURE Y – San Jose Unified School Tax

In simple words: Raise taxes on homes by \$72 a year.

The problem with schools is NOT that they don't have enough money!

Same as all the others.

I recommend NO!

Below each of the propositions you'll see a link. It will take you to the document with all the propositions so you can read the actual text for yourself. If not all the propositions can be found here: <http://vig.cdn.sos.ca.gov/2016/general/en/pdf/text-proposed-laws.pdf>

Proposition 51

School Bonds. Funding for K–12 School and Community College Facilities. Initiative Statute. (PDF)

Again: We don't have enough money (\$9B), so let's borrow money we don't have and pay \$8.6B interest on it. Borrow \$9B and pay back \$17.8.

When you are broke you don't just pull out the VISA card and expect your financial problems to go away. You expect them to become worse. That's what is going to happen here.

Education is a service not an inalienable right.

I recommend NO!

Proposition 52

Medi-Cal Hospital Fee Program. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. (PDF)

What this basically says is that the "FEES" meaning taxes that they collect from California Hospitals to finance Medi-CAL can't be used for anything else unless they have super majority vote in the house. Right now they take some of that money for their own "general fund."

Anything that ties down these socialists in congress is good. And if a Hospital gets to keep some of its own money that's a good thing.

I recommend YES!

Proposition 53

Revenue Bonds. Statewide Voter Approval. Initiative Constitutional Amendment. (PDF)

It turns out that while Bonds need public approval, our legislators can sell additional bonds without approval in they claim that they can pay it back with a tax. This says that this practice should stop. Now let me be clear. I do believe in representative government. That means not a democracy where everyone votes on anything. But when it comes to taxes, it looks like we have runaway crony capitalists i.e. socialists running the state, and the nation - so sadly this is needed.

Anything that ties down those fools in congress is good.

I recommend YES!

Proposition 54

Legislature. Legislation and Proceedings. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. (PDF)

Requires a 72-hour advance notice period between the time a bill is printed and made available to the public and the time it is put to a vote, allowing an exception only in the case of a true emergency, such as a natural disaster.

72-hour public transparency:

I recommend YES!

Proposition 55: The California Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016

Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare. Initiative Constitutional Amendment

Raise taxes on the rich to pay for education. By rich they mean any couple who makes more than 500,000 a year. But wait, 500K for a small business owner is nothing especially if he then plans to use that money next year to grow his business. What this does is force them to try and spend their money in the current year rather than try to save up for larger capital expenses. It's nonsense.

Money again is not the problem. If they raise taxes on the rich, the rich will simply move to Nevada. And they'll take their jobs with them.

I recommend NO!

Proposition 56: The California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016

Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. (PDF)

Tax cigarettes to pay for other things like healthcare. We don't like cigarettes, but if they are so bad for you why not ban them? But how many of us think that any of the money will go to healthcare. And if it does it'll be less than 15% of what they collect.

I recommend NO!

Proposition 57 The Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016

Criminal Sentences. Parole. Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.(PDF)

In simple words:

Juveniles: Only allows Judges to be able to decide on who can be tried as a juvenile (currently the Prosecuting Attorney decides).

Adults: Those who have non-violent crimes can get parole after completing their full term for the primary crime. Doesn't define what non-violent is.

~~Based on the fact that I do NOT trust California Judges.~~ After a discussion with the mom of a juvenile who experienced a DA lying and withholding evidence, I've decided to change my recommendation to a YES vote. I'm still a bit leery of the "non-violent" part as it's not clearly defined, but at this point I'm recommending a YES. The reality is that we have too many "DA's who are aspiring politicians" who seek to subvert justice to further their career.

I now recommend YES!

Proposition 58

English Proficiency. Multilingual Education. Initiative Statute. (PDF)

This over throws prop 227 from 1998 (when people had more sense.)

First Education is not a right, it's a service. So the government has no business being in it. Second if we are going to pay for education, as an Immigrant I can't think of anything worse than not being forced to learn the local language. In India they've had massacres based on language.

Why would we want to Balkanize the US?

I recommend NO!

Proposition 59

Advisory: Should California officials try to overturn Citizen's United ruling with a US Constitutional Amendment

Corporations. Political Spending. Federal Constitutional Protections. Legislative Advisory Question. (PDF)

Well the problem here is: If you stop people from being able to pool their money to pay for ads, you'll only ever hear the liberal media's point of view. Is that what we want?

It's just symbolic yet it's important.

I recommend NO!

Proposition 60: The California Safer Sex in the Adult Film Industry Act

Adult Films. Condoms. Health Requirements. Initiative Statute. (PDF)

Normally I would not have much of an opinion on this. The principle is normally to let private parties decide what they want to do. If you want to mess with bio-fluids it makes sense that you protect yourself. Is wearing these, equivalent to ordering food service workers to wear gloves? Well may be, may be not.

BUT I've been informed that the San Francisco Porn industry has threatened to move to Nevada if this law is passed. Well, in that case

I recommend YES!

Additional note, if you were at the VAC for our October meeting, a knowledgeable lady reminded us that many people in the Porn industry are sex slaves and some are minors. Thus this will protect them. So ALL the more reason to vote YES!

Proposition 61: The California Drug Price Relief Act

State Prescription Drug Purchases. Pricing Standards. Initiative Statute. (PDF)

Basically it's a proposition forcing Drug companies to sell to the CA government at the same or lower price that they charge the Department of Veteran's Affairs. This could make sense but first if Drug Companies don't get money from the state, they'll raise the prices of other drugs that they sell to us and our insurance companies. Or they'll raise the prices to the VA. But worse, this proposition has crony-capitalist written all over it, because the people who wrote it (the AIDS Healthcare Foundation) wrote it so it applies to everything but Medi-Cal HMOs – which happens to be the business they are in. So they don't need to regulate their drug prices but everyone else has to.

So I recommend NO!

Proposition 62: The Justice That Works Act of 2016

Death Penalty. Initiative Statute. (PDF)

Basically bans the Death Penalty because they say it doesn't work. Argues that they should be given life as a punishment instead. Life Prisoners are forced to work and 60% of their income must go to restitution.

Argues that with liberal CA judges nobody is getting executed even when they get the death penalty. Since 1974 CA as spent \$4B sentencing 1000 people and only executing 13 of them. So it's not happening anyway and costing us millions in legal fees and what not.

Note the Bible is clear that the death penalty is Biblical. But my personal fear has been that many overzealous DA's have been known to suppress evidence to make sure they get their man and boost their political ambitions. We hear of many prisoners who've been freed after DNA evidence was provided or cases were reopened.

No recommendation. I personally will be abstaining. This issue is not as much confusing as it's just something that I have a dilemma about.

Proposition 66 (note out of order). Death Penalty. Procedures. Initiative Statute

Death Penalty. Procedures. Initiative Statute. (PDF)

Basically says: Limit appeals to the death sentence, carry them out swiftly and on time.

Those on Death Row must work and their pay goes to restitution until they are executed.

Same as above. No recommendation.

Proposition 63: The Safety for All Act of 2016

Firearms. Ammunition Sales. Initiative Statute. (PDF)

Requires a background check to buy Ammo.

Makes it illegal to buy out of state Ammo and bring it across state lines (so if you go to Frontline in Nevada and have some extra rounds ...good luck).

Makes it illegal to own a magazine or make a magazine that holds more than 10 bullets. Even if you've had it for years:1 year in prison.

If a gun is stolen from you and was not in a safe you can be punished.

Limits hand gun purchases to 1 a month.

If a gun is stolen from you and you don't report it, you will be punished if found out.

Look we are all for being responsible with our guns, but this is simply the path to take all guns away from people.

I recommend NO! This is a gun grab. But we may lose so buy lots of ammo right away!!

Proposition 64

Marijuana Legalization. Initiative Statute. (PDF)

There are two views of this.

1. The Libertarian view: People should be able to decide what they put in their own bodies as long as they are not hurting or oppressing others.

2. The Conservative view: The government can do one of three things: permit, promote or prohibit. It decides which to do based on what would keep families and children safe.and it should prohibit those things that would undermine the wellbeing of children in society. And with a federal system we should look at how other states do in the long run before we decide.

I recommend NO!

Proposition 65

Carryout Bags. Charges. Initiative Statute. (PDF)

Prop 65 changed to YES. Please read this and make your own decision.

A good friend has sent me an update on Prop 65. Copied here and below.

There is a lot of background that is hard to state. But basically the plastic bag companies put it on the ballot to try to fight back against the bag ban, by taking away the money incentive that goes to the big grocers now, who happily get on board.

But I think the plastic bag companies have a sneakier objective. I believe they are going to use prop 65 to actually overturn/replace prop 67. But they won't confirm that with me. (They only said that they think prop 65 is the more important initiative.) The real thing is to watch the environmental groups oppose prop 65 (or basically say "do not vote on it at all"). Imagine that, they are opposing money for the environment??? It is because they don't want their carefully crafted big payoff from the bag ban to fail. Basically, they don't want to lose the backing of the big grocers for their cause (or their financial kickback...).

Think about it. The plastic bag companies paid to get the signatures for prop 65. But they will not get any money out of it unless it does something to stop the bag ban. So they MUST have some legal plan for it to do something for their profit, which can only be stopping the bag ban. And note that the Mercury News is against prop 65. And all of the environmental groups who pushed prop 67 so much (they claim prop 65 is just meant to confuse voters... yes, those same people who can't even make their own bag choice at the checkout stand!).

I think the plastic bag companies believe prop 67 will pass. So prop 65 takes the wind out of prop 67, and possibly even replaces it (nullifying prop 67). Also remember that the environmentalists are getting around our laws by calling the bag fee a "minimum fee" payable to the business. Have you ever heard this before? Where is the outrage in a completely new form of control? Prop 65 forces them to admit it is a tax, which should be subject to all our tax laws (including the right for citizens to vote on it).

Please let me know if you have any questions, because, while I vote against any new tax/bond/fund, I spent a lot of time digging into this one and believe that it is actually helping to call a spade a spade, and taking away a huge corruption pay-off to big grocers.

I created two new websites: www.cavsbigplastic.net and www.cavsbiggrocer.org Be sure to check on the link where I show the California records showing Albertsons and Safeway giving about \$450,000 to the group "California vs. Big Plastic", the ones pushing the bag ban. And that was just up until last July (the time of the last reporting). It is corruption at the worst level. And if the bag ban passes, then tens of millions of dollars per year will go straight to the big Grocers (minus a little bit of kick back to the environmental groups who passed the bag ban...).

I think you are being blinded by seeing it as a new "tax" or new government organization, and can't see what it really is: Taking away the bribery that was given to big grocers for the bag ban.

We should also be standing up against this principle of "minimum fee" which is what they setup. We cannot let this precedent take place. If they want to tax something as "evil", then they need to call it a tax and put it on the ballot for voters to approve. But they called it a "minimum fee" to get around the voting requirement. And also to pay off big grocers. (Note also that the unions were against the bag ban, until the big grocers made some sort of secret deal with them. NO ONE knows what that secret deal was, but the unions then changed their mind and supported a bag ban...)

It is corruption everywhere. But if we have to pay a bag fee that penalizes us for not following their "environmentally correct" lifestyle, then let's take it away from their nasty corrupt payoff scheme, and call it for what it is: a tax. And let's use that to actually get litter cleaned up! Maybe it will stop them from banning plastic straws and spoons and coffee cups next? (I know, wishful thinking...)

Remember, the bag ban isn't about helping the environment. It is about control. They don't really care about the environment. Just greasing their skids to keep and enlarge their power over us.

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Changed to: **YES. While I don't like the idea of raising taxes on private businesses, the strategy here seems good.**

Prop 66 (see 62 and 66 earlier which are grouped together).

Proposition 67

Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags. Referendum. (PDF)

Makes the ban statewide. Creates standards for what plastic bags a private company can sell. (Really?)

I recommend NO!



Your Nov 2016 Measure and Proposition- “take to the Polls” Sheet

Note: some won't apply to your city. Text in GREEN IS “YES” VOTES

NR = No Recommendation

MEASURE AND NAME	Neil's Comment	YES	NO
MEASURE A – Bond for More Public Housing	More Taxes/Bonds		NO
MEASURE B – 1/2c Sales Tax for VTA/BART.	More Taxes/Bonds		NO
MEASURE E – Opportunity to Work.	Govt. Controls Us		NO
MEASURE F – Police Pension Modification	Change Pension Reform		NO
MEASURE G – Business Tax Modernization	More Taxes/Bonds		NO
MEASURE X – Community College Bond	More Taxes/Bonds		NO
MEASURE Y – San Jose Unified School Tax	More Taxes/Bonds		NO
MEASURE Z – East Side Union HS Bond	More Taxes/Bonds		NO
MEASURE AA – Campbell Union HS Bond	More Taxes/Bonds		NO
MEASURE CC – Campbell Union School Tax	More Taxes/Bonds		NO
MEASURE EE – Oak Grove School Upgrade Tax	More Taxes/Bonds		NO
MEASURE HH – Franklin-McKinley School Tax	More Taxes/Bonds		NO

PROPOSITION AND NAME	Neil's Comment	YES	NO
PROP 51: School Bonds	More Taxes/Bonds		NO
PROP 52: Medi-Cal Hospital Fee Program	Let's hospitals keep/get back their own money	YES	
PROP 53: Bonds. Voter Approval needed	We Constrain Govt.	YES	
PROP 54: Legislation (72-hour notice)	We Watch Govt.	YES	
PROP 55: CA Children's Educational Act	More Taxes/Bonds		NO
PROP 56: CA Tobacco Tax Act	More Taxes/Bonds		NO
PROP 57: Public Safety, Parole/Juvenile	Parole/Juv. rules	YES	
PROP 58: English/Multilingual Education	Balkanization of CA		NO
PROP 59: Advisory: Overturn Citizen's United	Power to liberal media		NO
PROP 60: Adult Film Industry	Porn makers leave	YES	
PROP 61: Drug Price Relief	Crony Capitalism		NO
PROP 62: Justice that works/Death Penalty	Ban Death Penalty	NR	
PROP 63: Safety for All/ Firearms, Ammo Sales	Disarm Americans		NO
PROP 64: Marijuana Legalization	Stupefy Americans		NO
PROP 65: Carry out Bags. Turn into a Tax	Tax Americans	YES	
PROP 66: Death Penalty: Enforce it!	Enforce Death Penalty	NR	
PROP 67: Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags	Govt. Controls Us		NO

Resources (thanks to saltandlightcouncil.org)

ivoterguide.com
Ivotevalues.org
Truethethevote.org
http://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page

CONGRESSIONAL SCORECARDS

<http://www.ffcoalition.com/scorecard>

DEBT CLOCK – WORTH YOUR TIME!

<http://www.usdebtclock.org/>

CALIFORNIA RESOURCES FOR VOTING:

www.electionforum.org
www.familyvoterinfo.org
www.judgevoterguide.com/
<http://www.conservativecampaigns.info/>
<http://christiancitizenshipcouncil.blogspot.com/>
<http://robbynnordell.com>
http://ballotpedia.org/California_2014_ballot_propositions
<http://www.sdcta.org/>
<http://www.conservative-congress.info/conservative-candidates-recommendations.phtml>
Project Vote Smart
Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Information
National Tax Limitation Committee
Official State Voter Info Guide
Official State Elections and Voter Info
OCVote.org
SDVote.com