

**California Democratic Party (CDP), Lamorinda Democratic Club (LDC) and San Ramon Valley Democratic Club (SRVCD) Endorsements Recommendations**

<b>State Propositions</b>	<b>CDP</b>	<b>LDC</b>	<b>SRVDC</b>
<b>Prop 51: School Bonds, Funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities</b> Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds: \$3 billion for new construction and \$3 billion for modernization of K-12 public school facilities; \$1 billion for charter schools and vocational education facilities; and \$2 billion for California Community Colleges facilities. Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds: \$3 billion for new construction and \$3 billion for modernization of K-12 public school facilities; \$1 billion for charter schools and vocational education facilities; and \$2 billion for California Community Colleges facilities. <b>Statutory Amendment</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes*</b>
<b>Prop 52 - State Fees on Hospitals, Federal Medi-Cal Matching Funds</b> Increases required vote to two-thirds for the Legislature to amend a certain existing law that imposes fees on hospitals (for purpose of obtaining federal Medi-Cal matching funds) and that directs those fees and federal matching funds to hospital-provided Medi-Cal health care services, to uncompensated care provided by hospitals to uninsured patients, and to children's health coverage. <b>Statutory and Constitutional Amendment</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Prop 53: Revenue Bonds, Statewide Voter Approval</b> It requires statewide voter approval before any revenue bonds can be issued or sold by the state for projects that are financed, owned, operated, or managed by the state or any joint agency created by or including the state, if the bond amount exceeds \$2 billion. <b>Constitutional Amendment</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Position</b>
<b>Prop 54: Legislature, Legislation and Proceedings</b> It prohibits the Legislature from passing any bill unless it has been in print and published on the Internet for at least 72 hours before the vote, except in cases of public emergency. It requires the Legislature to make audiovisual recordings of all its proceedings, except closed session proceedings, and post them on the Internet. <b>Constitutional Amendment</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Prop 55: Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare</b> It will temporarily maintain the current tax rates on the wealthiest Californians to prevent billions of dollars in funding cuts for public education and vital services, like children's health care. <b>Constitutional Amendment</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes*</b>
<b>Prop 56: Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research and Law Enforcement</b> It would raise cigarette taxes by \$2 per pack -- with an equivalent increase on products containing nicotine derived from tobacco, including e-cigarettes -- to save lives and protect children. <b>Constitutional Amendment</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes*</b>

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<b>Prop 57: Criminal Sentences, Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing, Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statue</b> It reforms criminal justice in two ways. First, it changes the way a juvenile is determined to be tried as an adult. Currently a prosecutor, who is an advocate for one side only, makes the determination. <b>Constitutional Amendment</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes*</b>
<b>Prop 58: English Language Education</b> It allows parents and school districts to determine the best way to teach students English while also encouraging them to retain and improve their mother language with the goal of developing multilingual skills. This will enhance student multilingual skills as well as fluency in English.	<b>Support</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Prop 59: Corporation, Political Spending</b> It instructs California's elected officials should use their authority to propose and ratify one or more amendments to the US Constitution overturning the United States US Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission as well as other relevant judicial precedents. <b>Legislative Advisory</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes*</b>
<b>Prop 60: Adult Films, Condoms</b> It requires adult film performers to use condoms during filming of sexual intercourse. <b>Health Requirements</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>No Position</b>	<b>No Position</b>
<b>Prop 61: State Prescription Drug Purchases, Pricing Standards</b> It prohibits state from buying any prescription drug from a drug manufacturer at a price greater than the lowest price paid for the drug by United States Department of Veterans Affairs. <b>Pricing Standards</b>	<b>No Position</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No Position</b>
<b>Prop 62: Death Penalty</b> It repeals death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. It applies retroactively to existing death sentences. <b>Statutory Amendment</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes*</b>

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<b>Prop 63: Firearms, Ammunition Sales</b> Prohibits possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines, and requires their disposal by sale to dealer, destruction, or removal from state. Requires most individuals to pass background check and obtain Department of Justice authorization to purchase ammunition. <b>Statutory Amendment</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Prop 64: Marijuana Legalization</b> It legalizes marijuana and hemp under state law. Designates state agencies to license and regulate marijuana industry. It imposes state excise tax on retail sales of marijuana equal to 15% of sales price, and state cultivation taxes on marijuana of \$9.25 per ounce of flowers and \$2.75 per ounce of leaves. It exempts medical marijuana from some taxation. It establishes packaging, labeling, advertising, and marketing standards and restrictions for marijuana products. It allows local regulation and taxation of marijuana. It prohibits marketing and advertising marijuana to minors. It authorizes resentencing and destruction of records for prior marijuana convictions. <b>Statutory Amendment</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Prop 65: Carry-Out Bags, Charges</b> Redirects money collected by grocery and certain other retail stores through sale of carry-out bags, whenever any state law bans free distribution of a particular kind of carry-out bag and mandates the sale of any other kind of carry-out bag. Requires stores to deposit bag sale proceeds into a special fund administered by the Wildlife Conservation Board to support specified categories of environmental projects. <b>Statutory Amendment</b>	<b>No Position</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Prop 66: Death Penalty, Procedures</b> Changes procedures governing state court appeals and petitions challenging death penalty convictions and sentences. Designates superior court for initial petitions and limits successive petitions. Imposes time limits on state court death penalty review. Requires appointed attorneys who take noncapital appeals to accept death penalty appeals. Exempts prison officials from existing regulation process for developing execution methods. Authorizes death row inmate transfers among California state prisons. States death row inmates must work and pay victim restitution. States other voter approved measures related to death penalty are null and void if this measure receives more affirmative votes. <b>Statutory Amendment</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Prop 67: Referendum to Overturn Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags</b> Essentially this proposition prevents a vote on a proposition to overturn the ban. If you are in favor of the ban, you would vote YES.	<b>Support</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes*</b>

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<b>Local Ballot Measures</b>		<b>LDC</b>	<b>SRVDC</b>
<b>CONTRA COSTA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY 2/3 required to pass Transactions and USE TAX MEASURE X</b> To implement a Transportation Expenditure Plan to continue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repairing potholes/fixing roads;</li> <li>• Improving BART capacity/reliability;</li> <li>• Improving Highways 680, 80, 24, and 4;</li> <li>• Enhancing bus/transit including for seniors and people with disabilities;</li> <li>• Increasing bicycle/pedestrian safety;</li> <li>• Improving air quality;</li> <li>• Reducing traffic; shall voters adopt the ordinance augmenting the sales tax by 1/2%, raising ninety- seven million dollars for transportation improvements annually for 30 years with independent oversight, audits, and all money benefitting local residents?</li> </ul>			
		<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT 2/3 required to pass BOND MEASURE RR</b> BART Safety, Reliability and Traffic Relief. To keep BART safe; prevent accidents/breakdowns/delays; relieve overcrowding; reduce traffic congestion/pollution; and improve earthquake safety and access for seniors/disabled by replacing and upgrading 90 miles of severely worn tracks; tunnels damaged by water intrusion; 44- year-old train control systems; and other deteriorating infrastructure, shall the Bay Area Rapid Transit District issue \$3.5 billion of bonds for the acquisition or improvement of real property subject to independent oversight and annual audits?			
		<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>

The recommendations of the California Democratic Party (CDP) are "Support", "Oppose", or "No Position".

The Lamorinda Democratic Club's Board of Directors has approved the Issues' Committee recommendations that the club formally endorse these positions on these issues. The club approved these recommendations at the September 8th meeting.

The Issues Committee of the San Ramon Valley Democratic Club vote on the initiatives with the following recommendations, which is designated by "Yes", "No" or "No Position". The club membership of the SRVDC on August 25, 2016 was able to vote on some of the initiatives, designed by "Yes\*".