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BALLOT INITIATIVES FOR NOVEMBER 4TH BALLOT

Following is the list of the twelve initiatives and a brief summary that you will be voting on November 4th. Two of the twelve initiatives were put on the ballot by the Legislature; five of the initiatives are backed by four billionaires (three from out of state) and three propositions have been on the ballot before. Where known, we've also included some of those who are supporting and opposing these initiatives at this time.

PROPOSITION 1. SAFE, RELIABLE HIGH SPEED PASSENGER TRAIN ACT FOR 21ST CENTURY. This was put on the ballot by the Legislature and authorizes \$9.95 billion in bonds to plan a high-speed rail system in California. Support: High Speed Rail Authority. Opposed: California Chamber of Commerce.

PROPOSITION 2. TREATMENT OF FARM ANIMALS. This bans the confinement of calves, egg-laying hens and pregnant pigs in pens too small for them to stand up, lie down or turn around. Sponsor: Humane Society of the United States. Major opposition: California Farm Bureau (high priority). CA Chamber of Commerce; Veterinarians are divided.

PROPOSITION 3. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOND ACT. This sells \$980 million in bonds for capital improvement projects at 13 children's hospitals around the state. A similar bond proposal passed last time so voters may not want to pass another. Sponsor: California Children's Hospital Association. Support: CA Chamber of Commerce. Oppose: National Tax Limitation Committee.

PROPOSITION 4. WAITING PERIOD AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE TERMINATION OF MINOR'S PREGNANCY. This has been referred to by proponents as "Sarah's Law" (though some say it would not have applied to this person's case) and would change the state constitution to ban abortions for minors until 48 hours after a doctor's notification of a minor's parents or guardian. This lost in a special election in 2005 and again in 2006. This is part of a national effort to enact similar laws by various groups in support. Opposed: Planned Parenthood of California; CA Chamber of Commerce is neutral.

PROPOSITION 5. NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS. SENTENCING. PAROLE AND REHABILITATION. This allocates \$460 million a year for drug treatment programs for convicted drug users; shortens parole for certain drug offenders. Sponsor: The Drug Policy Alliance, a New York based national organization. Biggest backer is billionaire financier, philanthropist George Soros. Opposed: CA Chamber of Commerce, CSAC, MADD and CA District Attorneys Association. Also opposed by actor Martin Sheen.

PROPOSITION 6. CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND LAWS. PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING. This allocates \$965 million a year for local law enforcement and jails. It also makes changes to state criminal laws dealing with gang-related offenses. Sponsors: Senator George Runner and wife Assembly Member Sharon Runner. Biggest

backer is billionaire high tech executive Henry Nicholas III.
Support: California Professional Firefighters. Oppose: CA Tax Reform Association. CA Chamber of Commerce is neutral.

PROPOSITION 7. RENEWABLE ENERGY. This requires all California utilities to generate 20 percent of their power from renewable energy by 2010. Sponsor: Phoenix billionaire Peter Sperling, who heads the Apollo Group, which operates the University of Phoenix. This is the one that has been on TV with ads for the NO side for about three weeks and you're probably sick of seeing them! Support: Former Senator John Burton and CA For Solar and Clean Energy. Oppose: All major CA utilities (SCE, PG&E, Sempra) and League of Conservation Voters and other environmental groups.

PROPOSITION 8. ELIMINATES RIGHTS OF SAME SEX COUPLES TO MARRY. This is a constitutional amendment to overturn the recent State Supreme Court decision allowing same sex couples to marry. Support: Coalition of Religious and Pro-Family Organizations. Oppose: coalition of families and friends of lesbians and gays. CA Chamber of Commerce is neutral.

PROPOSITION 9. CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. VICTIMS RIGHTS. PAROLE. This is referred to by supporters as "Marsy's Law" and would amend the state constitution to increase rights and role of victims in criminal proceedings; reduces the number of parole hearings to which prisoners are entitled. Sponsor: Billionaire Henry Nicholas III (Marsy Nicholas, a 1983 murder victim, was his half sister). Support: National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children. Oppose: various former prison and corrections individuals. CA Chamber of Commerce is neutral.

PROPOSITION 10. BONDS. ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES AND RENEWABLE ENERGY. This authorizes the sale of \$5 billion in bonds to provide rebates to consumers buying alternative-fuel (natural gas) vehicles and to fund research into renewable fuel technology. Sponsor: Clean Energy Fuels Corp, founded by Texas billionaire T. Boone Pickens (he underwrote this measure). Oppose: CA Tax Reform Association, TURN, CA Federation of Teachers and CA Chamber of Commerce. Support: Clean and Renewable Energy Association

PROPOSITION 11. REDISTRICTING. This amends the state constitution to strip the Legislature of its power to redraw state Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization district boundaries, and creates a 14-member commission to do it instead (does not apply to congressional districts). Oppose: politicians - the Democratic Party, the CA Federation of Teachers and the CA Correction Peace Officers Association (CCPOA who hates the Governor right now). Support: Governor Schwarzenegger, former State Controller State Wesley, Common Cause, the League of Women Voters, the California Taxpayers Association and the CA Chamber of Commerce.

PROPOSITION 12. VETERANS BOND ACT OF 2008. This was put on by the Legislature on a unanimous vote in both houses. It will authorize \$900 million to provide loans to California veterans to

purchase farms and homes. Oppose: unknown. Support:
Legislature and the CA Chamber of Commerce.

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