



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
RECOMMENDS

November 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION

PROP 2 Rainy Day Fund—State Budget Reserves

SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters of California supports Prop 2 because it takes an important step toward fiscal discipline in our state government. It requires the state to make contributions to its rainy day reserve fund and pay down debts and liabilities when times are good, with increased contributions in years when revenues spike upwards. In bad times, those reserves can be used to reduce cuts in spending on schools, health care, public safety, and other vital services. Prop 2 requires joint action of the Governor and the Legislature to reduce the amount put in or to take money out of the rainy day fund.

PROP 47 Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act

SUPPORT

Prop 47 will ensure that prison spending is focused on violent and serious offenses and will maximize alternatives for non-serious, nonviolent crime. The savings generated will be invested in prevention and support programs in K-12 schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment. Prop 47 will change low-level nonviolent crimes such as simple drug possession and petty theft from felonies to misdemeanors; sentences for people convicted of dangerous crimes like rape, murder, and child molestation will not be changed. The League believes alternatives to imprisonment should be explored and utilized, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime.

NO RECOMMENDATION ON THE OTHER MEASURES ON THIS BALLOT

PROP 1 Water Bond

NEUTRAL

The LWVC could enthusiastically support many of the projects funded by Prop 1, such as the cleanup and prevention of polluted groundwater; drinking and wastewater treatment projects; and water recycling, rainwater capture, conservation, and water-use efficiencies that will help reduce demand on water resources over the long term. However, we have serious concerns that the measure favors large surface water storage projects and gives control over that spending to a commission composed of political appointees with no budgetary oversight by the legislature. Balancing the positive and negative aspects of the measure, we remain neutral.

PROP 45 Healthcare Insurance. Rate Changes

PROP 46 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Doctors. Medical Negligence Lawsuits

PROP 48 Referendum on Indian Gaming Compacts

Because League positions do not cover the issues in Propositions 45, 46, and 48, the LWVC is taking no stand on these measures.

VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE ON NOVEMBER 4!

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