



NEW MAJORITY LOS ANGELES 2016 General Election Voter Guide

Dear New Majority Los Angeles Members,

With Election Day quickly approaching on November 8th, we would like to provide the 2016 New Majority Los Angeles General Election Voter Guide, to assist Members when casting their ballots.

Many voters will receive their absentee ballots in the next few days, and while the Chapter has not taken official positions in all races and on all issues, this guide does provide Members with our endorsements, the endorsements of the California Republican Party, Republican Party of Los Angeles County (RPLAC) and recommendations from other trusted partners.

Our political priorities include focusing on the targeted State Senate and Assembly races to protect the Republican's 1/3rd margins in the State Legislature, with most of these key races taking place right here in Los Angeles County.

This Voter Guide provides information on Congressional, State Senate and Assembly races, statewide and local ballot measures, as well as judicial recommendations.

Targeted Races

Congressional District #25 – [Steve Knight](#)
State Assembly District #36 – [Tom Lackey](#)
State Assembly District #38 – [Dante Acosta](#)
State Assembly District #66 – [David Hadley](#) (New Majority LA Member)
State Senate District #21 – [Scott Wilk](#)
State Senate District #25 – [Michael Antonovich](#)
State Senate District #27 – [Steve Fazio](#) (New Majority LA Member)
State Senate District #29 – [Ling Ling Chang](#)

We realize in a county the size of Los Angeles, there are many districts, with each having their own specific races. If there are races not addressed in this Voter Guide, please contact our office at (818) 880-5010 or email, andy@thenewmajority.com, and we will provide you with additional recommendations.

Sincerely,

Andy Gharakhani
Executive Director, New Majority Los Angeles

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE:

RPLAC = Republican Party of LA County

CAGOP = California Republican Party

OFFICE	DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	NEW MAJORITY LOS ANGELES	RPLAC	CAGOP
Congressional	23	Kevin McCarthy	Support	Support	Support
Congressional	25	Steve Knight	Support	Support	Support
Congressional	26	Rafael Dagnesses		Support	Support
Congressional	27	Jack Orswell		Support	Support
Congressional	28	Lenore Solis		Support	Support
Congressional	30	Mark Reed		Support	Support
Congressional	33	Kenneth Wright		Support	Support
Congressional	35	Tyler Fischella		Support	Support
Congressional	38	Ryan Downing		Support	Support
Congressional	39	Ed Royce	Support	Support	Support
Congressional	43	Omar Navarro		Support	Support
Congressional	47	Andy Whallon		Support	Support
State Assembly	36	Tom Lackey	Support	Support	Support
State Assembly	38	Dante Acosta	Support	Support	Support
State Assembly	41	Casey Higgins		Support	Support
State Assembly	44	Kerry Nelson		Support	Support
State Assembly	45	Jerry Kowal		Support	Support
State Assembly	48	Cory Ellenson		Support	Support
State Assembly	49	Peter Amundson		Support	Support
State Assembly	50	Matthew Craffey		Support	Support
State Assembly	54	Glen Ratcliff		Support	Support
State Assembly	55	Phillip Chen		Support	Support
State Assembly	57	Rita Topalian		Support	Support
State Assembly	58	Ramiro Alvarado			Support
State Assembly	62	Marco "Tony" Leal		Support	Support
State Assembly	63	Adam Miller		Support	Support
State Assembly	64	Theresa Sanford		Support	Support
State Assembly	66	David Hadley	Support	Support	Support
State Assembly	70	Martha Flores-Gibson		Support	Support
State Senate	21	Scott Wilk	Support	Support	Support
State Senate	23	Mike Morrell	Support	Support	Support
State Senate	25	Michael Antonovich	Support	Support	Support
State Senate	27	Steve Fazio	Support	Support	Support
State Senate	29	Ling Ling Chang	Support	Support	Support
Board of Sups	District 4	Steve Napolitano	Support	Support	
Board of Sups	District 5	Kathryn Barger	Support	Support	

STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES:

INITIATIVE	DESCRIPTION	SPONSORED/ SUPPORTED BY:	CAGOP	CALCHAMBER
PROP. 51 School Bond	\$9 billion general obligation bond to fund school construction projects. Potential increase in local taxes/developer fees if not passed.	California Building Industry Association	Support	Support
PROP. 52 Hospital Fees	Protects the use of private hospital funds to draw down Federal revenue to support the Medi-Cal program. Requires 2/3 rd vote of Legislature to eliminate the hospital fee transaction, or redirect revenue to the State General Fund.	California Hospitals Association	Support	Support

PROP. 53 Voter Approval on Revenue Bonds	Requires statewide voter approval on state revenue bond projects exceeding \$2 billion. Measure does not impact local governments, school, college or special districts. Joint Power Authorities.	Dean and Joan Cortopassi	Support	Oppose
PROP. 54 Legislative Transparency	Requires a bill to be in print and published online for 72 hours before the Legislature can vote on it. Requires the Legislature to record and post video or audio online of all legislative proceedings, except closed session proceedings.	Charles Munger, Jr. & former California State Senator Sam Blakeslee	Support	Support
PROP. 55 Proposition 30 (2012) Extension	Would extend the temporary personal income taxes an additional 12 years. The personal income tax increase applies to single filers with an income > \$250,000, to joint filers with an income > \$500,000 and to heads of household with an income > \$340,000. Generates \$4 billion a year.	California Teachers Association	Oppose	Oppose
PROP. 56 Cigarette Tax	Would increase the cigarette tax by \$2 per pack and add an equivalent tax on other tobacco products including e-cigarettes. The majority of funds would be used for payments to health care providers.	Tom Steyer, CA Hospital Association, SEIU	Oppose	
PROP. 57 Prison Sentencing Reform	Measure would allow for prisoners convicted of nonviolent felonies to be given early release via parole based on their behavior, educational achievements and rehabilitation.	Governor Jerry Brown	Oppose	
PROP. 58 English Language Immersion Programs	Legislatively placed measure that would amend and repeal parts of Prop. 227 (June 1998) so that public schools would no longer be required to renew a waiver to continue multilingual programs.	SEIU	Oppose	Support
PROP. 59 Advisory Ballot Measure on 'Citizens United'	A legislatively placed advisory ballot measure that would ask voters whether there should be a federal constitutional amendment to overturn the ruling in <i>Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission</i> .	California Common Cause	Oppose	
PROP. 60 Adult Films	Requires the use of condoms for adult films.	AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Oppose	
PROP. 61 Prescription Drug Pricing	Establishes pricing standards for state prescription drug purchases so state agencies would pay the same amount for prescription drugs as the Department of Veterans Affairs.	AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Oppose	Oppose
PROP. 62 Death Penalty Repeal	Would repeal the death penalty and replace it with life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.		Oppose	
PROP. 63 Firearms	Requires a background check to purchase ammunition and bans large-capacity ammunition magazines. Prohibits individuals convicted of stealing a firearm from possessing firearms.	Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom	Oppose	
PROP. 64 Marijuana Legalization	Imposes a 15% excise tax on retail sales of marijuana. Imposes cultivation taxes on marijuana at \$9.25 per ounce of flowers and \$2.75 per ounce of leaves. Exempts medical marijuana from taxation.	Sean Parker, former president of Facebook and founder of Napster	Oppose	
PROP. 65 Carry Out Bags	Would redirect bag tax funds to the Wildlife Conservation Board to support environmental projects.		Support	

PROP. 66 Death Penalty Reform	Would reform the death penalty laws to expedite appeals and petitions challenging a death penalty convictions and sentences.	CA Sheriffs and District Attorneys	Support	
PROP. 67 Referendum to Overturn Plastic Bag Ban	Bans plastic bags and places a \$.10 tax on paper bags goes to grocers.	CA Legislature	Oppose	

LOS ANGELES COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES:

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	ANALYSIS	RPLAC
Measure M Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement and Infrastructure Plan	This measure will build new rail lines and highway improvement projects, enhance bus and rail service, fund local street, sidewalk, and signal improvements, keep fares affordable for seniors, students, and the disabled, maintain our growing transportation system, and better connect bike and pedestrian paths to transit facilities. This measure proposes a new 1/2 cent sales tax starting in 2017 that has no expiration date - a "forever tax." If passed, this will be the county's third transportation-related levy with no end date, and the fourth overall. This is estimated to generate an estimated \$860 million a year in 2017 dollars.	This is the fourth tax going towards transportation improvement and little progress has been made. Funding from this tax will also go towards an un-needed metro. Existing funds should be used more responsibly in order to maintain and improve infrastructure. Imposing more taxes on hard-working Americans just works to slow down the economy and continue to allow the government to live outside of its means.	Oppose
Measure A Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches	This measure will replace expiring local funding for safe, clean neighborhood/city/county park, increase safe playgrounds, reduce gang activity, keep neighborhood recreation/senior centers, keep drinking water safe, protect beaches, rivers, water resources, remaining natural areas/open space. This measure proposes a 1.5 cent tax to be levied annually per square foot of improved property in Los Angeles County.	The Republican party is dedicated to protecting the environment in economically responsible ways. Imposing more taxes on the development of land will slow down investment and result in a decreased rate of property improvement.	Oppose

LOS ANGELES CITY BALLOT MEASURES:

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	ANALYSIS	RPLAC
Measure HHH Affordable Housing/ Homelessness Bond	To provide safe, clean affordable housing for the homeless and for those in danger of becoming homeless, such as battered women and their children, veterans, seniors, foster youth, and the disabled; and provide facilities to increase access to mental health care, drug and alcohol treatment, and other services; shall the City of Los Angeles issue \$1,200,000,000 in general obligation bonds, with citizen oversight and annual financial audits.	The City has no ability or infrastructure to manage the Homeless issue. Only a County-wide approach makes sense. They also seek to pay for the bond through property taxes.	Oppose

<p>Measure JJJ Build Better LA: Affordable Housing</p>	<p>Shall an ordinance: 1) requiring that certain residential development projects provide for affordable housing and comply with prevailing wage, local hiring and other labor standards; 2) requiring the City to assess the impacts of community plan changes on affordable housing and local jobs; 3) creating an affordable housing incentive program for developments near major transit stops; and 4) making other changes.</p>	<p>This measure places more restrictions on development. The City of Los Angeles has a shortage of housing due to a lack of new residential building.</p>	<p>Oppose</p>
<p>Measure RRR Department of Water and Power Governance Reform</p>	<p>Shall the Charter be amended to: (1) add qualification requirements, stipends and removal protections for DWP Board; (2) expand Board to seven members; (3) require DWP prepare four-year Strategic Plans for Council and Mayoral approval; (4) modify DWP's contracting, rate-setting and other authority; (5) permit future alternatives to existing civil service standards for DWP employees through collective bargaining; and (6) require monthly billing?</p>	<p>This measure brings much needed reform to the DWP. While we would like to see more accountability built into the measure, there is enough to support.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>Measure SSS Pension Reform</p>	<p>Shall the Charter be amended to: (1) enroll new Airport peace officers into Tier 6 of the Fire and Police Pensions System; (2) allow current Airport peace officers to transfer into Tier 6 from the City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) at their own expense; and (3) permit new Airport Police Chiefs to enroll in LACERS.</p>	<p>Shifting employees to a new tier does not appear to impact the City Budget.</p>	<p>No Position</p>

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES:

(New Majority LA Has NOT Endorsed Any Candidates)

We have provided the candidate's names, titles, websites, endorsements & ratings from the LA County Bar Association, endorsements from former LA County District Attorney Steve Cooley and friends of the New Majority.

OFFICE NO.	CANDIDATE	TITLE	ENDORSED BY	BAR RATING	STEVE COOLEY ENDORSEMENT
11	Steven Schreiner	Gang Homicide Prosecutor	RPLAC	Well Qualified	YES
42	Efrain Matthew Aceves	Child Molestation Prosecutor		Well Qualified	YES
84	Javier Perez	Supervising Criminal Prosecutor	Supervisor Antonovich	Qualified	YES
84	Susan Jung Townsend	Criminal Fraud Prosecutor	Mayor Riordan	Qualified	YES
158	David A. Berger	Violent Crimes Prosecutor	Supervisor Antonovich	Not Qualified	YES