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YES

PROP 52

Medi-Cal Hospital Fee

- Extends MediCal hospital fee program
- Additional revenue used to create state savings, increase payments for hospital services to low-income Californians, and provide grants to public hospitals



YES

PROP 56

Tobacco Tax Increase

- Reduces tobacco-related healthcare costs and helps pay for those costs
- Prevents youth smoking and address tobacco marketing aimed at youth
- Revenue goes to MediCal to support low-income families



NO

PROP 53

Voter Approval for Bonds

- Impacts local control and community infrastructure improvements negatively
- Inhibits California's ability to repair outdated infrastructure
- Serves the interests of the multi-millionaire funding the initiative



YES

PROP 57

Public Safety & Rehabilitation

- Reduce overcrowded prison population while rehabilitating inmates
- Save taxpayers millions of dollars
- Addresses evidence-based rehabilitation



NO

PROP 54

Public Display of Legislative Bills

- Introduces unnecessary restrictions on law crafting process
- Hinders ability to develop bipartisan solutions
- Gives special interests too much power in the legislative process



YES

PROP 58

LEARN Initiative

- Allows all students to become proficient in English
- Encourages schools to use instruction programs, providing English speakers the opportunity to learn a second language



YES

PROP 55

Prop 30 Extension to Fund Education

- Majority of revenue goes to K-12 schools and community colleges
- Provides strict accountability standards
- Tax increases only for the wealthiest 2% of Californians



YES

PROP 59

Overturn Citizens United

- Encourages elected officials to use their authority to overturn *Citizens United v. FEC* - a ruling that allows unlimited political spending by corporations
- Overturning Citizens United would limit political spending by special interests and bring power back to the people

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PROP 61

Drug Price Relief Act

- Fights price-gouging from drug companies
- Provides better access to life-saving drugs
- Saves taxpayers billions of dollars in healthcare costs



NO

PROP 65

Plastic Bag Fee

- Serves the interests of plastic bag companies and distracts from phasing out plastic bags
- Does little to help the environment
- Creates an unnecessary bureaucracy and is an attempt to confuse voters



YES

PROP 62

Repeal Death Penalty

- Saves taxpayer money by replacing a costly, inefficient system
- Erases the most extreme racial inequality in criminal justice system, the disparity in death penalty sentencing



NO

PROP 66

Death Penalty Procedures

- Costs taxpayers millions of dollars due to prison spending, legal defense, construction, and litigation
- Increases risk of executing an innocent person
- Removes important legal safeguards



YES

PROP 63

Safety for All Act

- Keeps guns and ammunition out of the wrong hands by closing loopholes
- Protects rights of law-abiding citizens to own guns
- Addresses the issue of illegally armed felons



YES

PROP 67

Plastic Bag Ban

- Upholds the plastic bag ban enacted by the legislature
- Helps the environment by reducing litter, protecting oceans and wildlife, and reducing clean-up
- Continues California's success in phasing out plastic bags



NEUTRAL

PROP 64

Marijuana Legalization

- Legalization could reduce criminalization rates in communities of color.
- However, there are issues with dispensaries and unfair enforcement in low-income communities of color. Health and environmental impacts must be further explored.

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