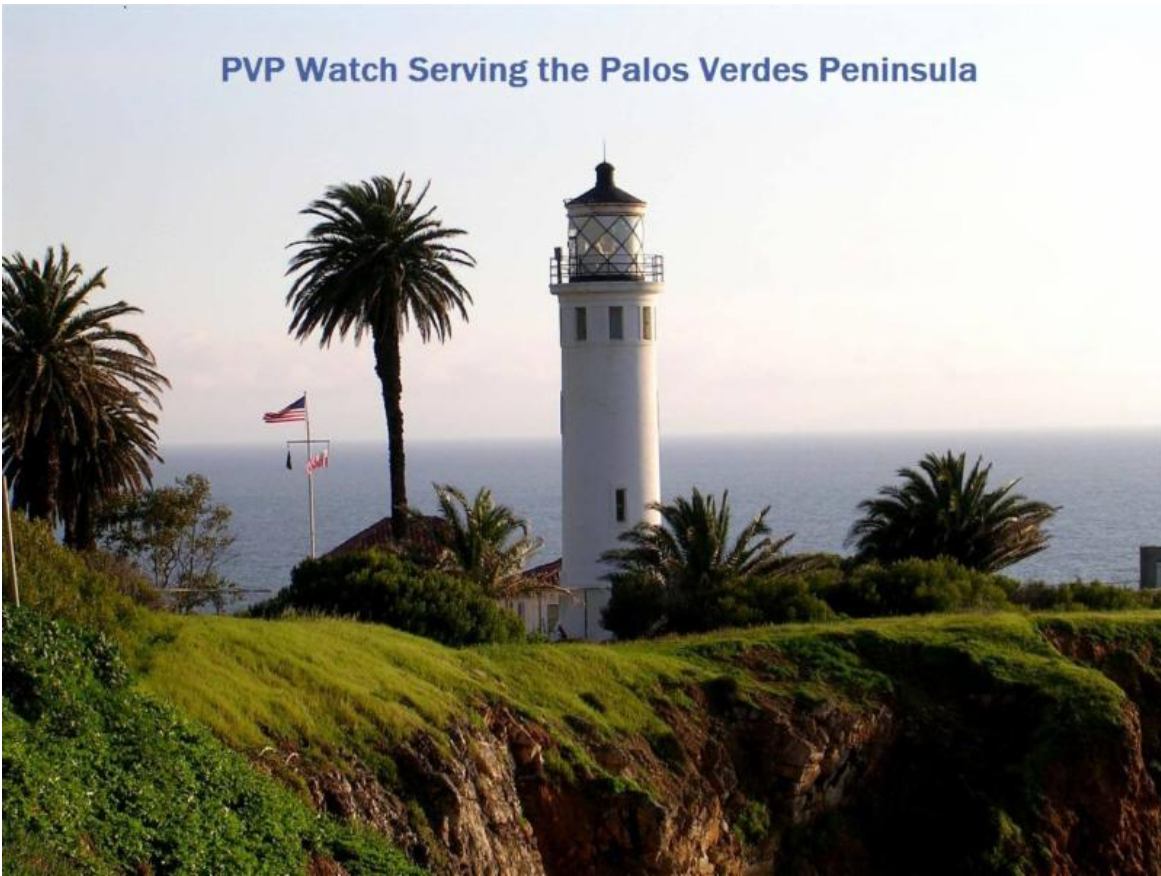


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### NOVEMBER 3 ELECTION - PROPOSITION ENDORSEMENTS

This newsletter looks at the 12 California propositions on the November 3rd ballot and gives PVP Watch's brief analysis and recommendations.

**Proposition 14...**This is the Stem Cell Research Institute Bond Initiative. In 2004 California voters passed Proposition 71, a bond issue raising \$3 billion to create the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM). Robert Klein was the chair of the Yes on 71 campaign and when it passed became head of CIRM. CIRM has spent its initial funds and now Klein is leading the effort to pass Prop 14. Research in this field should be done by

private companies and investors where there is no dearth of money for worthy projects. This would cost taxpayers \$260 million each year for 30 years. **Vote NO.**

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**Proposition 15...**This proposition was misleadingly named “The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act” by California attorney general Xavier Becerra. It is in fact a direct assault on Proposition 13. If passed it creates...for now... a split tax roll mandating commercial property be assessed every three years and taxed on that value. Now commercial and residential properties are re-assessed when sold. It is estimated this will cost businesses as much as \$12 billion a year. That will cause the businessman to pass the cost to the customer, re-locate to another state or go out of business. That means the state due to its greed will be receiving **less** revenue. If this succeeds it is only a matter of time before the backers of this ill-conceived idea do the same thing to residential property. **Vote NO!**

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**Proposition 16...**This is the Repeal Proposition 209 Affirmative Action Amendment. In 1996 California voters passed Proposition 209 the Affirmative Action Amendment which states that government and public institutions cannot discriminate. That is a good thing. Now 24 years later this proposition repeals the Affirmative Action Amendment and says basically that you now will be able to discriminate. Discrimination is wrong. All Californians should be judged equally. **Vote NO.**

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**Proposition 17...**This is the Voting Rights Restoration for Persons on Parole Amendment and will allow felons to vote while on parole. The majority of the states do not allow this. A felon on parole has not finished his/her sentence. They have numerous conditions to comply with until their imposed sentence is completed. Once they have completed their sentence, that is their debt to society, perhaps voting rights can be discussed. One way not to ever lose these rights is do not commit crime. **Vote NO.**

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**Proposition 18...**This is the Primary Voting for 17-Year-Olds Amendment and if passed will allow 17-year-olds, who will be 18 at the time of the next general election, to vote in primary elections and special elections. I cannot imagine that this was even talked about amongst intelligent people. The March 20, 2019, Mind & Brain Newsletter pointed out that the human brain does not mature until the age of 25. This proposition makes no sense whatsoever. **Vote NO.**

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**Proposition 19...**Is entitled Property Tax Transfers, Exemptions and Revenue for Wildfire Agencies and Counties Amendment which a newspaper columnist in the Daily Breeze termed the most deceptive ballot measure this year. This would require the reassessment to market value of property transferred between parents and children. The Legislative Analyst’s Office projects this will cost taxpayers more than a billion dollars in higher property taxes. This is too much to pay for the portability (ability to take your property tax bill with you when moving to another California County) aspect in the proposition. If the firefighters need additional funding the governor and legislature can budget it. This is another onerous tax. **Vote NO.**

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**Proposition 20...**This is the Criminal Sentencing, Parole and DNA Collection Initiative. It is on the ballot to correct some of the provisions of Prop 47 passed in 2014 and Prop 57 passed in 2016. It will add crimes such as domestic violence to the list of violent felonies where early parole is restricted, recategorize types of theft and fraud as wobblers (chargeable as misdemeanors or felonies), require DNA collection for certain misdemeanors and tighten parolee supervision. Props 47 & 57 have reduced the prison population, but it is questionable whether it is good for society to have certain felons living amongst us. Once again do not commit the crime and this will not affect you. **Vote YES.**

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**Proposition 21...**This is the Local Rent Control Initiative. This is to ostensibly help renters but will do the opposite. When property owners are restricted in how much their investment can yield, they will not make improvements or build more units. This is to the detriment of the renter and future renters since there will be fewer units available. By allowing supply and demand determine the rent benefits everyone. **Vote NO.**

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**Proposition 22...**This is the App-Based Drivers as Contractors and Labor Policies Initiative. It is on the ballot to correct the grievous wrong wrought by AB 5, which forbade Uber, Lyft and other app-based drivers from operating as independent contractors. These companies' business models are based on the drivers not being employees and most of the drivers prefer the flexibility of working only when they want. Unless this is passed hundreds of thousands of customers each month will be denied this service while thousands of Californians will lose this source of income during these difficult times. **Vote YES.**

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**Proposition 23...**This is the Dialysis Clinic Requirements Initiative. This is not needed and if enacted might be so costly that it will cause some dialysis centers to close. Its major provision requires an on-site physician at each clinic. This is not necessary as the nurses who currently run the clinics provide high-level medical oversight. There are no medical problems in these centers that require this added bureaucracy. A similar measure was badly defeated two years ago, but the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West have returned with this in their attempt to pressure unionization on this critical healthcare need and it will only hurt patients. **Vote NO.**

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**Proposition 24...**This is the Consumer Personal Information Law and Agency Initiative. This will expand privacy laws and further

complicate running a business that needs the Internet to reach customers. And while the state government constantly has its hand out for more of our money it will be creating the Privacy Protection Agency requiring even more of our income to run it. If these new regulations are necessary, there must be one of the hundreds of state agencies in Sacramento that can handle it. **Vote NO.**

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**Proposition 25...**This is the Replace Cash Bail with Risk Assessments Referendum. Senate Bill 10 became state law abolishing cash bail and replacing it with a system of judicially supervised risk assessment. This proposition will uphold the bill if it passes. Some feel that cash bail discriminates against those with less resources and that fewer inmates will save the counties money. The downside is that these people will continue to commit crime awaiting trial. Let us hope not. **Vote YES.**

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**The RPV city clerk's office advised that there will be a large secure receptacle in place soon at the RPV city hall where voters can deposit their ballots. Los Angeles County officials will pick up the ballots on a regular basis through November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ballots will be able to be left there 24 hours a day, seven days a week once it arrives.**

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## **FUTURE TOPICS AND SUGGESTIONS**

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