



LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020 | 5 PM

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Zoom Instructions:

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Please note: LAC Members will receive specific login instructions.

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order No-29-20, this meeting will be a teleconference meeting without a physical location. Public may join via zoom or by dialing the above number received after registering for the meeting.

Times are approximate.

Discussion & action may be taken on any of the following items:

1. Welcome and Roll call (Vice Mayor Neysa Fligor, Chair) 6:00 PM
2. Consent Agenda
 - Approval of September 10, 2020 Legislative Action Committee Minutes
3. Discussion and consideration of qualified Statewide Ballot Measures and whether to support or oppose: 6:05 PM
 - Proposition 19: Changes Certain Property Tax Rules.
Proponents & Opponents invited to present short arguments.
 - Proposition 21: Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property.
 - Proposition 15: Increases Funding Sources for Public Schools, Community Colleges, and Local Government Services by Changing Tax Assessment of Commercial and Industrial Property.
 - Proposition 16: Allows Diversity as a Factor in Public Employment, Education, And Contracting Decisions.

Source: Official Voter Information Guide. CA Secretary of State.

4. Discussion items for upcoming agendas:
 - November LAC Meeting (tentative)

- Transportation guiding principles
- Other suggestions?

5. Public Comment on items not on the agenda.

6. Adjourn until November 12, 2020 – tentative

6:55 PM

Times are approximate.

Note that Committee actions are presented to the Board of Directors Meeting for consideration.

Qualified Statewide Ballot Measures

Type	Title	Subject	Description
Initiated Constitutional Amendment	Proposition 15	Taxes	Requires commercial and industrial properties to be taxed based on market value and dedicates revenue
Legislative Constitutional Amendment	Proposition 16	Affirmative Action	Repeals Proposition 209 (1996), which says that the state cannot discriminate or grant preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education, or contracting
Legislative Constitutional Amendment	Proposition 19	Taxes	Changes tax assessment transfers and inheritance rules
Initiative Statue	Proposition 21	Housing	Expands local governments' power to use rent control

Source: *Ballotpedia.org*. Accessed October 4, 2020.



LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 | 5 PM

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1. Welcome and Roll Call (Vice Mayor Neysa Fligor, Chair) 5:00 PM

Present:

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| Campbell | Vice Mayor Liz Gibbons |
| Cupertino | Mayor Steven Scharf |
| Gilroy | - |
| Los Altos | Vice Mayor Neysa Fligor |
| Los Altos Hills | Mayor Michelle Wu |
| Los Gatos | Councilmember Marico Sayoc |
| Milpitas | Councilmember Montano - 5:20 PM |
| Monte Sereno | Councilmember Rowena Turner |
| Morgan Hill | Vice Mayor Yvonne Martínez Beltrán – 5:12 PM |
| Mountain View | Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga - 5:12 PM |
| Palo Alto | Councilmember Liz Kniss |
| San José | Vice Mayor Jones - 5:07 PM |
| Santa Clara | Councilmember Debi Davis0 |
| Saratoga | Vice Mayor Mary-Lynne Bernald |
| Sunnyvale | Councilmember Gustav Larsson |
| | Andi Jordan, Executive Director |
| | Mayor Larry Klein (Sunnyvale) |
| | Kent Steffens (Sunnyvale City Manager/SCCCMA) |
| Also attending: | Jason Baker, SVLG |
| | Councilmember Rod Sinks (Cupertino) |

2. Consent Agenda
- Approval of August 13, 2020 Legislative Action Committee Minutes

Motion to approve with scrivener error changes: Bernald (Saratoga)
Second: Gibbons (Campbell)

Motion approved 10-0-0-5

AYES: 10 Gibbons (Campbell), Scharf (Cupertino), Fligor (Los Altos), Wu (Los Altos Hills) Sayoc (Los Gatos), Turner (Monte Sereno), Kniss (Palo Alto), Davis (Santa Clara), Bernald (Saratoga), Larsson (Sunnyvale)

NOS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 5 Tucker (Gilroy), Montano (Milpitas), Martínez Beltrán (Morgan Hill), Abe-Koga (Mountain View), Jones (San José)

3. Discussion and consideration of qualified County ballot measures and whether to support or oppose. 5:05 PM

- Measure RR: CalTrain - Sales Tax

Motion to support Measure RR by Kniss (Palo Alto)
Second by Abe-Koga (Mountain View)

Motion passes 10-0-4-1

AYES: 10 Gibbons (Campbell), Fligor (Los Altos), Wu (Los Altos Hills), Sayoc (Los Gatos), Abe-Koga (Mountain View), Kniss (Palo Alto), Jones (San José), Davis (Santa Clara), Bernald (Saratoga), Larsson (Sunnyvale)

NOS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 4 Scharf (Cupertino), Montano (Milpitas), Turner (Monte Sereno), Martínez Beltrán (Morgan Hill)

ABSENT: 1 Tucker (Gilroy)

- Measure S: Santa Clara County Water District
Motion to support Measure S by Jones (San José)
Second by Abe-Koga (Mountain View)

Motion passes 7-2-5-1

AYES: 7 Gibbons (Campbell), Sayoc (Los Gatos), Abe-Koga (Mountain View), Jones (San José), Davis (Santa Clara), Bernald (Saratoga), Larsson (Sunnyvale)

NOS: 2 Turner (Monte Sereno), Montano (Milpitas)

ABSTENTIONS: 5 Scharf (Cupertino), Fligor (Los Altos), Wu (Los Altos Hills), Martínez Beltrán (Morgan Hill), Kniss (Palo Alto)

ABSENT: 1 Tucker (Gilroy)

- Measure T: Santa Clara County Open Space Authority
Motion to support Measure T by Kniss (Palo Alto)
Second by Gibbons (Campbell)

Motion passes 11-0-3-1

AYES: 10 Gibbons (Campbell), Scharf (Cupertino), Fligor (Los Altos), Wu (Los Altos Hills), Sayoc (Los Gatos), Abe-Koga (Mountain View), Kniss (Palo Alto), Jones (San José), Davis (Santa Clara), Bernald (Saratoga), Larsson (Sunnyvale)

NOS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 3 Montano (Milpitas), Turner (Monte Sereno), Martínez Beltrán (Morgan Hill)

ABSENT: 1 Tucker (Gilroy)

4. Discussion and status of legislative bills, where are they (bills) now - no action taken.

5. Discussion items for upcoming agendas:
No action taken on these items

October LAC Meeting: Discussion and consideration of qualified Statewide Ballot Measures <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures/>

- Prop 15: Schools and Communities First (received presentation on June 11, 2020)
- Prop 16: repeal Prop 209
- Other suggestions?

November LAC Meeting:

- Transportation guiding principles
- Other suggestions?

6. Public Comment on items not on the agenda.
No public comment was received.

7. Adjournment until October 8, 2020

5:40 PM

Qualified County Ballot Measures | SPECIAL DISTRICT MEASURES

MEASURE RR

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CalTrain) | Sales Tax | 2/3 Vote

To preserve Caltrain service and support regional economic recovery, prevent traffic congestion, make Caltrain more affordable and accessible, reduce air pollution with cleaner and

quieter electric trains, make travel times faster, and increase Caltrain frequency and capacity between Santa Clara, San Mateo and San Francisco counties, shall the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board's resolution levying a 30-year one-eighth cent sales tax with oversight and audits, providing approximately \$100 million annually for Caltrain that the State cannot take away, be adopted?

MEASURE S

Santa Clara Valley Water District | Parcel Tax | 2/3 Vote
Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.

Shall the measure to renew the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program which ensures public health and safety by:

- protecting drinking water supply, dams from earthquakes and climate change;
- reducing pollution, toxins and contaminants in waterways; and
- providing flood protection;

by renewing Santa Clara Valley Water District's existing parcel tax without increasing rates, averaging \$.006 per square foot annually as described in Resolution 20-64 until ended by voters, raising approximately \$45,500,000 annually, with qualifying senior exemption, annual audits, independent citizen oversight be adopted?

MEASURE T

Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority | Parcel Tax | 2/3 Vote

To continue protecting and preserving natural open spaces without increasing tax rates by:

- managing land and water to reduce wildfires and floods;
- protecting land around creeks to prevent pollution and improve water quality;
- creating urban parks;
- preserving wildlife habitats; and, preserving family farms, and healthy food sources;

shall the measure to renew Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority's existing \$24 annual parcel tax with no increase, generating approximately \$8,000,000 annually, until ended by voters, with oversight/audits, be adopted?

*Respectfully Submitted,
Andi Jordan
Executive Director*

Minutes approved on DATE

*Motion
Second*

0-0-0-0

AYES
NAYES
ABSTENTIONS
ABSENT

DRAFT

Proposition 19: Changes Certain Property Tax Rules.

Summary

- Allows homeowners who are over 55, disabled, or wildfire/disaster victims to transfer primary residence's tax base to replacement residence.
- Changes taxation of family-property transfers.
- Establishes fire protection services fund.

Fiscal Impact: Local governments could gain tens of millions of dollars of property tax revenue per year, probably growing over time to a few hundred million dollars per year. Schools could receive similar property tax gains.

➔ A **YES** vote on this measure means: All homeowners who are over 55 (or who meet other qualifications) would be eligible for property tax savings when they move. Only inherited properties used as primary homes or farms would be eligible for property tax savings.

➔ A **NO** vote on this measure means: Some homeowners who are over 55 (or who meet other qualifications) would continue to be eligible for property tax savings when they move. All inherited properties would continue to be eligible for property tax savings

Support	Opposition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes on 19 • Local <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Senator Bill Dodd - Supervisor Susan Ellenberg - Bay Area Council • CA Democratic Party • Electeds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governor Gavin Newsom - State Treasurer Fiona Ma - State Controller Betty Yee • Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CA Association of Realtors - CA Black, Asian, and Hispanic Chambers of Commerce • CA State Firefighters' Association • Seniors/Disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congress of CA Seniors - Californians for Disability Rights • Labor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AFSCME CA - CA Nurses Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association • Local <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mercury News - Cupertino Chamber of Commerce • CA Republican Party • League of Women Voters CA • SF Chronicle • LA Times

Proposition 21: Expands Local Governments’ Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property.

Summary

- Allows local governments to establish rent control on residential properties over 15 years old.
- Local limits on rate increases may differ from statewide limit.

Fiscal Impact: Overall, a potential reduction in state and local revenues in the high tens of millions of dollars per year over time. Depending on actions by local communities, revenue losses could be less or more.

- ➔ A YES vote on this measure means: State law would allow cities and counties to apply more kinds of rent control to more properties than under current law.
- ➔ A NO vote on this measure means: State law would maintain current limits on rent control laws cities and counties can apply.

Support	Opposition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes on 21—Renters and Homeowners United to Keep Families in Their Homes • Local <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assemblymember Ash Kalra • CA Democratic Party • Labor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CA Nurses Association - SEIU CA - AFSCME CA - CA Alliance for Retired Americans • Foundations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACLU Foundation of CA - Dolores Huerta Foundation • U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No on Prop 21 • Local <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IBEW Local Union 332 - Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Silicon Valley - The Silicon Valley Organization • Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CA Council for Affordable Housing - Housing - CA Housing Consortium - CA Builders Alliance - CA Building Industry Association • Labor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CA State Pipe Trades Council - CA State Association of Electrical Workers - CA Conference of Carpenters • Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CA Chamber of Commerce - CA Downtown Association - CA Asian Pacific & Hispanic Chambers of Commerce • CA Taxpayers Association • CA State Conference of the NAACP

Proposition 15: Increases Funding Sources for Public Schools, Community Colleges, and Local Government Services by Changing Tax Assessment of Commercial and Industrial Property.

Summary

Taxes such properties based on current market value, instead of purchase price.

Fiscal Impact: Increased property taxes on commercial properties worth more than \$3 million providing \$6.5 billion to \$11.5 billion in new funding to local governments and schools.

- ➔ A YES vote on this measure means: Property taxes on most commercial properties worth more than \$3 million would go up in order to provide new funding to local governments and schools.
- ➔ A NO vote on this measure means: Property taxes on commercial properties would stay the same. Local governments and schools would not get new funding.

Support	Opposition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Schools and Communities First—Yes on Prop 15 ● Local <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors - Assemblymember Ash Kalra - Santa Clara County Democratic Party - ACLU of Northern CA ● Local - School Districts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Berryessa, Mountain View, Gilroy, San Jose ● Local - City Councils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cupertino, Palo Alto ● Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Superintendent Tony Thurmond - CA Teachers Association - California PTA ● Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CA Housing Partnership - CA YIMBY ● Political <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CA Democratic Party - League of Women Voters of CA ● Electeds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governor Gavin Newsom - U.S. Senator Kamala Harris - State Controller Betty Yee - Presidential Nominee Joe Biden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No on Prop 15—Stop Higher Property Taxes and Save Prop 13 ● Local – Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chambers of Commerce: Campbell, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Pleasanton - South Bay Assoc. of Chambers of Commerce - The Silicon Valley Organization - San Jose Downtown Association ● Local – Real Estate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Associated Builders and Contractors, Northern CA Chapter - Building Owners and Managers – Silicon Valley - National Association of Industrial and Office Properties – Silicon Valley ● CA Republican Party ● Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CA Chamber of Commerce - Chambers of Commerce: Asian Pacific, Black, Hispanic - CA Business Roundtable - CA Downtown Association - CA Distributors Association - CA Grocers Association - CA Hotel and Lodging Association - CA Restaurants Association

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CA Nurses Association - Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA ● Environmental <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sierra Club of CA - CA League of Conservation Voters ● Labor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AFSCME - UFCW States Council - SEIU CA ● Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CA Indivisible - CA Association of Nonprofits - CA Immigrant Policy Center - Equality CA - Dolores Huerta Foundation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CA Retailers Association - CA Small Business Association - CA Tribal Business Alliance ● Real Estate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CA Builders Alliance - CA Rental Housing Association ● Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CA NAACP - CA Taxpayers Association - CA State Council of Laborers - CA State National Action Network - AMVETS Department of CA
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Proposition 16: Allows Diversity as a Factor in Public Employment, Education, And Contracting Decision

Summary

Permits government decision-making policies to consider race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in order to address diversity by repealing constitutional provision prohibiting such policies.

Fiscal Impact: No direct fiscal effect on state and local entities. The effects of the measure depend on the future choices of state and local government entities and are highly uncertain.

- ➔ A YES vote on this measure means: State and local entities could consider race, sex, color, ethnicity, and national origin in public education, public employment, and public contracting to the extent allowed under federal and state law.
- ➔ A NO vote on this measure means: The current ban on the consideration of race, sex, color, ethnicity, and national origin in public education, public employment, and public contracting would remain in effect.

Support	Opposition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes on 16, Opportunity for All Coalition • San Jose City Council • Local – Electeds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - U.S. Representative Anna Eshoo - U.S. Representative Ro Khanna - Assemblymember Ash Kalra • Local – Organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Silicon Valley - Silicon Valley Asian Pacific American Democratic Club - Silicon Valley Community Foundation • Electeds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governor Gavin Newsom - U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, California - U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, California • Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - California Community College Board of Governors - California State University Board of Trustees - University of California Regents - CA Charter Schools Association - CA Teachers Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Californians for Equal Rights: No on 16 • Local <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better Milpitas - Silicon Valley Chinese Association Foundation - Silicon Valley Community United - Silicon Valley for Better Environment • American Civil Rights Institute • Students for Fair Admissions • Chinese American Civic Action Alliance

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond• California Democratic Party• CA State Association of Counties• League of Women Voters of CA• ACLU of CA• AFSCME California• Racial/Ethnic<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Anti-Defamation League- API Legislative Caucus- Chambers of Commerce: Asian, Black, and Hispanic- CA NAACP- Chinese for Affirmative Action	
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