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## **L.A. AREA CHAMBER URGES SUPPORT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT, OTHER KEY MEASURES ON TOMORROW'S BALLOT**

***Gary Toebben, president & CEO of L.A.'s most influential business organization will be available for election night comment***

**Los Angeles, CA**—The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce continues to push for policies that will build a better L.A. on tomorrow's general election ballot—including support for Props 1A-1E, support for Prop. 86, and the endorsement of the re-election of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Chamber President & CEO Gary Toebben will be available for comment on Election Day with the business perspective on election results.

"In keeping with our 118-year tradition, the Chamber's slate reflects a balanced approach to public policy issues," said Chamber President & CEO Gary Toebben. "The one thing you can predict about the L.A. Area Chamber is that our positions are the result of thoughtful analysis with one overarching goal: What's best for the L.A. region."

For the first time in recent history, the Chamber endorsed a gubernatorial candidate, with overwhelming support for Gov. Schwarzenegger among the organization's board of directors.

"The Chamber's membership has a strong base of active Democrats, Republicans and Independents," said Toebben. "Our ballot positions are not about partisan politics. Rather, it is an endorsement of a governor who has fundamentally changed the economic climate of California."

The Chamber's voting guide is available at [www.lachamber.org](http://www.lachamber.org).

Below are the Chamber's positions on key ballot measures:

- **Propositions 1A through 1E: Rebuilding California** **SUPPORT**  
The Chamber supports the five infrastructure bonds, which will provide critical funding to improve transportation, housing, education, security and the environment.
- **Proposition 84: The Clean Water, Parks and Coastal Protection Bond** **SUPPORT**  
The Chamber supports the bond, which will increase the availability of safe drinking water, improve local water supply reliability and strengthen flood protection.
- **Proposition 86: The Tobacco Tax Act** **SUPPORT**  
The Chamber is in support of this measure, which will increase the cigarette tax by \$2.60 per pack to fund anti-smoking programs and help

ensure health coverage for thousands of uninsured children.

- **Proposition 87: The California Clean Energy Initiative** **OPPOSE**  
The Chamber opposes a tax on all oil produced in California, which accounts for half of all gasoline consumed in the state. The measure would result in higher gas prices and increase the state's dependence on imported oil.
- **Proposition 88: The Classroom Learning and Accountability Act** **OPPOSE**  
The Chamber opposes the measure, which would levee a \$50 parcel tax on all state homeowners to fund education programs. The measure is the wrong method to improve the state's public education.
- **Proposition 89: The California Clean Money and Fair Elections Act** **OPPOSE**  
The Chamber opposes this proposition, which penalizes the business community by raising taxes and limiting political action. Higher taxes will restrict the ability of California companies to create new high paying jobs.
- **Proposition 90: The Protect Our Homes Act** **OPPOSE**  
The Chamber opposes this measure, which would cost governments billions of dollars, increase litigation and hurt land use planning and infrastructure projects. The title of this proposition should be "The Taxpayers' Trap."
- **Measure H: \$1 Billion L.A. Housing Bond** **SUPPORT**  
The Chamber is in support of the housing bond that complements the statewide infrastructure bonds and is essential to improving the quality of life in Los Angeles.
- **Measure R: Term Limits and Ethics Reform** **SUPPORT**  
The Chamber and the League of Women Voters introduced this citywide ballot to lengthen term limits for City Councilmembers to three four-year terms. It would also strengthen ethics rules by prohibiting campaign contributions and gifts from lobbyists.

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