2018 VOTER GUIDE
One of the most important contributions we can make to better our communities is to exercise our right to vote. Voting is one of the most impactful ways that our voices can be heard. As citizens of this great country, we should treasure this right and responsibility to cast our vote. I hope you will join me on Nov. 6, 2018 at the polls.

Maria S. Salinas

President & CEO
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

New Voter Registration Deadline: October 22, 2018
For more information visit: California Secretary of State website at registertovote.ca.gov.
# Positions Summary

## CITY OF L.A.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MEASURE B</td>
<td>L.A. Municipal Bank</td>
<td>NEUTRAL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MEASURE E</td>
<td>Realigns City Primary</td>
<td>SUPPORT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MEASURE EE</td>
<td>Realigns LAUSD Primary</td>
<td>SUPPORT</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## L.A. COUNTY

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MEASURE W</td>
<td>Stormwater Property Tax</td>
<td>NEUTRAL</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## STATE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PROP 1</td>
<td>Veterans &amp; Affordable Housing Bond</td>
<td>SUPPORT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROP 2</td>
<td>Supportive Housing for Mentally-Ill</td>
<td>SUPPORT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROP 3</td>
<td>Water Supply &amp; Quality Bond</td>
<td>SUPPORT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROP 4</td>
<td>Children’s Hospital Construction Bond</td>
<td>SUPPORT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROP 5</td>
<td>Property Tax Transfer</td>
<td>NEUTRAL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROP 6</td>
<td>Repeal of Transportation Funding</td>
<td>OPPOSE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROP 7</td>
<td>Daylight Savings Time Act Repeal</td>
<td>NO POSITION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROP 8</td>
<td>Limits on Dialysis Charges</td>
<td>OPPOSE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROP 10</td>
<td>Costa Hawkins Repeal</td>
<td>OPPOSE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROP 11</td>
<td>Private Sector Ambulance Meal Breaks</td>
<td>NO POSITION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROP 12</td>
<td>Standards for Farm Animal</td>
<td>NO POSITION</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Neutral** - Issue that impacts the business community, but we could not come to a consensus.

**No Position** - Not an issue that impacts our membership. No policy discussions took place.
L.A. Jobs PAC Endorsements

Jim McDonnell
Candidate for L.A. County Sheriff

With a law enforcement career spanning nearly four decades, Jim McDonnell has emphasized reform and community outreach. He was first elected to the position of L.A. County Sheriff in 2014 after serving as Chief of the Long Beach Police Department for five years and with the Los Angeles Police Department for 29 years. In his first term, McDonnell prioritized institutional reform to re-establish trust in the Department, created the first Civilian Oversight Board to build accountability with the community and established the Human Trafficking Bureau to combat victimization of our most vulnerable. We look forward to his continued progress in a second term.

Jeff Prang
Candidate for L.A. County Assessor

The L.A. County Assessor is tasked with determining how much county residents pay in property taxes by evaluating the value of newly built, improved or purchased properties and business assets. Elected to his first term in 2014, Prang has made great strides in modernizing the office by upgrading the computer systems and moving millions of paper records onto the internet for improved public access. He will continue efficiency and streamlining efforts to make the office more accessible and transparent in his second term.

***The L.A. Jobs PAC is sponsored by the Chamber and has a separate Board of Trustees.
MEASURE B

L.A. CITY MUNICIPAL BANK

Last year, the City Council asked for a report on their ability to create a state-chartered public bank to provide banking services to reinvest in communities, rehabilitate affordable housing and workforce housing, and provide financial services to local small businesses. Currently, the L.A. City Charter does not allow for the creation of a municipal bank, thus the City needs initial voter approval to study the feasibility. The passage of the measure would not create a city bank, but be the first step in an intensive process that would also require state legislation and additional government approvals.

Bottomline: The Chamber is NEUTRAL on this measure. While we have serious concerns about the City’s ability to fund and run a financial institution, a city bank will still require detailed study and state legislation. There will be many opportunities for the business community to shape the discussion or oppose after further research is conducted.

MEASURES E & EE

L.A. CITY & LAUSD PRIMARY ELECTION REALIGNMENT

These Charter Amendments would shift the date of the 2020 City and LAUSD primary elections from June to March. In 2015, voters approved charter amendments to move mayoral, council district and school board races to even-numbered years to consolidate with federal and state elections. In 2017, Gov. Brown signed legislation to move California’s primary election to March to try to increase the influence of California in deciding presidential candidates. This measure would ensure our local elections are aligned with the statewide move.

Bottomline: The Chamber SUPPORTS these measures because they adhere to the voters' original intent of election consolidation.
L.A. County Measure

MEASURE W  NEUTRAL
SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM
This property tax of 2.5 cent per square foot of impermeable surface area would raise approximately $300 million annually to capture and treat stormwater in order to increase water supply and improve water quality. The tax would be in place until voters choose to end it. L.A. County is facing a federal Clean Water Act water quality mandate and could face steep fines if not in compliance, though this measure encompasses additional elements that go beyond what is necessary for the mandate. Passage requires a two-thirds vote.

Bottomline: The Chamber initially expressed deep concern and asked for a delay until 2020. The County worked with us to make the proposal much better for business by including a robust credit program for property owners who have already done work to capture and treat stormwater, and by elevating the importance of mandate compliance in the program language. These important changes moved the Chamber to a NEUTRAL position.

State Propositions

PROP 1  SUPPORT
VETERANS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND
This proposition would authorize $4 billion in general obligation funds for affordable housing programs and a veteran’s home ownership program. It was placed on the ballot by a two-thirds vote of the state legislature.

Bottomline: The Chamber SUPPORTS this bond to help address our housing crisis by devoting additional investments to existing programs with effective track records to help construct more housing in the state.
PROP 2 SUPPORT

NO PLACE LIKE HOME ACT

The No Place Like Home Act would shift $2 billion from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), approved by voters in 2004, towards homeless housing and services for the mentally-ill population. This was approved as a bill by the state legislature in 2016, with overwhelming bi-partisan support, but has been tied up in the courts over the legality of repurposing funds from the MHSA. The legislature placed this proposition on the ballot so voters could approve release of the funds.

**Bottomline:** The Chamber **SUPPORTS** the proposition, and supported the original legislation in 2016, because we have a homelessness crisis. These funds will allow for a housing first approach to house and treat the population that the MHSA was passed to help.

PROP 3 SUPPORT

WATER SUPPLY AND QUALITY ACT

This proposition authorizes $8.877 billion in state general obligation bonds for various infrastructure projects and programs over six broad categories: watershed lands, water supply, fish and wildlife habitat, water facilities upgrades, groundwater and flood protection. It would designate funding to water districts, including our local Metropolitan Water District, for conservation programs, and allocate funds for watershed improvements for the San Gabriel, L.A. River and Santa Monica Mountains.

**Bottomline:** The Chamber **SUPPORTS** this bond as a solid investment in our water infrastructure at a time when droughts are becoming a new normal. This bond will provide local governments and water districts with access to funds for water supply projects.
PROP 4 SUPPORT

CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL BOND ACT

This proposition would authorize $1.5 billion in state general obligation bonds to fund grants for construction, expansion, renovation and equipping of qualifying children’s hospitals. California’s 13 regional hospitals handle more than 1 million visits each year, providing specialized care to children and young adults up to age 21 who suffer from serious and life-threatening diseases. 72 percent of the funds will go to nonprofit hospitals, 18 percent will go towards the five University of California children’s hospitals, and 10 percent to public and private hospitals providing pediatric services.

Bottomline: The Chamber SUPPORTS this bond because children’s hospitals perform 97 percent of all pediatric organ transplants and 96 percent of all pediatric heart surgeries, and conduct 76 percent of all pediatric cancer treatment. It is vital these facilities are appropriately sized and modernized for adequate care.

PROP 5 NEUTRAL

PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX INITIATIVE

This proposition would allow seniors, aged 55 and older, and/or the severely disabled to transfer their current property assessment to a new home in any county in the state. Adjusted value calculations would be made based on whether the value of the new home was higher or lower than the assessed value of the prior home. This initiative was proposed to help seniors looking to downsize and open up homes for new buyers. The State Legislative Analyst’s Office calculated that Prop 5 could eventually cost local government and schools $1 billion a year, but hard to predict homebuyers’ moving patterns.

Bottomline: The Chamber took a NEUTRAL position on this proposition. We are committed to solutions that alleviate our housing crisis, and this could help seniors and open up homes for purchase. On the other hand, it does nothing to build more supply and the financial impacts to municipalities are hard to predict.
PROP 6  
ELIMINATES ROAD REPAIR AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

This proposition would repeal the 2017 Road Repair & Accountability Act, a $5.2 billion annual investment over the next decade to fix roads, freeways and bridges throughout California. Those infrastructure improvements are funded by a 12 cent gas tax increase and other user fees, which would be repealed by Prop 6.

Bottomline: The Chamber strongly OPPOSES this proposition, which would take away vital funding for badly needed infrastructure maintenance and improvement projects. Nearly 6,500 projects are currently underway to begin addressing California’s 1,600 bridges and overpasses that are structurally deficient and 89 percent of counties that have roads that are in ‘poor’ or ‘at-risk’ conditions.

PROP 8  
LIMITS ON CHARGES FOR DIALYSIS INITIATIVE

This proposition limits the amount outpatient kidney dialysis clinics may charge for patient care and imposes penalties for excessive charges. It would require clinics to provide rebates to commercial health insurers when total revenues exceed 115 percent of certain costs for direct patient care.

Bottomline: The Chamber OPPOSES this measure because of the unintended consequences of government-imposed cost controls. The definition of “patient care services costs” excludes many federally-required and critical parts of operating a clinic, which could result in reduced appointment times or clinic closures, driving those in need to more expensive hospitals or emergency rooms.
REPEAL OF COSTA-HAWKINS RENTAL HOUSING ACT

This proposition would repeal the 1995 Costa-Hawkins Rental Act, which was passed to limit municipalities’ ability to enact rent control laws that are stricter than the statewide standard. If repealed, municipalities would be allowed to expand rent control, including to condos and single-family homes, as well as enact vacancy control so that a landlord could not raise a unit to market-rate when a tenant voluntary moves.

**Bottomline:** The Chamber **OPPOSES** the repeal of Costa-Hawkins because the expansion of rent control could have the opposite of the intended impact. It would disincentivize new construction to increase housing stock and diminish the ability of property owners to perform necessary upgrades and maintenance on rent controlled units due to lack of funding. Housing could get more expensive as units are taken off the market to be converted to condos or short-term rentals.