

# November 2018 Ballot Measure Voting Recommendations

## By the Yolo County Taxpayers Association

**T**he Yolo County Taxpayers Association (YCTA) is non-partisan and does not endorse individual candidates but has been working on behalf of taxpayers to support worthy causes that are fiscally sound since its inception. Our Directors meet monthly — every second Thursday — at Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood Street, Woodland CA. The public is invited to attend. We seek your input and support. Membership and other information available below.

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Note: YCTA took no position regarding Propositions 7 (Daylight Savings) or 12 (Bigger Cages for Farm Animals).

Prop / Measure	Reason for Position	Vote
<b>Prop 1: Affordable Housing Bond</b>	This bond will result in a one time boost in housing construction, a blip in supply that will do nothing to combat the long-term and persistent shortage that the state faces. For that minimal benefit, taxpayers will be saddled with billions more in debt.	<b>NO</b>
<b>Prop 2: Mental Health Money for Housing</b>	If the state wants to fund new supportive housing, it shouldn't come at the expense of basic mental health treatment. And while supportive housing may be a noble idea in theory, cities often drag their heels when it comes to approving new housing for the mentally ill, making it less likely that the money will be spent on its intended purpose.	<b>NO</b>
<b>Prop 3: Another Water Bond</b>	Not only have taxpayers foot the bill for big water bonds in the past, we did it again in early June! The state still hasn't spent all of the money it borrowed in 2014 with Prop 1. There are additional concerns about how the money will be spent. Why should taxpayers statewide pay for regional projects, like canal and dam repairs, that are usually paid for by local water agencies?	<b>NO</b>
<b>Prop 4: Childrens Hospital Bond</b>	If the taxpayer is going to throw more money at hospitals, many of which are privately-owned and operated, why not use existing resources, rather than borrowing even more?	<b>NO</b>
<b>Prop 5: Portable Prop 13</b>	Because homeowners are penalized for moving, many homeowners—particularly empty-nesters—are living in houses and large apartments that no longer meet their needs. There are plenty of first-time homebuyers and young families who would use all that extra space. Encouraging the first group to sell to the second is a win-win.	<b>YES</b>

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<b>Prop 6: Gas Tax Repeal</b>	Californians already pay some of the highest taxes in the nation, including one of the highest state gas taxes. Lawmakers should be forced to trim spending and improve efficiency before asking drivers for more money.	<b>YES</b>
<b>Prop 8: Dialysis Clinic Profit Pruning</b>	This just a pressure tactic from the unions who want to organize dialysis clinic workers. And it's a poorly thought out initiative at that. In regulating profit, the measure doesn't include basic administrative costs, like payroll management and legal expenses, as qualifying costs. This will harm the industry, and by extension, patients.	<b>NO</b>
<b>Prop 10: Allows Expanded Rent Control</b>	If rents are kept artificially low, it becomes less profitable to build new units or maintain and improve old ones. That's counterproductive: a shortage of housing is how we got into this mess to begin with.	<b>NO</b>
<b>Prop 11: Para-medical Break Time</b>	Just like police and firefighters, emergency medical response technicians need to be on-call when the worst happens. This proposition would ensure that workers are compensated for missed or interrupted breaks.	<b>YES</b>

YCTA took **NO POSITION** on the following Measures:  
 Measure L: Davis Property Redesignation;  
 Measure M: Davis JUSD School Bond Issue;  
 Measure O: Woodland Joint Unified School District Bond Issue

West Sacramento and Winters taxpayers were not represented at YCTA meetings when positions were decided. Therefore, YCTA takes **NO POSITION** on the following Measures:  
 Measure N: West Sacramento Sales Tax;  
 Measure P: Winters Joint Unified School District Bond Issue.

Source of information on Propositions and Measures is CALmatters: <https://calmatters.org/articles/california-ballot-measures-2018-election/> Thank you! We hope these YCTA positions help you make the best voting choices.