

VOTER GUIDE

June 2018 Statewide and Bay Area Measures

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YES on Proposition 68 Parks and Water Bond

Proposition 68, the first statewide parks and water bond since 2006, would authorize \$4.1 billion in general obligation bonds for state and local parks, environmental protection and restoration, water infrastructure, and flood protection.

How Proposition 68 will help

Includes \$20 million for San Francisco Bay to match funds from 2016's regional Measure AA.

Delivers \$725 million to provide more equitable access to parks. Creates and improves parks in park-poor neighborhoods, and dedicates up to 20 percent of its funds for communities with median household incomes less than 60 percent of the statewide average.

Invests \$1.3 billion in local and state parks to ensure all Californians have safe, accessible places to play, and preserves California's natural treasures. Focuses on new recreational opportunities for people living in underserved communities.

Allocates \$1.6 billion to ensure the availability of clean drinking water. Secures water supplies, including support for groundwater cleanup and recharge, water recycling, pollution prevention, and flood control.

Provides \$1.2 billion to protect and restore California's open spaces, and make them more resilient to wildfires, floods, and drought.

yes68ca.com

Endorsed by: Save The Bay Action Fund, Governor Jerry Brown, Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, Sierra Club, Audubon California, Environmental Defense Fund, The Nature Conservancy, The Trust for Public Land, California State Parks Foundation, State Building and Construction Trades Council, California Chamber of Commerce, and all of the Bay Area's major parks advocacy and open space preservation groups.

NO on Proposition 70 Obstructs Climate Change Spending

Proposition 70 is an attempt to sabotage how the Legislature allocates money from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), which holds revenue from the state's cap-and-trade program. Under current law, the Legislature allocates GGRF funds in each year's state budget to programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address the negative impacts of related pollution, and help California's communities adapt to climate change. This proposition would lock up GGRF revenue after 2024 unless the State Senate and Assembly both vote by two-thirds margins to release it.

How Proposition 70 will hurt

Severely hinders California's ability to fund critical climate change mitigation, adaptation, and pollution reduction programs that help keep the Bay clean and healthy.

Stalls GGRF spending on projects designed to help disadvantaged communities most affected by climate change and pollution.

Gives polluters and their allies more leverage over cap-and-trade funding decisions after 2024, letting them hold spending hostage to their own policy goals that hurt the environment.

Opposed by: Save The Bay Action Fund, Coalition for Clean Air, California Climate Equity Coalition, League of Women Voters of California, and the editorial boards of all of California's major daily newspapers.

YES on Proposition 72 Rainwater Capture Property Tax Exclusion

Proposition 72 would allow homeowners to install rainwater capture and reuse systems without triggering higher property tax assessments. Under current law, property taxes increase when homeowners make improvements – *even those improvements with statewide benefits for the environment and the economy.*

How Proposition 72 will help

This proposition prevents property tax increases on homeowners who install rainwater capture and reuse systems that benefit San Francisco Bay and California by storing and reusing water. California voters approved a similar tax exclusion for rooftop solar power generation systems, which encouraged solar installations and decreased electricity costs. This measure can accomplish the same for our state's water use.

These rainwater capture systems can

- Lower water bills
- Keep more water in lakes, rivers, and streams
- Help endangered fish and wildlife that need more fresh water for healthy habitat

saveCAwater.org

Supported by: Proposition 72 was placed on the ballot by unanimous, bi-partisan votes of the California State Senate and Assembly, and is supported by Save The Bay Action Fund, Trout Unlimited, and other major environmental groups.

YES on Regional Measure 3

Bay Area Traffic Relief and Transit Improvements

Regional Measure 3 (RM3) asks voters to approve an increase of \$3 in regional bridge tolls phased in over six years to fund critical public transit and highway improvements that will reduce traffic, improve travel times, and benefit our environment. Transportation infrastructure in the Bay Area has been underfunded for decades and it's getting worse as the region keeps growing, resulting in insufficient access to public transit, inadequate bike and pedestrian infrastructure, poor road conditions, and severe traffic congestion.

How Regional Measure 3 will help

RM3's focus on mass transit will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles and roadway runoff to San Francisco Bay. Toll discounts for motorists crossing two bridges and transit fare discounts for low-income individuals help make the measure's financing equitable.

RM3 will:

- Replace aging BART railcars and extend BART to San José and Santa Clara
- Improve Caltrain, SMART, Muni, and ferry service
- Ease freeway bottlenecks in the East Bay and Peninsula



yesonrm3.com

Supported by: Save The Bay Action Fund, League of Women Voters of the Bay Area, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, San Francisco Mayor Mark Farrell, San José Mayor Sam Liccardo, the Bay Area Council, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, SPUR, and TransForm.

NO on San José Measure B

Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative

Measure B would authorize a 910-home senior housing development on 200 acres of open space on San José's eastern border. It also creates a Senior Housing Overlay that could be used to modify development standards in any of San José's other "underutilized employment lands" – a term the measure does not define.

This measure would allow the development to bypass California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review and the city's planning process, and would also relieve it from requirements for affordable housing, walkability, and traffic impact fees.

How Measure B will hurt

This measure creates a precedent for developers to build projects that threaten the open space, fields, and farmland of Coyote Valley rather than preserve it for wildlife, agriculture, and recreational uses that are better for flood control and watershed health. It would create a large, gated subdivision of million dollar homes and huge profits for developers while weakening affordable housing requirements and costing taxpayers an estimated \$24.5 million per year.



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Opposed by: Save The Bay Action Fund, Mayor Sam Liccardo, and the entire San José City Council, Sierra Club, Santa Clara County League of Conservation Voters, Committee for Green Foothills, League of Women Voters San José, AARP, The Mercury News, State Senator Jim Beall, and Assemblymembers Kansen Chu and Ash Kalra.

YES on San José Measure C

Urban Sprawl Charter Amendment

Measure C would require environmental and fiscal impact studies before San José's City Council could approve conversions of "Threatened Employment Lands" to non-employment uses in areas near the Urban Growth Boundary, including Almaden Valley, Coyote Valley, and the Evergreen foothills. Measure C would require project developers to:

- Make at least 50 percent of any housing affordable for moderate-and-low-income households
- Pay for road improvements required to accommodate the traffic impacts of their development
- Comply with "zero net energy" design standards
- Save water by using recycled water for landscaping
- Require environmental and fiscal impact studies

How Measure C will help

Measure C would make it harder for developers to run around San José's General Plan and build large scale sprawl projects that maximize their profits while destroying open space and the environment.



StopSanJoseSprawl.com

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Individuals can make a difference.
Groups of individuals working together
can make an even greater difference.
The price of saving the Bay will always
be the vigilance of concerned citizens.

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