VOTER'S GUIDE TO LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES

This voter education guide was prepared by Community Health Councils to highlight the local ballot measures that may have an impact on Health and Wellness. We determined which measures to include in this guide based on the theme and each measure's relevancy to our policy priorities.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

MEASURE A: REMOVAL OF SHERIFF FOR CAUSE AMENDMENT

A charter amendment would give the board the power to remove an elected sheriff from office by a four-fifths vote for criminal conduct or repeated failure to do their job.

A YES vote supports amending the County of Los Angeles Charter to grant the Board of Supervisors (BoS) authority to remove an elected Sheriff, by a four-fifths vote, from office for a cause: including violation of law related to a Sheriff's duties, flagrant or repeated neglect of duties, misappropriation of funds, willful falsification of documents, or obstructing an investigation.

A NO vote opposes allowing the LA County BoS, by a four-fifth vote, to remove the sheriff from office for cause.

MEASURE C: LOS ANGELES COUNTY CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX MEASURE

Would enact taxes on marijuana businesses in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, including $10 per square foot for cultivation; a 6% tax on gross retail receipts; a 2% tax on testing facilities' gross receipts; a 3% tax on gross distribution receipts; and a 4% tax on the gross receipts of manufacturing and other marijuana business facilities.

A YES vote supports enacting above mentioned taxes on marijuana businesses in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

A NO vote would strike down enacting taxes on marijuana businesses in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

MEASURE ULA: FUNDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TENANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THROUGH A PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

Authorizing affordable housing programs and resources for tenants at risk of homelessness through a 4% tax on sales/transfers of real property exceeding $5 million, and 5.5% on properties of $10 million or more, with exceptions; until ended by voters; generating approximately $600 million - $1.1 billion annually

CHC RECOMMENDS A YES VOTE

A YES vote supports adding a tax on the sale or transfer of non-exempt properties valued at over $5 million to fund affordable housing and tenant programs.

A NO vote opposes adding a tax on the sale or transfer of non-exempt properties valued at over $5 million to fund affordable housing and tenant programs.

MEASURE LH: AUTHORIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL LOW-INCOME HOUSING

CHC RECOMMENDS A YES VOTE

The measure would authorize public entities in the City to develop, construct, or acquire an additional 5,000 units of low-income rental housing in each Council District, for a total of 75,000 additional authorized units of low-income housing within the City.

A YES vote supports authorizing of public entities in the City of Los Angeles to develop, construct, or acquire an additional 5,000 units of low-income rental housing in each Council District.

A NO vote opposes the authorizing of public entities in the City of Los Angeles to develop, construct, or acquire an additional 5,000 units of low-income rental housing in each Council District.

MEASURE SP: PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES PARCEL TAX

CHC RECOMMENDS A YES VOTE

The measure would authorize a new parcel tax of approximately 8.4 cents per square foot that would generate approximately $227 million annually.

A YES vote supports authorizing a parcel tax to provide funding with equity considerations for costs associated with park and recreational facilities.

A NO vote opposes the authorizing of a parcel tax to provide funding with equity considerations for costs associated with park and recreational facilities.

GENERAL VOTER INFORMATION

- Remember: The general election is Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

- Register to vote here: https://registertovote.ca.gov. In California, you can register to vote on the same day as the election.

- Mail-in ballots will be sent out on October 10th to all registered voters at that time and your ballot can be returned by mail, but make sure it is postmarked no later than November 8th to count. No stamp is needed!

- You can also drop off your vote at an official drop box or drop off your ballot in person at a polling place near your home. Check Los Angeles County polling locations here: https://locator.lavote.gov/locations/vc?id=4300&culture=en

- Voter Status: To check if you are a registered voter, visit the Secretary of State's website: https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov

- Where is my ticket? You can track when your ballot was mailed, received, and counted at https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/