

Take Your Moral Values to the Polls



2006 Ballot Proposition Recommendations of California Church IMPACT, The Partner Ministry of the California Council of Churches

After careful study, thorough discussion, and prayer for God's guidance, the Board of Directors of California Church IMPACT — the California Council of Churches' partner ministry for nonpartisan public policy advocacy — respectfully recommend the following votes on propositions on the November 7, 2006 state ballot.

We base our recommendations on the traditional moral values of love for our neighbors, social justice for all, and protection of creation — values Christians share with every major religion and with all people of good will.

In last year's special election, California Church IMPACT conducted what may have been California's largest-ever church-based campaign for progressive actions on state ballot propositions. The campaign, called IMPACT Sundays, simply asked Christian spiritual activists like you to distribute a one-page flier to fellow church members.

We believe IMPACT Sundays provided the margin to defeat the two closest propositions on the 2005 ballot.

This year, we don't want just to defeat what we believe are bad propositions -- we also want to pass those that advance social justice and environmental protection.

We recommend:	Proposition 1A - No	Proposition 83 - No
	Proposition 1B - No	Proposition 84 - YES
	Proposition 1C - YES	Proposition 85 - No
	Proposition 1D - No	Proposition 86 - YES
	Proposition 1E - No	Proposition 87 - YES
		Proposition 88 - No
		Proposition 89 - YES
		Proposition 90 - No

Please see the reverse of this flier for very short explanations of our recommendations, or visit www.churchimpact.org for our much more detailed Ballot Guide.

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Very Short Explanations of Our Recommendations

The ballot includes five bond propositions. Bond issues are borrowing, not free money. Repayment of all these loans could prevent meeting vital health and human service needs.

1A - Locking Down Transportation Funds - Would remove the state's ability to temporarily shift funds to health and human needs when times are tight. **No**

1B - Infrastructure - Would have the state borrow more than \$19.9 billion, costing about \$40 billion over 30 years. We support the goals, but this amount would be a huge financial burden. **No**

1C - Affordable Housing and Emergency Shelter - Would provide emergency shelter and permanent affordable housing at comparatively low costs. **YES**

1D - Education Facilities - Would issue bonds for \$10.4 billion, costing \$20 billion over 30 years. Local bond issues — with local review — make more sense. **No**

1E - Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention - Would issue bonds for \$4.1 billion, costing \$8 billion over 30 years. Proposition 84 covers more real needs. **No**

83 - Sexual Predators - Would make youths as young as 14 liable for long adult prison terms, including for non-sexual-abuse offenses. It would almost assure that we create a larger class of those who may continue to offend. The money spent on unproven methods to try to track low-risk offenders would mean less for tracking true predators. This proposition is pandering to fear rather than easing the true threat. **No**

84 - Water Quality, Flood Control, Natural Resource Protection, and Parks - Would cost more than Proposition 1E — \$5.3 billion in bonds, costing \$10.5 billion over 30 years. But the money would be spent more wisely. **YES**

85 - Abortion Waiting Period and Parental Notification - Is not truly pro-family or pro-life. Desperate, pregnant teenage girls need counseling and support, not punitive laws. Laws like this in other states have driven girls to take desperate measures risking their health and lives. **No**

86 - Cigarette Tax for Health Care - Would raise \$775 million a year for health care for all children, hospital emergency rooms, stop-smoking programs, and other health services. **YES**

87 - Oil Industry Tax for Clean, Renewable Energy - Would tax oil at the same rate as Alaska, Louisiana and Texas — which have lower gas prices than California. It would prohibit passing this tax on to consumers. **YES**

88 - Parcel Tax for Education - Would impose a regressive tax for spending with little accountability. **No**

89 - Clean Money for Election Campaigns - Is the most important proposition for empowering the people instead of big campaign contributors. It would tax corporations (0.2%) to level the playing field in campaigns, and restrict special interest contributions. **YES**

90 - Government Acquisition and Regulation - Would do little to stop unfair eminent domain takings. But it could stop legitimate government actions such as increasing minimum wages, mandating health care, increasing environmental protections, introducing workplace safety standards, requiring low-income housing, or even permitting local church construction. **No**

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