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VOTER GUIDE



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST JUSTICE MINISTRY OF CALIFORNIA



DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

The mission of the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California is to advance justice in our state by cultivating and connecting leaders and communities, and by empowering the public voice of those who share Unitarian Universalist values and principles.

Through our four campaigns, **Environmental/Climate Justice**, **Immigrant Rights**, **Queer Rights**, and **Reproductive Justice**, we encourage and inspire our members to think globally and act locally.



UU VALUES ON DISPLAY

Intertwined with our campaigns are the Core Values of Unitarian Universalism and our intersectional understanding of **Economic Justice**, **Racial Justice**, **Disability Justice**, and **Democracy**.

By lifting our collective voices in the State of California, we are exercising our rights and shining a beacon on the heart of justice work.



WHY THIS MATTERS

By: Tom Loughrey
UUJMCA Board President

California election ballots are much more than just our choices for elected positions. The ballot also contains propositions that can change state law or even the Constitution of California.

Proposers of ballot measures often have unstated motives behind the wording of the proposition, that if passed, may lead to outcomes not imagined by the voters.

We have reviewed the propositions on this year's ballot to determine what the actual consequences might be for a passed proposition, using the shared values we have as Unitarian Universalists.

Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in UUJMCA.

-Tom Loughrey, UUJMCA Board President

VOTE "YES" ON PROPOSITION 2

Issue \$10 billion in bonds to fund construction and modernization of public education facilities

UUA Statement of Values - Generosity. We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope. We covenant to freely and compassionately share our faith, presence, and resources. Our generosity connects us to one another in relationships of interdependence and mutuality.





VOTE “YES” ON PROPOSITION 3

Repeal Proposition 8 and Establish a Right to Marry

We believe in the right to marry and disagree with the idea that a union is only between a man and a woman.

VOTE “YES” ON PROPOSITION 4

Issue \$10 billion in bonds to fund state and local parks, environmental protection projects, water infrastructure projects, energy projects, and flood protection projects

Bonds have been a prudent vehicle to provide funds for actions supported by the people of California that equitably distribute the burden according to ability. In so doing, we are providing a common good that serves us all in keeping with our Seventh Principle.



VOTE “YES” ON PROPOSITION 5

Lower the vote threshold from 66.67% to 55% for local bond measures to fund housing projects and public infrastructure

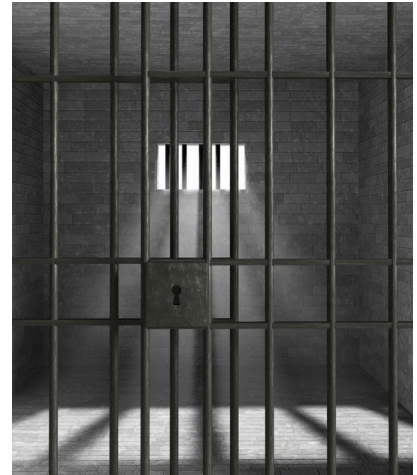
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VOTE “YES” ON PROPOSITION 6

Remove Involuntary Servitude as Punishment for a Crime from the State Constitution

Justice and Equity supports amending the State Constitution to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime and authorizes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to award credits to incarcerated persons who voluntarily participate in work assignments.



VOTE “YES” ON PROPOSITION 32

Increase Minimum Wage to \$18 an Hour

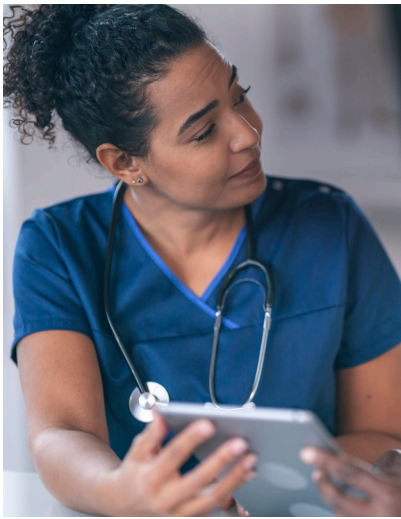
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VOTE “YES” ON PROPOSITION 33

Repeal of the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act which Currently Prohibits Rent Control on Single Family Homes and Houses Completed After February 1, 1965

Our UU value of Justice & Equity. We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love and compassion. This is opposed by several trade groups of apartment owners and realtors.





VOTE “NO” ON PROPOSITION 34

Requires Health Care Providers to Spend 98% of Revenues from Federal Discount Prescription Drug Program on Direct Patient Care

Our UU value of Justice & Equity. The primary supporter is The CA Apartment Association and sponsors the proposition targeting just one entity, the AIDS Health Foundation (AHF), a leading organization working to expand rent control for low income seniors, veterans, and patients with AIDS.

VOTE “YES” ON PROPOSITION 35

Permanently Authorizes a Tax on Managed Care Organizations to Fund Medi-Cal Programs

As plainly stated in the summary, this makes permanent support for medical care to benefit the most vulnerable among us through Medi-Cal. Support for this aligns with our UU values of justice and equity.



VOTE “NO” ON PROPOSITION 36

Increase Drug Crime and Theft Penalties and Allow a New Class of Crime to be Called Treatment-Mandated Felony, Which Gives the Offender the Option to Participate in Drug and Mental Health Treatment

Our values of justice and equity calls for a “No” vote. Passage of this proposition would reverse gains made in reducing state prison populations and dry up funding for services, including employment assistance, services for victims, and housing for released prisoners.

