



AGC of California 2020 VOTERS GUIDE

November Election Recommendations

The Associated General Contractors of California (AGC) State Board of Directors and AGC District Boards have made the following recommendations for the November Ballot. Information about state measures can be accessed at the Secretary of State's website at www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov.

Statewide Ballot Propositions

Proposition 15 - OPPOSE

1870. (19-0008A1) Increases funding for public schools, community colleges, and local government services by changing tax assessment of commercial and industrial property. Initiative constitutional amendment.

AGC of California opposes Prop 15 as it removes the cap on property taxes for commercial and industrial properties. Most businesses which pay rent on their property are already responsible for paying property taxes in addition to insurance and maintenance costs. Prop 15 will lead to increased strain on business operating capital and will ultimately discourage new construction in an already perilous time caused by the pandemic.

Proposition 16 - NEUTRAL

Allows diversity as a factor in public employment, education, and contracting decisions. Legislative constitutional amendment.

AGC of California has remained in a neutral position on this topic as we believe the growth of diversity within the construction industry is paramount. However, the policy of "bid preferencing" is not an issue that AGC of California supports. We believe that through industry education, focus, and a change in our culture, our industry will be successful in ensuring the expansion of diversification throughout our workforce.

Local Sales Tax Measures

Bay Area - San Francisco

Proposition B - NEUTRAL

A public works commission and sanitation and streets commission charter amendment measure.

AGC of California remains neutral on San Francisco Proposition B. Proposition B is on the ballot as a referral and is a Charter amendment that would create a Department of Sanitation and Streets, which would take over some of the duties of the Department of Public Works. This new Department of Sanitation and Streets would be responsible for: sweeping streets and cleaning sidewalks; providing and maintaining sidewalk trash cans; removing graffiti and illegally dumped waste; and maintaining City buildings, public restrooms and street trees. The Department of Public Works would continue to provide all other services required by law. A "yes" vote supports amending the city charter to create a Public Works Commission and a Sanitation and Streets Commission. A "no" vote opposes amending the city charter to establish a Public Works Commission and a Sanitation and Streets Commission.

Proposition RR - NEUTRAL

A rail service tax.

AGC of California remains neutral on Proposition RR. This resolution imposes a retail sales tax at the rate of one-eighth of one percent (0.125%) within the City and County of San Francisco and the Counties of San Mateo and Santa Clara. The authority to levy such tax to remain in effect for thirty (30) years, for the operating and capital purposes of the Caltrain rail service. The measure would provide Caltrain with a dedicated revenue source, preserving service to riders and providing resources to maintain and expand operations following the launch of electrified service in 2022. A "yes" vote supports authorizing an additional sales tax of 0.125% for 30 years to fund Caltrain. A "no" vote opposes authorizing an additional sales tax of 0.125% to fund Caltrain.





Bay Area - Sonoma County

Measure DD - NEUTRAL

A tax extension measure.

AGC of California remains neutral on Sonoma County Measure DD. The Sonoma County Transportation Authority will implement the Go Sonoma Act to repair potholes; reduce congestion; make biking and walking safer; expand local bus service; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; improve evacuation routes; and enhance transportation services for students and seniors by continuing, for 20 years, the current ¼-cent sales tax dedicated to transportation, providing approximately \$26 million annually. A "yes" vote on Measure DD will authorize SCTA to extend the existing tax through March 31, 2045. A "no" vote on Measure DD will prohibit SCTA from extending the tax, and the existing tax would continue in effect until March 31, 2025.

Southern California - Los Angeles

Measure RR (LAUSD) - SUPPORT

School upgrades and safety measures.

AGC of California supports this \$7 billion bond measure to upgrade/renovate Los Angeles Unified School District schools. Over the past decade the district has overseen billions in facilities improvement projects aimed at modernizing existing schools and building new ones, and AGC members have contributed extensively to district construction needs. The funds in this measure will be used to renovate/upgrade existing facilities and the measure contains protections to ensure that funds are not used for prohibited activities.

