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PROP
53

NO

Proposition 53 creates unnecessary hurdles for major public works projects, at precisely the time when California needs to invest heavily in infrastructure to build a more equitable economy.

PROP
55

YES

Proposition 55 continues a temporary tax on the wealthiest Californians, generating \$4 to \$9 billion annually in funding for K-12 schools and community colleges and up to \$2 billion to provide health-care services for the state's most vulnerable residents.

PROP
56

YES

Proposition 56 directs revenues from an increased cigarette tax to health care for low-income Californians and puts California back in the lead in curbing youth smoking, a double-bottom line win for the state.

PROP
57

YES

Proposition 57 treats children fairly by requiring judges rather than prosecutors to decide if youth should be tried as adults, incentivizes rehabilitation and education programs, and reduces wasteful spending within the correctional system.

PROP
58

YES

Proposition 58 addresses the needs of English language learners by allowing schools to utilize more effective teaching methods, such as dual-immersion education and bilingual programs, in addition to English-only instruction.

PROP
59

YES

Proposition 59 asks whether California should propose and ratify a federal constitutional amendment to overturn *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, a decision that has allowed unlimited corporate spending in U.S. elections.

PROP
62

YES

Proposition 62 would replace California's flawed and biased death penalty with a maximum sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

PROP
64

YES

Proposition 64 would decriminalize the nonmedical use of marijuana, ending a state policy that has disproportionately impacted Blacks and Latinos, and generate millions in new revenue by regulating and taxing the cultivation and sale of marijuana.

PROP
66

NO

Proposition 66 would add legal and administrative layers to the death penalty appeals process. The consequences of the proposed changes are unclear and may lead to greater delays and increased costs to the public.

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