

California 2024 Election Report

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With nearly all counties having reported their final totals, 16,139,934 ballots had been counted. President-elect Donald Trump flipped the counties of Stanislaus, Fresno, Merced, Butte, Inyo, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Joaquin, Imperial and Lake—the first time a Republican has carried Lake County since Ronald Reagan won it in 1984. Assembly Republicans were able to hold several vulnerable seats and pick up two open seats in these counties with AD 36 (Coachella) and AD 58 (Riverside). After the election, while he praised his caucus for their victories, Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Salinas) noted the need to listen to the will of the voters and focus on key issues like cost of living.

“Our constituents don’t feel the state of California is working for them,” Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas told colleagues as the session began. “That’s their lived experience in this moment. Our task this session is urgent and clear. We must chart a new path forward, and it begins by focusing on affordability.”

Democrats still hold a supermajority in the Assembly, and it will be the more progressive chamber. But the losses in two favorable seats coupled with concerns around cost of living could see them trend more moderate on some issues.

In the Senate, the loss of Democratic Sen. Josh Newman in SD 37 to former Republican Assemblymember Steven Choi, the victory of business-backed former Congresswoman Laura Richardson and the holds by all vulnerable Senate Republicans sets the tone for a more moderate chamber.

The 2025-2026 California Legislature was sworn in Dec. 2. The Assembly stands at 60 Democrats, 19 Republicans and one vacancy (Vince Fong’s vacant seat, which will trigger a special election), and the State Senate stands at 30 Democrats, 9 Republicans and one vacancy (outgoing Assemblymember Janet Nguyen was successful in her run for Orange County Board of Supervisors).

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CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE

DISTRICT	CANDIDATES	RESULTS
SD 1	Megan Dahle (R) vs. David Fennell (R)	Megan Dahle earned over 70% of the vote to win election to the Senate to fill her termed-out husband's seat.
SD 3	Christopher Cabaldon (D) vs. Thom Bogue (R)	Former Mayor of West Sacramento Chris Cabaldon retains this seat for the Democrats with over 60% of the vote.
SD 5	Jerry McNerny (D) vs. Jim Shoemaker (R)	Former Congressman Jerry McNerny has a narrow lead over Republican Jim Shoemaker with ballots to be counted.
SD 7	Jesse Arreguín (D) vs. Jovanka Beckles (D)	Former Mayor of Berkeley Jesse Arreguín wins election to the Senate with just under 60% of the vote.
SD 9	Tim Grayson (D) vs. Marisol Rubio (D)	With votes to be counted, Assemblymember Grayson holds just under 54% of the vote and will likely retain his lead to be elected over progressive challenger Marisol Rubio to the Senate.
SD 11	Scott Wiener* (D) vs. Yvette Corkrean (R)	Incumbent Sen. Wiener easily wins reelection with over 70% of the vote.
SD 13	Josh Becker* (D) vs. Alex Glew (R)	Incumbent Sen. Becker easily wins reelection with over 70% of the vote.
SD 15	Dave Cortese* (D) vs. Robert P. Howell (R)	Incumbent Sen. Cortese easily wins reelection with over 65% of the vote.
SD 17	John Laird* (D) vs. Tony Virrueta (R)	Incumbent Sen. Laird easily wins reelection with over 65% of the vote.
SD 19	Lisa Middleton (D) vs. Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh* (R)	Incumbent Sen. Ochoa Bogh defeated her Democratic opponent in another race where Senate Democrats pursued a flip.
SD 21	Monique Limón* (D) vs. Elijah Mack (R)	Incumbent Sen. Limon wins reelection with over 60% of the vote.

SD 23	Kipp Mueller (D) vs. Suzette Martinez Valladares (R)	Former Republican Assemblymember Suzette Martinez Valladares defeated Democratic candidate Kip Mueller. This is another seat that was a critical hold for Republicans.
SD 25	Sasha Renée Pérez (D) vs. Elizabeth Wong Ahlers (R)	Sasha Renee Perez earned over 58% of the vote and will win election to the Senate.
SD 27	Henry Stern* (D) vs. Lucie Volotzky (R)	Incumbent Sen. Stern wins reelection with over 58% of the vote.
SD 29	Eloise Gomez Reyes (D) vs. Carlos A. Garcia (R)	Former Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Reyes wins election to the Senate with over 55% of the vote.
SD 31	Sabrina Cervantes (D) vs. Cynthia Navarro (R)	Assemblymember Cervantes holds on to just under 53.5% of the vote with ballots still being counted. Republican Cynthia Navarro raised less than \$5,000 for the effort as compared to Cervantes who raised over \$1.5 million this cycle.
SD 33	Lena Gonzalez* (D) vs. Mario Paz (R)	Incumbent Sen. and Majority Leader Lena Gonzalez wins reelection with over 65% of the vote.
SD 35	Michelle Chambers (D) vs. Laura Richardson (D)	Former Congresswoman Laura Richardson defeated Michelle Chambers. A win by Richardson is a critical win for moderates and business interests who coalesced around Richardson and a loss for labor and progressives lining up behind Chambers.
SD 37	Josh Newman* (D) vs. Steven S. Choi (R)	Incumbent Sen. Josh Newman lost to former Republican Assemblymember Steven Choi in a major flip for the Republicans.
SD 39	Akilah Weber (D) vs. Bob Divine (R)	Assemblymember Weber will win election to the Senate with over 62% of the vote.

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY

DISTRICT	CANDIDATES	RESULTS
AD 1	Tenessa Audette (R) vs. Heather Hadwick (R)	Hadwick won over 60% of the vote to fill this open seat and replace outgoing Assemblymember Megan Dahle.
AD 2	Chris Rogers (D) vs. Michael Greer (R)	Chris Rogers easily wins election with over 65% of the vote to replace outgoing Assemblymember Jim Wood.
AD 3	Aaron Draper (D) vs. James Gallagher* (R)	Republican Leader James Gallagher easily wins reelection with over 65% of the vote.
AD 4	Cecilia Aguiar-Curry* (D) vs. Darren Ellis (R)	Majority Leader Aguiar-Curry easily wins reelection with over 65% of the vote.
AD 5	Neva Parker (D) vs. Joe Patterson* (R)	Incumbent Patterson wins reelection with over 60%.
AD 6	Maggy Krell (D) vs. Nikki Ellis (R)	Maggy Krell easily wins election with over 65%.
AD 7	Porsche Middleton (D) vs. Josh Hoover* (R)	Incumbent Hoover holds on to defeat Democratic challenger Porsche Middleton in a critical hold for Assembly Republicans.
AD 8	George Radanovich (R) vs. David Tangipa (R)	David Tangipa wins election to the Assembly with just over 52% of the vote in a close race.
AD 9	Heath Flora* (R) vs. Tami Nobriga (AIP of California)	Incumbent Assemblymember Flora easily wins reelection with over 70% of the vote.
AD 10	Stephanie Nguyen* (D) vs. Vinaya Singh (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Nugyen keeps her seat with over 60% of the vote.
AD 11	Lori Wilson* (D) vs. Dave Ennis (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Wilson retains her seat with over 58% of the vote.
AD 12	Damon Connolly* (D) vs. Andrew Podshadley (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Connolly won over 70% of the vote to win reelection.
AD 13	Rhodesia Ransom (D) vs Denise Aguilar Mendez (R)	Rhodesia Ransom wins election to this seat with over 56% of the vote.
AD 14	Buffy Wicks* (D) vs Margot Smith (D)	Incumbent Assemblymember Wicks wins over 68% of the vote to win reelection.
AD 15	Anamarie Avila Farias (D) vs. Sonia Ledo (R)	Anamarie Avila Farias wins election to the Assembly to succeed outgoing Assemblymember Grayson with 64% of the vote.
AD 16	Rebecca Bauer-Kahan* (D) vs. Joseph Rubay (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan wins reelection with over 60% of the vote.
AD 17	Matt Haney* (D) vs. Manuel Noris-Barrera (D)	Incumbent Assemblymember Haney won over 80% of the vote to win reelection.

AD 18	Mia Bonta* (D) vs. Andre Sandford (AIP of California)	Incumbent Assemblymember Bonta won reelection easily with over 75% of the vote.
AD 19	David Lee (D) vs. Catherine Stefani (D)	Former San Francisco Supervisor Catherine Stefani wins election to the Senate with over 60% of the vote.
AD 20	Liz Ortega* (D) vs. Sangeetha Shenzhou (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Ortega easily won reelection with over 70% of the vote.
AD 21	Diane Papan* (D) vs. Mark Gilham (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Papan won over 70% of the vote on her way to reelection.
AD 22	Juan Alanis (R) vs. Jessica Self (D)	Incumbent Assemblymember Alanis won over 55% of the vote for reelection.
AD 23	Marc Berman* (D) vs. Lydia Kou (D)	Incumbent Assemblymember Berman won reelection easily with over 60% of the vote.
AD 24	Alex Lee* (D) vs. Bob Brunton (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Alex Lee easily wins reelection.
AD 25	Ash Kalra* (D) vs Ted Stroll (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Kalra easily wins reelection.
AD 26	Patrick Ahrens (D) vs. Tara Sreekrishnan (D)	Outgoing Assemblymember Evan Low's district director, Patick Ahrens prevails in this race with 57% of the vote in a win for moderate and business interests who support Ahrens whereas labor and progressive groups aligned with Sreekrishnan.
AD 27	Esmerelda Soria* (D) vs. Joanna Garcia Rose (R)	After coming in second in the primary, incumbent Assemblymember Soria defeated her Republican opponent as ballots continue to be counted.
AD 28	Gail Pellerin* (D) vs Liz Lawler (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Pellerin easily wins reelection.
AD 29	Robert Rivas* (D) vs. James Paine (R)	Incumbent and Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas easily wins reelection.
AD 30	Dawn Addis* (D) vs. Dalila Epperson (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Addis easily wins reelection.
AD 31	Joaquin Arambula* (D) vs. Solomon Verduzco (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Arambula easily wins reelection.
AD 32	Vince Fong (R) vs. Ken Weir (R)	Elected to Congress earlier this year to replace Rep. Kevin McCarthy, Fong is leading but will need to resign his seat to create a vacancy for a special election.
AD 33	Xavier Avila (R) vs. Alexandra Macedo (R)	In the race to replace retiring Assemblymember Devin Mathis, his endorsed candidate Alexandra Macedo wins election with over 63% of the vote.

AD 34	Tom Lackey* (R) vs. Ricardo Ortega (D)	Incumbent Assemblymember. Lackey easily wins reelection.
AD 35	Jasmeet Bains* (D) vs. Robert Rosas (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Bains wins reelection.
AD 36	Joey Acuña Jr. (D) vs. Jeff Gonzalez (R)	Retiring Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia's endorsed successor, Joey Acuna Jr., lost against Republican Marine Corps veteran Jeff Gonzalez.
AD 37	Gregg Hart* (D) vs. Sari Domingues (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Hart wins reelection.
AD 38	Steve Bennett* (D) vs. Deborah Baber (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Bennett wins reelection.
AD 39	Juan Carrillo* (D) vs. Paul Marsh (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Carrillo wins reelection with over 55% of the vote.
AD 40	Pilar Schiavo* (D) vs. Patrick Gibson (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Schiavo holds a narrow lead over just over 2% over her Republican challenger in a race to keep an eye on.
AD 41	John Harabedian (D) vs. Michelle Del Rosario Martinez (R)	In the race to succeed outgoing Assemblymember Holden, John Harabedian easily wins election against his Republican opponent.
AD 42	Jacqui Irwin* (D) vs. Ted Nordlund (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Irwin wins reelection but the race is closer than her victories in previous cycles.
AD 43	Celeste Rodriguez (D) vs. Victoria Garcia (R)	San Fernando Mayor Celeste Rodriguez will succeed outgoing Assemblymember Luz Rivas in this seat, winning election with over 65% of the vote.
AD 44	Nick Schultz (D) vs. Tony Rodriguez (R)	Burbank Vice Mayor Nick Schultz, who was endorsed by outgoing Assemblymember Friedman, wins this seat with over 65% of the vote.
AD 45	James Ramos* (D) vs. Scott Olson (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Ramos wins reelection.
AD 46	Jesse Gabriel* (D) vs. Tracey Schroeder (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Gabriel wins reelection.
AD 47	Christy Holstege (D) vs. Greg Wallis* (R)	Incumbent Republican Greg Wallis defeated Palm Springs Democratic City Councilmember Christy Holstege despite major push by Assembly Dems to put this seat back in the Democratic column.
AD 48	Blanca Rubio* (D) vs. Dan Tran (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Rubio wins reelection.
AD 49	Mike Fong* (D) vs. Long Liu (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Fong wins reelection.

AD 50	Robert Garcia (D) vs. Adam Perez (D)	In this race to replace outgoing Assemblymember Reyes, Robert Garcia, her endorsed successor, will win election to this seat with over 55% of the vote.
AD 51	Rick Chavez Zbur* (D) vs. Stephan Hohil (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Chavez Zbur wins reelection with over 70% of the vote.
AD 52	Jessica Caloza (D) vs. Francisco Carrillo Jr. (D)	Jessica Caloza will succeed outgoing Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo in this seat.
AD 53	Michelle Rodriguez (D) vs. Nick Wilson (R)	Democrat Michelle Rodriguez, a public safety commissioner and the wife of the incumbent, will succeed her termed-out husband.
AD 54	Mark Gonzalez (D) vs. John Yi (D)	director and chair of the Los Angeles Democratic Party Mark Gonzalez will win election to his boss's old seat.
AD 55	Isaac Bryan* (D) vs. Keith Cascio (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Bryam easily wins reelection with over 80% of the vote.
AD 56	Lisa Calderon* vs. Jessica Martinez (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Calderon wins reelection.
AD 57	Sade Elhawary (D) vs. Efren Martinez (D)	In this open seat to replace termed-out Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer, Sade Elhawary, a community organizer, prevailed with 60% of the vote despite heavy spending by business interests supporting her opponent, Efren Martinez.
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AD 59	Phillip Chen* (R) vs. Dave Obrand (D)	Incumbent Assemblymember Chen wins reelection.
AD 60	Corey Jackson* (D) vs. Ron Edwards (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Jackson wins reelection.
AD 61	Tina McKinnor* (D) vs. Al Hernandez (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember McKinnor wins reelection with over 70% of the vote.
AD 62	Jose Solache (D) vs. Paul Irving Jones (R)	Lynwood City Councilmember Jose Luis Solache easily wins election to fill this open seat vacated by termed-out Assemblymember Rendon.
AD 63	Bill Essayli (R) vs. Chris Shoults (D)	Incumbent Assemblymember Essayli wins reelection.
AD 64	Blanca Pacheco* (D) vs. Raul Ortiz Jr. (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Pacheco wins reelection.
AD 65	Mike Gipson* (D) vs. Lydia A. Gutiérrez (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Gipson wins reelection.
AD 66	Al Muratsuchi* (D) vs. George Barks (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Muratsuchi won over 58% of the vote and will be reelected to another term.
AD 67	Sharon Quirk-Silva* (D) vs. Elizabeth Culver (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Quirk-Silva earned over 55% of the vote and is on her way to being reelected.
AD 68	Avelino Valencia* (D) vs. Mike Tardif (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Valencia earned over 60% of the vote on his path to reelection.
AD 69	Josh Lowenthal* (D) vs. Joshua Rodriguez (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Lowenthal easily wins reelection with over 68% of the vote
AD 70	Tri Ta* (R) vs. Jimmy Pham (D)	Incumbent Assemblymember Tri Ta wins reelection with over 55% of the vote.
AD 71	Kate Sanchez* (R) vs. Gary Kephart (D)	Incumbent Assemblymember Sanchez won over 60% of the vote on her way to reelection.

AD 72	Diane Dixon* (R) vs. Dom Jones (D)	Incumbent Assemblymember Dixon has a nearly 20-point lead over Dom Jones and will win reelection handily.
AD 73	Cottie Petrie-Norris* (D) vs. Scotty Peotter (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Petrie-Norris wins reelection with over 55% of the vote.
AD 74	Chris Duncan (D) vs. Laurie Davies* (R)	Incumbent Laurie Davies holds a lead 51.9% to 48.1% lead over Democratic challenger Chris Duncan with ballots still being counted
AD 75	Carl DeMaio (R) vs. Andrew Hayes (R)	Carl DeMaio will win election to the Assembly defeating fellow Republican Andrew Hayes to replace termed-out Assemblymember Marie Waldron.
AD 76	Darshana Patel (D) vs. Kristie Bruce-Lane (R)	Democrat Darshana Patel appears to have prevailed in this race to succeed termed-out Assemblymember Biran Maienschein, leading by about 6% with votes still being counted.
AD 77	Tasha Boerner* (D) vs. James Brown (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Boerner won reelection easily by just under 20 points.
AD 78	*Christopher Ward (D)	Incumbent Assemblymember Ward ran unopposed.
AD 79	Colin Parent (D) vs. LaShare Sharp-Collins (D)	In the race for this open seat vacated by outgoing Assemblymember Weber, LaShare Sharp-Collins, who was endorsed by Weber, wins election to the Assembly with just over 53% of the vote currently.
AD 80	David Alvarez* (D) vs. Michael W. Williams (R)	Incumbent Assemblymember Alvarez won over 60% of the vote to win reelection.

Statewide Ballot Initiatives

**PROPOSITION 2 (School Facilities/Education Bond) - AB 247 (CH. 81, 2024)
MURATSUCHI. EDUCATION FINANCE: SCHOOL FACILITIES: K-12 SCHOOLS AND LOCAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES MODERNIZATION, REPAIR AND
SAFETY BOND ACT**

SUMMARY: The California State Legislature announced deals on this \$10 billion school facilities construction bond and a \$10 billion climate resiliency bond three days before the summer recess to comply with the requirement that bill be in print for 72 hours prior to being voted on.

Prop 2 authorizes \$10 billion in new bonds - \$4 billion for the modernization of school facilities, \$3 billion for new construction of school facilities, \$1.5 billion for community college facilities, \$600 million for providing school facilities to charter schools, \$600 million for facilities for career technical education programs.

RESULTS: YES 57.8%/NO 42.2%—PASSED

**PROPOSITION 3 - ACA 5 (RESOLUTION CHAPTER 125, STATUTES OF 2023) LOW.
MARRIAGE EQUALITY.**

SUMMARY: This measure removes language passed by 2008's Proposition 8 prohibiting same-sex marriage from California's constitution.

RESULTS: YES 62.20%/NO 37.8%—PASSED

**PROPOSITION 4 (Climate Bond) - SB 867 (CHAPTER 83, STATUTES OF 2024) ALLEN.
SAFE DRINKING WATER, WILDFIRE PREVENTION, DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS, AND
CLEAN AIR BOND ACT OF 2024.**

SUMMARY: This measure authorizes \$10 billion in new bonds—\$3.8 billion for safe drinking water, drought, flood and water resilience programs; \$1.5 billion for wildfire and forest resilience programs; \$1.2 billion for coastal resilience programs; \$1.2 billion for biodiversity protection; \$850 million for clean air programs; \$700 million for park creation and outdoor access programs; \$450 million for extreme heat mitigation programs; \$300 million for climate-smart, sustainable and resilient farms, ranches and working lands.

RESULTS: YES 58.9%/NO 41.1%—PASSED

PROPOSITION 5 - ACA 1 (RES. CH. 173, 2023); ACA 10 (RES. CH. 134, 2024) AGUIAR-CURRY. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCING: AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE: VOTER APPROVAL.

SUMMARY: This lowers the voter threshold from a two-thirds supermajority to 55% to approve local general obligation bonds and special taxes for affordable housing and public infrastructure projects. Additional changes were made in the final days before the legislative deadline to remove special taxes as well as do the following:

- Removes the ability for local agencies to pass special taxes for public infrastructure and affordable housing with a 55% vote of the public;
- Allows the legislature to enact laws imposing additional conditions or restrictions on the acquisition of lease of real property with a two-thirds vote;
- Provides any repeal of conditions or restrictions on the acquisition or lease of real property requires a two-thirds vote;
- Expands the definition of affordable housing to also include first-time homebuyer programs and associated facilities used to serve residents of affordable housing
- Changes the definition of public infrastructure to mean:
 - Facilities or infrastructure for the delivery of public services, including education, police, fire protection, parks, recreation, open space, emergency medical, public health, libraries, flood protection, streets or highways, public transit, railroad, airports and seaports;
 - Utility, common carrier or other similar projects, including energy-related, communication-related, water-related and wastewater-related facilities or infrastructure;
 - Projects identified by the state or local government for recovery from natural disasters;
 - Equipment related to fire suppression, emergency response equipment or interoperable communications equipment for direct and exclusive use by fire, emergency response, police or sheriff personnel;
 - Projects that provide protection of property from sea level rise;
 - Projects that provide public broadband internet access service expansion in underserved areas;
 - Private uses incidental to, or necessary for, the public infrastructure; and
 - Grants to homeowners for the purposes of structure hardening of homes and structures, as defined in state law.

RESULTS: YES 44.2%/NO 54.8%—FAILED

PROPOSITION 6 - ACA 8 (RESOLUTION CHAPTER 133, STATUTES OF 2024) WILSON. SLAVERY.

SUMMARY: The California Constitution prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment to a crime. This measure would prohibit slavery in any form and would prohibit the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from disciplining any incarcerated person for refusing a work assignment.

RESULTS: YES 44.4%/NO 55.6%—FAILED

PROPOSITION 32 - RAISES MINIMUM WAGE. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

SUMMARY: Entrepreneur and anti-poverty advocate Joe Sanberg funded the qualification drive for the Living Wage Act in 2022, intending it for the November 2022 ballot. However, proponents were slow turning in their signatures and missed the 2022 deadline, and so the act appeared on the November 2024 ballot.

This measure would have raised the state minimum wage from the current \$15 an hour to \$18 an hour over several years. In 2016, Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation to increase the minimum wage to \$15 by 2023, with future minimum wage increases based on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Living Wage Act would increase the minimum wage to \$18, but it would increase it at different speeds depending on the number of workers an employer has. The minimum wage would reach \$18 an hour for all employees on Jan. 1, 2026, and would increase thereafter based on the CPI.

RESULTS: YES 48.7%/NO 51.3%—FAILED

PROPOSITION 33 - EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

SUMMARY: The Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995 prevents local government from limiting the initial rate that landlords may charge new tenants and also prevents local governments from limiting rent increases on existing tenants. This initiative repeals the Costa-Hawkins Act and would prohibit the state from limiting the right of local governments from enacting rent control ordinances.

NOTES: AIDS Healthcare Foundation spent over \$7 million to qualify their rent control measure, the third attempt in recent years after previous efforts were rejected by voters by close to 20% in contests that saw the combined spending from both sides exceeding \$100 million each time.

RESULTS: YES 39.2%/NO 60.8%—FAILED

PROPOSITION 34 - RESTRICTS SPENDING BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS MEETING SPECIFIED CRITERIA. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

SUMMARY: This permanently allows California's Medicaid program to pay pharmacies directly for prescription drugs. California started doing this in 2019 after Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an executive order allowing the payments. This measure makes it a law. The measure also requires some health care providers to spend almost all of the money they get from a federal prescription drug program directly on patient care instead of other things.

NOTE: This initiative is targeted at the proponents of Prop. 33, the Aids Healthcare Foundation (AHF). After AHF's 2024 rent control initiative (Prop 33) qualified, the California Apartment Association spent \$14 million to qualify an initiative requiring health care providers meeting certain conditions to spend 98% of their revenues on direct patient care. The specified conditions apply to a single organization, AHF, and this measure would bring an end to use of AHF funds to bankroll future initiative campaigns.

RESULTS: YES 50.9%/NO 49.1%—PASSED

PROPOSITION 35 - PROVIDES PERMANENT FUNDING FOR MEDI-CAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

SUMMARY: The Coalition to Protect Access to Care, a coalition led by the CA Medical Association and other stakeholders in the healthcare industry, secured a \$36 billion tax deal in 2023 to shore up Medi-Cal's finances and qualified this initiative to permanently cement the deal and prevent future administrations from spending the revenue on other priorities. Proponents spent \$7 million qualifying the initiative, which has been endorsed by both parties and currently has no organized opposition.

RESULTS: YES 67.3%/NO 32.7%—PASSED

PROPOSITION 36 - ALLOWS FELONY CHARGES AND INCREASES SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN DRUG AND THEFT CRIMES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

SUMMARY: If approved by voters, this measure would increase penalties for some drug and theft crimes, by rolling back Proposition 47 changes approved by voters a decade ago.

RESULTS: YES 69.4%/NO 30.6%—PASSED

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