

# 2016 Ballot Initiatives

## November 8, 2016

### ✓ VOTE YES

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HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND SENIORS  
Keep A Good Idea Working

Proposition 52 protects a partnership, created in 2009, between the State and California's hospitals that has resulted in approximately \$18 billion in new federal funds to help pay for hospital care provided to Medi-Cal patients, with no increase in California taxes. CHA is the sponsor of Proposition 52.



HELP OUR  
CHILDREN  
**THRIVE!**

Proposition 55, which will extend, for 12 years, current tax rates on single taxpayers earning more than \$250,000 and couples making more than \$500,000 a year, will bring up to \$2 billion annually to hospitals and doctors in the form of new Medi-Cal funding. CHA is a co-sponsor of Proposition 55.



Proposition 56 will increase California's cigarette tax by \$2 per pack, with an equivalent increase on products containing nicotine derived from tobacco, including e-cigarettes. The majority of funds generated by Proposition 56 will be used to improve existing health care programs, prevent smoking, and fund research into cancer and other tobacco-related diseases. CHA is a co-sponsor of Proposition 56.

### ✓ VOTE NO

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**NO 53**  
ON PROP

*Stop Attack on Local Control*

Proposition 53 takes away local control by requiring a statewide vote for certain local infrastructure projects. The measure would add new layers of bureaucracy and red tape that will delay or derail needed improvements to critical infrastructure, including after emergencies and natural disasters.

No On Prop 64  
They Got It  
**Wrong**  
Again

Proposition 64 would legalize the recreational use of marijuana in California. CHA believes this measure is bad for public health. Since marijuana was legalized in Colorado in 2012, hospitals have seen a dramatic increase in the number of children 18 years and younger testing positive for marijuana. In one hospital, nearly half of all newborns also tested positive for prenatal marijuana exposure.