OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 4, 2008

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:
To vote, fill in the oval like this: ○ Vote both sides of the card
To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval next to the candidate’s name.
Do not vote for more than the number of candidates allowed (i.e. Vote for no more than Two)
To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write the person's full name in the write-in space and fill in the oval next to it.
To vote on a measure, mark the oval next to the word "Yes" or the word "No".
All distinguishing marks or erasures are forbidden and make the ballot void.
If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the Elections Official and get another.

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT
Vote for One Party

ALAN KEYES For President American Independent
WILEY S. DRAKE, SR. For Vice-President
RALPH NADER For President Peace and Freedom
MATT GONZALEZ For Vice-President
BARACK OBAMA For President Democratic
JOE BIDEN For Vice-President
BOB BARR For President Libertarian
WAYNE A. ROOT For Vice-President

Write-in

UNITED STATES CONGRESS
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
22nd District
Vote for One
KEVIN MC CATHY For President Republican
ROBERT M. COTTON For Vice-President

Write-in

STATE SENATE
STATE SENATOR
15th District
Vote for One
JIM FITZGERALD For President Independent
ABEL MALDONADO For Vice-President Republican

Write-in

STATE ASSEMBLY
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY
33rd District
Vote for One
ROBERT EVAN CUTHBERT For President Democratic
SAM BLAKESLEE For Vice-President Republican

Write-in

SCHOOL
SAN LUIS OBISPO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
TRUSTEE AREA NO. 5
Vote for One
GAYE L. GALVAN Incumbent
DANIEL R. CHACON Retired

Write-in

SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
Trustee Area No. 1
Vote for no more than Two
WALTER J. MILLAR Incumbent
LAURENCE HOUGLATE Retired University Professor
PHIL ANGEL Teacher
CATHY DUNCAN Administrative Assistant

Write-in

PORT SAN LUIS HARBOR DISTRICT

COMMISSIONER
Vote for no more than Three
CYNTHIA MCKINNEY For President Green
ROSA CLEMENTE For Vice-President

Write-in

MEASURES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

PROPOSITION 1A
SAFE, RELIABLE HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER TRAIN BOND ACT. To provide Californians a safe, convenient, and affordable alternative to driving and high gas prices; to provide good-paying jobs and improve California’s economy while reducing air pollution, global warming greenhouse gases, and our dependence on foreign oil, shall $9.95 billion in bonds be issued to establish a clean, efficient high-speed train service linking Southern California, the Sacramento/San Joaquin Valley, and the San Francisco Bay Area, with at least 90 percent of bond funds spent for specific projects, with private and public matching funds required, including, but not limited to, federal funds, funds from revenue bonds, and local funds, and all bond funds subject to independent audits? Fiscal Impact: State costs of $19.4 billion, assuming 30 years to pay both principal and interest costs of the bonds. Payments would average about $647 million per year. When constructed, unknown operation and maintenance costs, probably over $1 billion annually; at least partially, and potentially fully, offset by passenger fares.

PROPOSITION 2
STANDARDS FOR CONFINING FARM ANIMALS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires that certain farm animals be allowed, for the majority of every day, to fully extend their limbs or wings, lie down, stand up and turn around. Limited exceptions apply. Fiscal Impact: Potential unknown decrease in state and local tax revenues from farm businesses, possibly in the range of several million dollars annually. Potential minor local and state enforcement and prosecution costs, partly offset by increased fine revenue.

TURN CARD OVER TO CONTINUE VOTING
PROPOSITION 3
CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL BOND ACT. GRANT PROGRAM. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes $980,000,000 in general obligation bonds for construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing and equipping of eligible children’s hospitals. Fiscal Impact: State and interest of about $59 million per year. 

Yes No

PROPOSITION 4
WAITING PERIOD AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE TERMINATION OF MINOR'S PREGNANCY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Changes California Constitution, prohibiting abortion for unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor’s parent, legal guardian, or, in limited cases, substitute adult relative. Provides an exception for medical emergency or parental waiver. Fiscal Impact: Potential unknown net state costs of several million dollars annually for health and social services programs, court administration, and state health agency administration combined.

Yes No

PROPOSITION 5
NONVIOLENT DRUG OFFENSES. SENTENCING, PAROLE AND REHABILITATION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Allocates $460,000,000 annually to improve and expand treatment programs. Limits court authority to incarcerate offenders who commit certain drug crimes, break drug treatment rules or violate parole. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs potentially exceeding $1 billion annually primarily for expansion of offender treatment programs. State savings potentially exceeding $1 billion annually on corrections operations. Net one-time state prison capital outlay savings potentially exceeding $2.5 billion.

Yes No

PROPOSITION 6
POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDING. CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND LAWS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires minimum of $965,000,000 of state funding each year for police and local law enforcement. Makes approximately 30 revisions to California criminal law. Fiscal Impact: Increased net state costs exceeding $500 million annually due to increasing spending on criminal justice programs to at least $455 million and for corrections operating costs. Potential one-time state prison capital outlay costs exceeding $500 million.

Yes No

PROPOSITION 7
RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires government-owned utilities to generate 20% of their electricity from renewable energy by 2010, a standard currently applicable to private electrical corporations. Raises requirement for all utilities to 40% by 2020 and 50% by 2025. Fiscal Impact: Increased state administrative costs up to $3.4 million annually, paid by fees. Unknown impact on state and local government costs and revenues due to the measure's uncertain impact on retail electricity rates.

Yes No

PROPOSITION 8
ELIMINATES RIGHT OF SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Changes California Constitution to eliminate the right of same-sex couples to marry. Provides that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California. Fiscal Impact: Over next few years, potential revenue loss, mainly sales taxes, totaling in the several tens of millions of dollars, to state and local governments. In the long run, likely little fiscal impact on state and local governments.

Yes No

PROPOSITION 9
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. VICTIMS’ RIGHTS. PAROLE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Requires notification to victim and opportunity for input during phases of criminal justice process, including bail, pleas, sentencing and parole. Establishes victim safety as consideration for bail or parole. Fiscal Impact: Potential loss of state savings on prison operations and increased county jail costs amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Potential net savings in the low tens of millions of dollars annually on parole procedures.

Yes No

PROPOSITION 10
ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES AND RENEWABLE ENERGY. BONDS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes $5 billion in bonds paid from state's General Fund, to help consumers and others purchase certain vehicles, and to fund research in renewable energy and alternative fuel vehicles. Fiscal Impact: State cost of about $10 billion over 30 years to repay bonds. Increased state and local revenues, potentially totaling several tens of millions of dollars through 2019. Potential state administrative costs up to about $10 million annually.

Yes No

PROPOSITION 11
REDISTRICTING. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Changes authority for establishing state office boundaries from elected representatives to commission. Establishes multilevel process to select commissioners from registered voter pool. Commission comprised of Democrats, Republicans, and representatives of neither party. Fiscal Impact: Potential increase in state redistricting costs once every ten years due to two entities performing redistricting. Any increase in costs probably would not be significant.

Yes No

PROPOSITION 12
VETERANS’ BOND ACT OF 2008. This act provides for a bond issue of nine hundred million dollars ($900,000,000) to provide farm and home aid for California veterans. Fiscal Impact: Costs of about $1.8 billion to pay off both the principal ($900 million) and interest ($856 million) on the bonds; costs paid by participating veterans. Average payment for principal and interest of about $59 million per year for 30 years.

Yes No