

# 2018 Ballot Initiatives

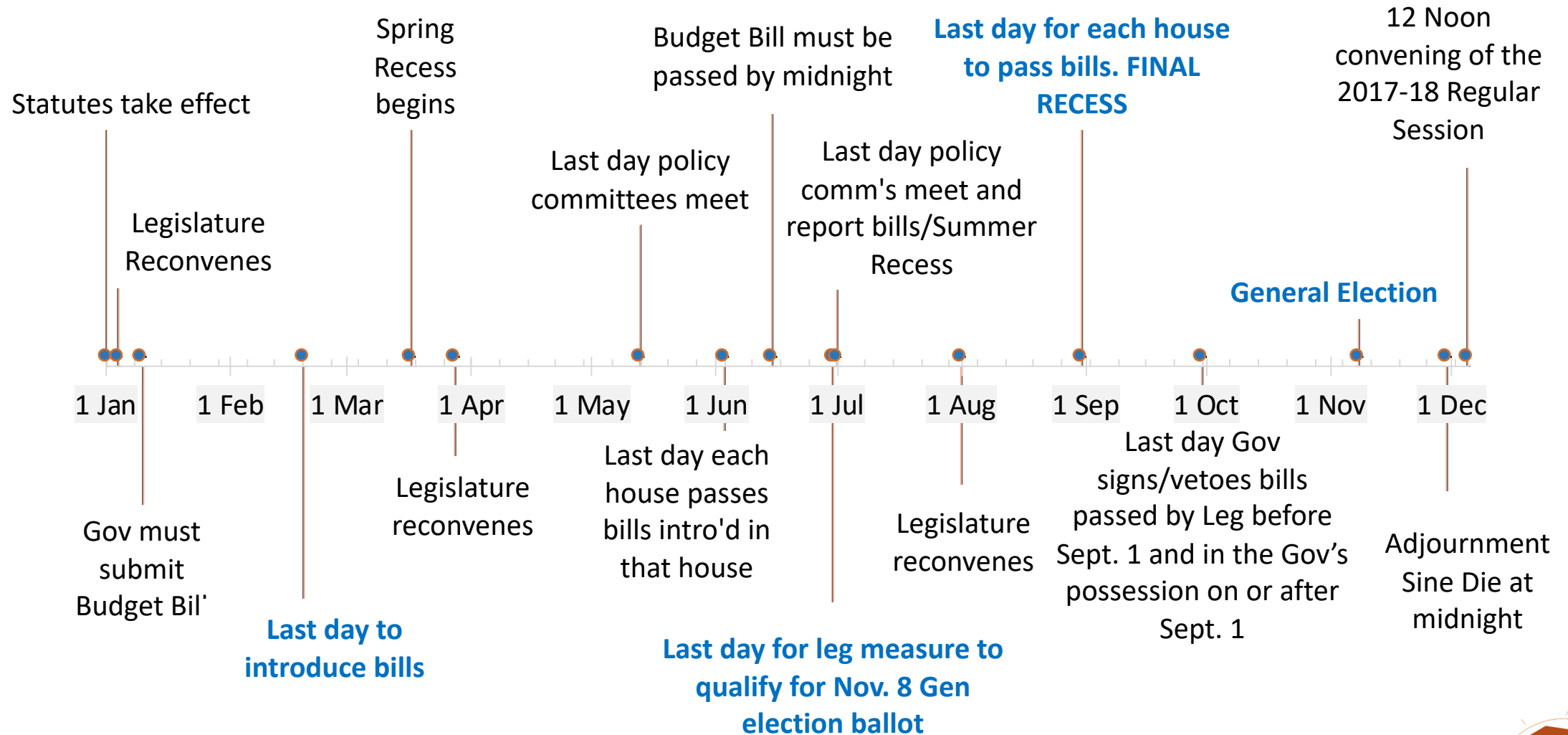
As of 3/20/18

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## OVERVIEW



# Timeline for Legislation



# Nov 8, 2016 General Election Results

17 Ballots Proposed; 12 Passed

## Criminal Justice Related Props

- Prop 57: Criminal Sentences & Juvenile Crime Proceedings (73.5%)
- Prop 66: Death Penalty Procedure Time Limits (51.1%)

## Other

- Prop 51: K-12 & Community College Facilities (55.2%)
- Prop 55: tax Extension for Education and Healthcare (63.3%)
- Prop 56: Cigarette Tax (64.4%)
- Prop 63: Firearms and Ammunition Sales (63.1%) Prop 64: Marijuana Legalization (57.1%)



# November 7, 2017 Ballot Results

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**OVERVIEW: 20 counties** in California featured a total of **62 ballot measures** for local voters on November 7, 2017. Los Angeles County's ballot featured the highest number of measures at 11.

## **L.A. County ballot measure**

- Measure H: Sales tax for homelessness services (69%)

## **L.A. City ballot measure**

- Measure M: City plan for marijuana regulation (79%)

# Qualified Statewide Ballot Measures

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June 5, 2018

**Prop 68** - SB 5 (De León) CA Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018.

**Prop 69** - ACA 5 (Frazier) Motor vehicle fees and taxes: restriction on expenditures: appropriations limit.

**Prop 70** - ACA 1 (Mayes) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund.

**Prop 71** - ACA 17 (Mullin) Ballot measures: effective date

**Prop 72** - SCA 9 (Glazer) Property tax: new construction exclusion: rain water capture system.

# ~~10 out of 14 Circulating Initiatives with 25% of Signatures Reached (as of 3/22/18)~~

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- 1) Authorizes [Bonds to Fund Projects for Water](#) Supply and Quality, Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Water Conveyance, and Groundwater Sustainability and Storage.
- 2) Authorizes State Regulation of Kidney Dialysis Clinics. Limits Charges for Patient Care.
- 3) [Decriminalization of Psilocybin](#).
- 4) Changes Req't's for Certain Property Owners to Transfer Their Property Tax Base to Replacement Property.
- 5) Eliminates Recently Enacted Road Repair and Transportation Funding by Repealing Revenues Dedicated for those Purposes. Requires any Measure to Enact Certain Vehicle Fuel Taxes and Vehicle Fees be Submitted to and Approved by the Electorate.
- 6) Requires Private-Sector Emergency Ambulance Employees to Remain on Call During Work Breaks. Changes Other Conditions of Employment.
- 7) Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact [Rent Control](#) on Residential Property.  
"Rent control gains traction as housing costs 'crush' tenants" [Orange County Register](#) -- 3/26/18
- 8) Division of California into Three States.
- 9) [Restricts Parole for Non-Violent Offenders](#). Authorizes Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses Currently Treated Only as Misdemeanors.
- 10) Authorizes Bonds Funding Construction at Hospitals Providing Children's Health Care.

# 13 Initiatives and Referenda Cleared for Circulation

(as of 5/29/18)

## Justice Related Only

- 1) **Restricts Parole for Non-Violent Offenders.** Authorizes Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses Currently Treated Only as Misdemeanors. \*
- 2) **Amends Three Strikes** Sentencing Law for Repeat Offenders. \*
- ~~3) Parole Consideration for Elderly Prison Inmates *Failed: 02/13/18*~~
- ~~4) Makes Individuals Who Committed a Second Strike Offense Before Age 23 Eligible for an Earlier Parole Hearing *Failed: 04/11/18*~~
- ~~5) Defines Legal Standard for Claim of Self-Defense in Certain Criminal Prosecutions of Law-Enforcement Officers. Requires Jury Trial for Specified Criminal Prosecutions of Law-Enforcement Officers. *Failed: 05/10/18*~~
- ~~6) Eliminates Restrictions on Voting by Felons in Prison or on Parole. *Failed: 05/10/18*~~

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## Health

- 1) Increases **Funding for Hospitals, Clinics, and Primary Care Providers** Serving Low-Income Patients by Increasing Tax on Personal Income Over \$1 Million. \*
- 2) Authorizes **Bonds Funding Construction at Hospitals** Providing Children's Health Care.
- ~~3) Criminalizes Abortion as First Degree Murder and Expands Def of Abortion to Include Certain Forms of Birth Control, Some Medical Research, and Many in Vitro Fertilization Procedures. *Failed: 03/22/18*~~
- ~~4) Establishes a Fund for Healthcare in California Exempt from Revenue Restrictions. *Failed: 05/04/18*~~
- ~~5) Authorizes Bonds to Fund Projects for Drinking Water and Water Quality Improvements, to Reduce Environmental Vulnerability to Climate Change, and For State and Local Parks. *Failed: 03/22/18*~~
- ~~6) Decriminalization of Psilocybin. *Failed: 05/21/18*~~



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## Education

- 1) **Increases Student Aid Funding** at California Public Colleges and Universities by Enacting a Dedicated Tax on Some Estates. \*
- 2) Requires Certain Commercial and Industrial Real Property to be Taxed Based on Fair-Market Value. **Dedicates Portion of Any Increased Revenue to Education** and Local Services. Initiative Constitutional Amendment. \*
- ~~3) Exempts Residents Who Have No Dependent Enrolled in Public Education from Taxes, Fees, and Other Charges for Public Education. *Failed: 05/22/18*~~
- ~~4) Prohibits Government from Enforcing Educational Standards and Makes Parents and Guardians Solely Responsible for Their Children's Education. *Failed: 05/22/18*~~
- ~~5) Sets Minimum Compensation for Some Public School Teachers Equal to That of State Legislators. Sales Tax Increase. *Failed: 05/07/18*~~



# Prop 68 – SB 5 (De Leon)

## CA Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, & Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018

**SUMMARY:** Authorize \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for state and local parks, environmental protection projects, water infrastructure projects, and flood protection projects. Requires 15 -20 % of bond funds be dedicated to projects in communities with median household incomes less than 60 percent of the statewide average. Largest amount of bond revenue—\$725 million—would go toward neighborhood parks in park-poor neighborhoods.

PROPOSERS	OPPONENTS
<p>California Chamber of Commerce, Association of California Water Agencies, The Trust for Public Land, Sierra Club California</p> <p><b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> \$1,352,755.82 Total. Five ballot measure committees registered in support. The committee Conservation Action Fund for Clean Water and Parks, Sponsored by Environmental Organizations had raised the most funds at \$605,000. Together, the five committees received \$1.35 million and expended \$304,993.</p>	<p>Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association</p> <p><b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> \$0.00 Total. As of February 3, 2018, there were no committees registered in opposition to the initiative.</p>

**ADDITIONAL INFO:** Unlike other park bonds in the past, this one is heavily tilted toward urban parks and Southern California, along with water improvements in low-income communities.

**KEY ARTICLES/PRESS:** <https://www.pacificforest.org/california-park-bond-june-2018/>  
<https://www.mercurynews.com/2017/09/18/california-lawmakers-approve-4-billion-ballot-measure-for-parks-and-water-projects/>



Ballot  
Date:  
11/18

# California Water Infrastructure and Watershed Conservation Bond Initiative

**SUMMARY:** Authorizes \$8.877 billion in state general obligation bonds for various infrastructure projects:

- \$3.03 billion for safe drinking water and water quality,
- \$2.895 billion for watershed and fisheries improvements,
- \$940 million for habitat protection,
- \$855 million for improved water conveyance, \$685 million for groundwater sustainability/storage,
- \$472 million for surface water storage/dam repairs.

Appropriates money from General Fund to pay off bonds. Requires certain projects to provide matching funds from non-state sources; gives priority to disadvantaged communities. **APPROVED by 25% signature.**

PROPOSERS	OPPONENTS
Association of California Water Agencies; The California Fresh Fruit Association  <b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 3, \$0 Total.	The Sierra Club California  <b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 3, \$0 Total.

**ADDITIONAL INFO:** Headed up by Jerry Meral, a former deputy director of the California Department of Water Resources and a longtime water-project advocate. The initiative has won support from several agricultural water agencies, urban suppliers and wildlife groups. Many say it would complement the Legislature’s bond. But unlike the Legislature’s measure, Meral’s effort has drawn opposition. Some worry about the high price, while the Sierra Club calls it a “pay-for-play” deal that will serve big growers and other wealthy water users.

**KEY ARTICLES/PRESS:** <http://www.capitalpress.com/Water/20171127/new-california-water-bond-measures-endorsed-by-key-policy-group>

SF Chronicle, “Multibillion-dollar water measures heading to state ballot, <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Multibillion-dollar-water-measures-heading-to-12382113.php>;  
<http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article162290093.html>



# CA Psilocybin Mushroom Decriminalization Initiative

**SUMMARY:** Decriminalizes psychedelic mushrooms (psilocybin): use, possession, sale, transport and cultivation of mushrooms for adults over 21. *Still requires 25 % Signature by end of April 30.*

PROPOSERS	OPPONENTS
Kevin Saunders; Kitty Merchant; CPLI - California Psilocybin Legalization Initiative  <b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 9, 2018, \$0.00	None publicly  <b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 9, 2018, \$0.00

**ADDITIONAL INFO:** Dr. Charles Grob Supports Decriminalization but not Legalization of Psilocybin

UCLA psychiatrist Charles Grob says he is impressed with the results of recent psilocybin studies. But, nevertheless he still believes that premature legalization could be hazardous. His advice is to wait for additional information before making a decision on legalization. See LAWeekly. Although Dr. Grob is opposed to criminal penalties for psilocybin use, he believes that the potential for harm outweighs the benefits of legalizing psilocybin. Accordingly, Dr. Grob does not support psilocybin legalization at this time. But, he does encourage decriminalization of psilocybin. Regarding decriminalization, Dr. Grob recommends that authorities direct users towards research programs in the medical and mental health communities — not the criminal justice system.

**KEY ARTICLES/PRESS:** [https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/california-mushrooms-decriminalization\\_us\\_59a52645e4b0446b3b862a9a](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/california-mushrooms-decriminalization_us_59a52645e4b0446b3b862a9a); <http://www.newsweek.com/psychedelics-california-could-become-first-state-decriminalize-magic-mushrooms-703348>; <http://www.newsweek.com/will-magic-mushrooms-be-next-drug-become-legal-california-and-oregon-722736>; <https://psilocybintechnology.com/legalizing-psilocybin-california-psilocybin-legalization-initiative/>





# Restricts Parole for Non-Violent Offenders

**SUMMARY:** Restricts Parole for Non-Violent Offenders. Authorizes Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses Currently Treated Only as Misdemeanors. *Must collect 365,880 registered voters by July 3, 2018 to be approved.*

PROPOSERS	OPPOSERS
<p>Nina Salarno Besselman; WEAVE; Keep California Safe coalition; Assemblyman Jim Cooper; The Board and Executive Committee of Take Back Santa Cruz; Los Angeles Association of Deputy District Attorneys; California Public Safety Partnership (CAPSP); Association of Deputy District Attorneys; City of Whittier</p> <p><b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b>As of Feb. 10, 2018, \$0.00</p>	<p>ACLU Californians for Safety &amp; Justice</p> <p><b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 10, 2018, \$0.00</p>

**ADDITIONAL INFO:** Initiative would counter Prop. 47 and 57, which reduced a number of felonies to misdemeanors.

**KEY ARTICLES/PRESS:** <http://www.kcra.com/article/child-trafficking-is-nonviolent-crime-under-california-voter-approved-law/15066210>

<http://takebacksantacruz.org/keep-california-safe/>

<https://signalscv.com/2018/01/prosecutors-unveil-initiative-reform-criminal-justice-system/>

<https://kfiam640.iheart.com/content/2017-11-14-initiatives-to-fix-prop-47-and-prop-57/>

<https://porac.org/2017/12/capitol-beat-reducing-crime-keeping-california-safe-act/>

<https://www.whittierdailynews.com/2018/01/11/whittier-officials-push-for-2018-ballot-initiative-to-reform-a-b-109-which-they-blame-for-officer-keith-boyers-death/>

<https://www.whittierdailynews.com/2017/03/30/whittier-council-asks-for-reform-of-crime-laws/>

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/essential/la-pol-ca-essential-politics-updates-proposed-initiative-would-end-early-1509390012-htm1story.html>





# Parole Consideration for Elderly Prison Inmates

**SUMMARY:** Requires parole consideration for inmates 80 years old or older who have served at least ten years of current sentence and who have not previously been denied parole. Excludes: inmates serving sentences of death or life imprisonment without possibility of parole; inmates serving sentences for first or second degree murder, prior to serving minimum prison term; and inmates whose parole rights are restricted under any initiative statute, such as inmates serving sentences under the three strikes law. Net state savings likely in the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, primarily due to individuals serving shorter prison terms.

PROPOSERS	OPPOSERS
Pasadena attorney Charles W. Funaro II  <b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 10, 2018, \$0.00	Crime Victims United of Californian  <b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 10, 2018, \$0.00

**ADDITIONAL INFO:**

**KEY ARTICLES/PRESS:** <http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article165357337.html>





# California Youth Offender Parole Hearings Initiative

**SUMMARY:** Individuals who received an enhanced sentence for a second strike they committed before age 23 would receive earlier parole hearings and potential release on parole during their 15th, 20th, or 25th year in prison, depending on their original sentence. Does not apply to those who were convicted of a third strike or certain sex offenses, or who were sentenced to life in prison without parole, or who committed certain additional crimes after age 23.

PROPOSERS	OPPONENTS
Amy E. Davis <b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 10, 2018, \$0.00	<b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 10, 2018, \$0.00

**ADDITIONAL INFO:** Initiative website, <http://www.2ndchanceforyouth.com/>

**KEY ARTICLES/PRESS:**





# The Voting Restoration and Democracy Act of 2018 (Eliminates Restrictions on Voting by Felons in Prison or on Parole)

**SUMMARY:** Eliminates existing restrictions on pre-registering to vote, registering to vote, and voting by persons while they are in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: State prison costs of up to \$1 million annually to register and provide ballots to prisoners. County election costs of a few hundred thousand dollars annually to register and provide ballots to prisoners and parolees. (17-0023.) *585,407 signatures needed by April 25.*

PROPOSERS	OPPOSERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taina Vargas-Edmond</li> <li>Initiate Justice</li> <li>CURB - Citizen United for a Responsible Budget</li> <li>Cut 50</li> </ul> <p><b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 11, 2018, \$0.00</p>	<p>LA Police Protective League</p> <p><b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 11, 2018, \$0.00</p>

**ADDITIONAL INFO:** Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) assisted in initial research in the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 and has been meeting with stakeholders. However, as of the posting of a Dec. 14, 2017 had not taken an official position on the 2018 initiative.

**KEY ARTICLES/PRESS:** <https://felonvoting.procon.org/view.resource.php?resourceID=000286>  
<http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/felon-voting-rights.aspx>  
<https://sanquentinnews.com/initiate-justice-advocating-for-prisoners-voting-rights/>  
<https://www.scp.org/programs/airtalk/2017/10/31/59924/should-ca-prisoners-be-allowed-to-vote/>









# “California Care Act”

**SUMMARY:** Increases Funding for Hospitals, Clinics, and Primary Care Providers Serving Low-Income Patients by Increasing Tax on Personal Income Over \$1 Million. *Secured 50% signatures.*

PROPOSERS	OPPOSERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michael Borges</li> <li>Benjamin Tracey</li> <li>Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West</li> </ul> <p><b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 11, 2018, \$0.00</p>	<p><b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 11, 2018, \$0.00</p>

**ADDITIONAL INFO:**

**KEY ARTICLES/PRESS:** <https://www.calhospital.org/profile/anne-mcleod>

- <https://mynews1a.com/government/2018/01/19/signature-gathering-approved-health-care-initiative/>





# California Abortion as First-Degree Murder Initiative

**SUMMARY:** Criminalizes Abortion as First-Degree Murder and Expands Definition of Abortion to Include Certain Forms of Birth Control, Some Medical Research, and Many in Vitro Fertilization Procedures . *Secured 50% signatures.*

PROPOSERS	OPPONENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daniel Ehinger</li> <li>• Abolish Abortion CA</li> <li>• Arnold Davtyan</li> </ul> <p><b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 11, 2018 via YouCaring.com, \$2,075 was raised.</p>	<p><b>DOLLARS RAISED:</b> As of Feb. 11, 2018, \$0.00</p>

**ADDITIONAL INFO:** Assuming that provisions of the U.S. Constitution would prevent the initiative from taking effect, voter approval of this measure would have no impact on state and local finances.

**KEY ARTICLES/PRESS:** <https://www.bna.com/individual-income-insights-b73014474468/>

- <https://www.salon.com/2017/09/11/a-california-ballot-measure-would-make-abortion-a-first-degree-murder-crime/>
- <http://www.ksby.com/story/36338018/california-proposal-could-make-abortion-first-degree-murder>



# Special Elections: Assembly

## Assembly District 39 (Pacoima)

Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra (Dem), resigned Nov 27, due to sexual harassment allegations.

### DEMOCRAT

Yolanda Anguiano



Hector Cabrera



Patty Lopez



Luz Rivas



Sergio Gascon



Antonio Sanchez



Bonnie Corwin



### REPUBLICAN

Ricardo Benitez



<sup>20</sup>KEY ARTICLE: <https://www.dailynews.com/2017/12/11/special-election-date-set-for-bocanegras-vacated-assembly-district-seat/>

# Special Elections: Assembly

## Assembly District 45 (Woodland Hills)

Assemblyman Matt Dababneh (Dem), resigned Dec 8, 2017, due to sexual harassment allegations

### DEMOCRAT

Scott Silverstein



Raymond Bishop



Serena Sharp



Daniel Brin



Jessie Gabriel



John Popoch



Ankur Patel



Tricia Robbins Kasson



### REPUBLICAN

Justin Clark



**KEY ARTICLE:** <https://www.ocregister.com/2017/12/08/another-california-lawmaker-resigns-after-sexual-misconduct-allegations-2/>

# \*Special Elections: Assembly

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## Assembly District 54 (Los Angeles)

Formerly held by Assembly Sebastian Ridley-Thomas (Dem); resigned Dec 27, 2017, citing "Health issues."

### DEMOCRAT

Sydney Kamlager-Dove



Steve Dunwoody



### REPUBLICAN

Glen Ratcliff



Joey Hill



Ashlee Marie Preston



**KEY ARTICLE:** <http://www.culvercityobserver.com/story/2018/01/04/news/crowded-field-to-replace-ridley-thomas/7200.html>

*\*Special Election - Unless one candidate receives more than 50% in special election, the top two vote-getters will advance to a runoff June 5, the day of the 2018 California primary for state and congressional offices.*