Ballot Initiatives Talking Points

Proposition 19 – Oppose

ACSA opposes Proposition 19 because it presents numerous compliance, liability and financial problems for employers, including school districts.

The "Regulate, Control and Tax Cannabis Act of 2010" would expose school districts to legal challenges by prohibiting the use of a positive drug test for marijuana as a discriminating factor in employment or from regulating any employee conduct relating to marijuana use unless the district can prove impairment.
In addition, K-university schools could lose up to $9.4 billion in federal funding if Prop. 19 passes, due to being out of compliance with Federal Drug Free Workplace Act requirements. **Vote No on Prop. 19.**

Proposition 22 – Oppose

Proposition 22 should be defeated by voters to avoid further manipulative cuts to education.

Prop. 22 would prevent the Legislature from using revenues intended for local government and transportation purposes for other areas within the general fund, including education. It also shifts gas tax money out of the general fund, reducing the Proposition 98 funding formula guaranteed to schools.

Proposition 22's impact on education funding would be especially harmful in bad budget years. Prop. 22 would provide more protection for local governments than what Prop. 98 currently provides for education. **Vote No on Prop. 22.**

Proposition 24 – Support

School leaders support Proposition 24 to repeal pending corporate tax cuts that could provide more than $1.5 billion in annual revenue to the state, providing badly needed funding for schools.
Recent legislation would allow businesses to carry back losses, share tax credits and use a sales-based income calculation to lower taxable income. Prop. 24's repeal before the effective date of the tax laws would mean that companies would not be losing anything they already have.

Supporting Prop. 24 is an opportunity to demonstrate that school leaders are serious about their commitment to providing the needed revenues to support students and schools. **Vote Yes on Prop. 24.**

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Proposition 25 – Support

ACSA supports Proposition 25 because it would change the legislative vote requirement to pass a state budget from two-thirds to a simple majority, restoring democracy to the budget process and curtailing late budgets, budget impasses and budget deficits.

Prop. 25 retains a two-thirds vote requirement to increase state taxes, but frees the state budget from being held hostage each year while the legislative minority attempts to implement policy changes that cannot be passed through the traditional committee process.

California is one of only three states (the others being Rhode Island and Arkansas) that requires a two-thirds vote to pass a state budget. **Vote Yes on Prop. 25.**

Proposition 26 – Oppose

School leaders oppose Proposition 26 because it makes education funding vulnerable to further cuts.

Prop. 26 would redefine certain fees as taxes that would then be subjected to a two-thirds vote of the Legislature or local voters, decreasing chances of implementation.

By making it harder to pass any charge that remotely resembles a tax, such as fees to clean-up lead-based paint or other toxic substances, the state general fund would have to cover such costs, placing more pressure on an already strained state budget. **Vote No on Prop. 26.**

Proposition 27 – Oppose

Proposition 27 should be defeated by voters to ensure non-partisan redistricting of Assembly and Senate districts is upheld as outlined in Proposition 11, which ACSA supported and voters approved in 2008.
Prop. 27 aims to eliminate the 14-member Citizens Redistricting Commission created in Prop. 11 and return redistricting responsibilities to the Legislature. The commission is crucial to drawing the legislative district boundaries based on strict, non-partisan rules designed to ensure fair representation.

Because of term limits and the current legislative redistricting process, legislators have become increasingly polarized. Public education leaders would greatly benefit from more balanced, moderate voices in Sacramento. **Vote No on Prop. 27.**

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