

JUST THE FACTS

1998 Ballot Initiatives

Source: The Democracy Center and
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PROPOSITION 4 (ANIMAL TRAPPING)

What it does:	Prohibits trapping fur or nongame mammals with steel-jawed leghold traps. Also prohibits the use of specified poisons on animals.
Supporters:	Humane Society of the U.S. American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Top Yes Contributors:	Humane Society of the U.S. International Fund for Animal Welfare
Opponents:	California Farm Bureau Federation/ Humane Society of Sonoma
Top No Contributors:	Wildlife Legislative Fund of America California Farm Bureau Federation

PROPOSITION 5 (TRIBAL CASINOS)

What it does:	Allows slot machines and banked card games at tribal casinos.
Supporters:	Californians for Indian Self-Reliance Les Sourisseau, (Past President, California Police Chiefs Association)
Top Yes Contributors:	San Manuel Tribal Administration Morango Band of Mission Indians
Opponents:	John Van de Kamp (former California Attorney General), William Campbell (Past President, California Manufacturers Association)
Top No Contributors:	Caesars – ITT Hilton Hotels Corporation

PROPOSITION 6 (HORSE SLAUGHTER)

What it does:	Makes it a crime to sell or slaughter horses for human consumption.
Supporters:	Robert Redford (actor), John Van de Kamp (President of the Thoroughbred Owners of California)
Top Yes Contributors:	Sidney and Tina Long, Sherry Ellen Deboer
Opponents:	Ted Brown (Past Chair, Libertarian Party of California, Thomas Tryon (rancher/ Calaveras County Supervisor)
Top No Contributors:	No contributions reported as of 6/30/98

PROPOSITION 7 (AIR QUALITY TAX CREDIT)

What it does:	Authorizes \$218 million in state tax credits annually (until 2011), to encourage air-emissions reductions through the acquisition, conversion, and retrofitting of vehicles and equipment.
Supporters:	American Lung Assoc. of California California Nurses Association
Top Yes Contributors:	Thermo Ecotek Corp. Engelhard Corp.
Opponents:	California Tax Reform Association California Professional Firefighters
Top No Contributors:	No contributions reported as of 6/30/98

PROPOSITION 8 (PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

What it does:	Provides permanent class size reduction funding for school districts that establish parent-teacher governing councils. Also requires teacher testing and student suspension for drug possession.
Supporters:	Governor Pete Wilson, Yvonne Larsen (President, Calif. Board of Education)
Top Yes Contributors:	Governor Pete Wilson Committee Southern California Edison
Opponents:	California Teachers Association California Organization of Police & Sheriffs
Top No Contributors:	No contributions reported as of 6/30/98

PROPOSITION 9 (ELECTRIC UTILITIES)

What it does:	Prohibits assessment of taxes, bonds, and surcharges on consumers to pay costs of debts for nuclear power plants.
Supporters:	Consumers Union The Utility Reform Network
Top Yes Contributors:	Public Media Center The Network Project
Opponents:	California Taxpayers Association California Chamber of Commerce
Top No Contributors:	Pacific Gas and Electric Southern California Edison

PROPOSITION 10 (CIGARETTE TAX)

What it does:	Imposes an additional 50 cent per pack tax on cigarettes to fund a variety of early childhood development and smoking prevention programs.
Supporters:	American Cancer Society (California) California School Boards Association
Top Yes Contributors:	Stephen L. Bing Ron Burke
Opponents:	William Campbell (Past President California Manufacturers Association) Alliance of California Taxpayers & Involved Voters
Top No Contributors:	Phillip Morris Brown and Williamson