



LINCOLN CLUB OF FRESNO COUNTY

VOTING GUIDE

November 2016 General Election

City of Fresno

Fresno Mayor – Lee Brand

A leader in the private sector, and one of the most effective City Council Members in Fresno history, Mr. Brand is overwhelmingly more qualified than his opponent, the very liberal County Supervisor Henry Perea. The future of California's 5th largest city is too important to hand the keys to a lifetime politician. We need experienced EXECUTIVE leadership. Vote Lee Brand.

Council District 6 – Jeremy Pearce

We rarely if ever support the return candidacy of a politician, so former council member Garry Bredefeld is not recommended. Instead, we support newcomer Jeremy Pearce, a center right, pro-business, fiscal conservative who will preserve Fresno's financial health and protect taxpayers. Vote Jeremy Pearce.

Council District 5 – Luis Chavez

We've been impressed with Mr. Chavez, he is a worthy successor to Sal Quintero. He understands the need to keep Fresno fiscally healthy. Vote Luis Chavez.

City of Sanger

City of Sanger Measure S. Vote NO.

Vote No on a Slush fund for Sanger City Council. The City Council cannot be trusted to manage taxpayer's money for Public Safety Services.

County Initiatives

Measure U - Charter Modernization Act. Vote YES.

The Charter Modernization Act enhances a local preference when Fresno County purchases goods and services from local businesses. Whenever prices, terms and quality are objectively equal, we should be investing our local dollars into our local economy.

Currently the District Attorney also serves as the Public Administrator. However, these incompatible responsibilities present an inherent conflict of interest for the DA. By changing the Public Administrator to an appointed position, our District Attorney will be able to focus exclusively on promoting public safety and seeking justice for victims of crime.

Measure U is endorsed by District Attorney Lisa Smittcamp, Sheriff Margaret Mims and Fresno County Supervisors Buddy Mendes and Andreas Borgeas. Vote YES.

County Initiatives

Measure T - Probation Department Accountability Reform - Vote YES.

Charter Section 21 provides for the Probation Chief, an employee of Fresno County, to be appointed by the Superior Court. Back when this section was written in 1933, the Superior Court was for practical purposes part of Fresno County. But that all changed legislatively with the Trial Court Funding Act of 1997 when the State assumed management authority over all Superior Courts in California. However, the Fresno County Charter was never updated to reflect this significant change. Vote YES

School Bonds

Sanger Unified School District Bond Measure A - Vote YES.

Sanger is a growing, well managed District with stable and trusted leadership. We support their long range planning and significant improvements in their academic reputation. Vote YES.

Central Unified School District Bond Measure C - Vote NO.

Vote no on Measure C to prevent Central Unified from doubling your property tax bill.

Measure C unfairly taxes local property owners while letting the State off the hook for new schools, and delivers less than originally promised by Measure B. Vote NO.

Fresno Unified School District Measure X - Vote NO.

We've been given no information about this bond, have no idea what the District's priorities are, and believe FUSD needs to put all investigations of past bond measures behind it before proceeding with new bonds. Vote NO.

Central Unified School Board

Randy Rocca District 5 - Endorse

Mr. Rocca is a hard working leader and a common sense citizen. Vote Randy Rocca.

US Senate - California

Loretta Sanchez – Endorse

There are two Democrats on your ballot for US Senate. The only one willing to talk to Valley leaders about issues important to our way of life is Loretta Sanchez. Vote Loretta Sanchez.

California State Propositions

Proposition 51 – School Bonds, Funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities - Vote NO.

California has too much bond debt and massive unfunded pension liabilities. While we generally support well thought out school bonds, this isn't it. Vote NO.

Proposition 52 – Medi-Cal Hospital Fee Program - Vote YES.

A Yes vote not only will not cost California taxpayers, but is projected to save money while protecting Medi-Cal from legislative shenanigans. Vote YES.

Proposition 53 – Revenue Bonds, Statewide Voter Approval - Vote NO.

One of the more absurd ballot initiatives we have ever seen, would set a threshold for voters to approve revenue bonds for projects when 98% of voters don't even know what a bond is. Vote NO.

Proposition 54 – Legislature, Legislation and Proceedings - Vote YES.

This initiative provides for greater transparency in the legislative process by requiring bills to be posted online 72 hours prior to a vote. Vote YES

Proposition 55 – Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare - Vote NO.

A bait and switch on the part of Governor Brown, who promised a temporary tax increase six years ago. This is a twelve year extension, our schools and healthcare and infrastructure are no better as a result of our highest in the nation taxes. Since the original tax increase, California's poverty rates have stayed 25% above the national average. Vote NO.

Proposition 56 – Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, Law Enforcement - Vote NO.

We oppose higher taxes on specific industries to fund specific spending, therefore, we recommend against Proposition 56. Vote NO.

Proposition 57 – Criminal Sentences. Parole. Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing - Vote NO.

Governor Brown and Sacramento Democrats continue their misguided love affair with criminals. Proposition 47 two years ago created spike in crime in our neighborhoods today. Proposition 57 is the sequel. More felons will be released to our streets if 57 passes. Vote NO.

Proposition 58 – English Proficiency. Multilingual Education - Vote NO.

Many of our English speaking students are doing poorly mastering English. This initiative allows for dual language immersion to be forced upon students that don't want or need it. Maintain local curriculum control. Vote NO.

Proposition 59 – Corporations. Political Spending. Federal Constitutional Spending - Vote NO.

The left has never gotten over the Citizens United decision. They only want their political allies to be able to fund campaign. This initiative is utterly meaningless. It's a shame so many trees had to die to print it. Vote NO.

Proposition 60 – Adult Films. Condoms. HealthVote No. Requirements - Vote NO.

It is thoroughly absurd for this to even appear on a ballot. The legislature could take action on this issue if it wanted to. We elected them to pass laws. This is pure politics. Vote NO.

Proposition 61 – State Prescription Drug Purchases. Pricing Standards - Vote NO.

The issue of prescription drug pricing is entirely too complex for a ballot initiative. We will never reward the legislature for not taking actions, and believe allowing a federal agency to set prescription drug prices is a ridiculous idea. Vote NO.

Proposition 62 – Death Penalty - Vote NO.

This initiative would PROHIBIT a person convicted of a capital crime from being sentenced to die in California. Although there presently no scheduled executions, we believe judges should have the discretion to continue to sentence murderers to die. Vote NO.

California State Propositions

Proposition 63 – Firearms. Ammunition Sales - Vote NO.

A solution begging for a problem, requiring a lengthy process to purchase ammo only hurts the law abiding. The criminal never obeys these laws. Gun owners have already passed a background check. Vote NO.

Proposition 64 – Marijuana Legalization - Vote NO.

California is already a difficult business environment. We disagree that more drug users will enhance our economic prospects. There is evidence of mounting public safety issues in Colorado and Washington where similar laws have been passed. There is no DUI standard as part of this initiative. Vote NO.

Proposition 65 – Carryout Bags - Vote NO.

When we saw that there was an initiative to resolve a carryout bag issue, we stopped reading. Vote NO.

Proposition 66 – Death Penalty Procedures - Vote NO.

See Proposition 62. Vote NO.

Proposition 67 – Ban on Single Use Plastic Bags - Vote NO.

See our rationale under Proposition 65. Vote NO.

State Legislative Districts

Assembly District 23 – We endorse **Jim Patterson**

Assembly District 31 – We endorse **Clint Olivier**