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Forward Observer and Klink Campaigns developed the 2018 California Initiative Editorial Scorecard to keep track of editorials for and against the 11 statewide initiatives on this November’s ballot. We will update the scorecard weekly with ballot measure endorsements (pro and con) from the top 20 California newspapers by circulation. The sixth edition of the California Initiative Editorial Scorecard is based on 173 editorials thus far.

2018 California Initiative Editorial Endorsement Scorecard		
Proposition	Yes	No
Proposition 1 (Housing Bond)	10	8
Proposition 2 (Tax Revenue for Homeless Prevention)	11	7
Proposition 3 (Water Bond)	3	14
Proposition 4 (Children’s Hospitals bond)	9	7
Proposition 5 (Property Tax Transfers)	9	9
Proposition 6 (Gas Tax Repeal)	7	12
Proposition 7 (Repeals Daylight Savings Time)	2	8
Proposition 8 (Kidney Dialysis Clinic Requirements)	0	11
Proposition 10 (Rent Control Regulations)	2	18
Proposition 11 (Ambulance Employees Regulations)	16	1
Proposition 12 (Animal Space Requirements)	3	6

Endorsements from the Top 20 California Papers

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Los Angeles Times	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Francisco Chronicle	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
San Diego Union Tribune	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No		No	No	Yes	No
Orange County Register	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes			No	Yes	
The Mercury News	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Sacramento Bee	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
The Mercury News East Bay Times	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
La Opinión						No		No	No		
Riverside Press-Enterprise	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes			No	Yes	
Fresno Bee	Yes	Yes	Yes				No	No	No	Yes	
Santa Rosa Press Democrat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Los Angeles Daily News	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes			No	Yes	
Ventura County Star					No	No	Yes		No		
Torrance Daily Breeze	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes			No	Yes	
Modesto Bee	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Palm Springs Desert Sun	Yes	Yes	No		No	No			No		
Long Beach Press-Telegram	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes			No	Yes	
Bakersfield Californian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
San Bernardino Sun	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes			No	Yes	
Inland Valley Daily Bulletin	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes			No	Yes	

The following excerpts are from endorsement editorials that appeared online or in print since our last edition:

Proposition 1

Desert Sun – Yes

“We believe the desert area would benefit greatly from this measure, which the Legislative Analyst’s Office estimates could result in the building of 30,000 new units for low-income families and 7,500 for farmworkers.” [Link](#)

Proposition 2

Desert Sun – Yes

“We endorsed the No Place Like Home Program idea when it was drawn up by the Legislature. Proposition 2 and its funding of housing for the mentally ill homeless is in line with the goal of the original purpose of 2004’s Proposition 63 income tax surcharge, which was to better the lot of the mentally ill. Getting them off the street is a key piece in that equation.” [Link](#)

Proposition 5

Desert Sun – No

“Allowing one segment of society that is “house-rich” unlimited opportunities to “ladder up” their properties while keeping their tax base artificially low in subsequent transfers in today’s market will cut up to \$1 billion from county tax receipts across California over time, the Legislative Analysts’ Office says. This will hurt everything from schools to emergency services.” [Link](#)

Proposition 10

Desert Sun – No

“This would serve as anything but an incentive to create new rental housing. Instead, the opposite effect is more likely, as those who might invest in rental properties rethink the wisdom in a market where a new rent-control board could dictate how much profit is “fair” while imposing yet unknown fees to cover this new oversight.” [Link](#)

Proposition 12

San Diego Union Tribune – No

“Any measure that claims to promote animal welfare is likely to be an easy sell with state voters. But Proposition 12 has a flaw that is serious enough that some animal welfare groups have split with the measure’s sponsor — the Humane Society — and come out against it.” [Link](#)