

# Sample Ballot

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## MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

**32**  
**VETERANS' BOND ACT OF 2000.** This act provides for a bond issue of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) to provide farm and home aid for California veterans. Fiscal Impact: Costs of about \$858 million over 25 years (average cost of about \$34 million per year); costs paid by participating veterans.

- YES  
 NO

**33**  
**LEGISLATURE. PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Allows Legislative members to participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System plans in which a majority of state employees may participate. Fiscal Impact: Annual state costs under \$1 million to provide retirement benefits to legislators, with these costs replacing other spending from the fixed annual amount provided in support of the Legislature.

- YES  
 NO

**34**  
**CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND SPENDING. LIMITS. DISCLOSURE. LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE AMENDMENT.** Limits campaign contributions and loans to state candidates and political parties. Provides voluntary spending limits; expands public disclosure requirements and increases penalties. Fiscal Impact: Additional net costs to the state, potentially up to several million dollars annually, and unknown but probably not significant costs to local government.

- YES  
 NO

**35**  
**PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS. USE OF PRIVATE CONTRACTORS FOR ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE.** Amends constitution eliminating existing restrictions on state, local contracting with private entities for engineering, architectural services; contracts awarded by competitive selection; bidding permitted, not required. Fiscal Impact: Unknown impact on state spending for architectural and engineering services and construction project delivery. Actual impact will depend on how the state uses the contracting flexibility under the proposition.

- YES  
 NO

**36**  
**DRUGS. PROBATION AND TREATMENT PROGRAM. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Requires probation and drug treatment, not incarceration, for possession, use, transportation of controlled substances and similar parole violations, except sale or manufacture. Authorizes dismissal of charges after completion of treatment. Fiscal Impact: Net annual savings of \$100 million to \$150 million to the state and about \$40 million to local governments. Potential avoidance of one-time capital outlay costs to the state of \$450 million to \$550 million.

- YES  
 NO

**37**  
**FEES. VOTE REQUIREMENTS. TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Requires two-thirds vote of State Legislature, majority or two-thirds of local electorate to impose future state, local fees on activity to study or mitigate its environmental, societal or economic effects. Defines such fees as taxes except property, development, certain other fees. Fiscal Impact: Unknown, potentially significant, reduction in future state and local government revenues from making it more difficult to approve certain regulatory charges.

- YES  
 NO

**38**  
**SCHOOL VOUCHERS. STATE-FUNDED PRIVATE AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Authorizes annual state payments of at least \$4000 per pupil for private/religious schools. Permits replacement of current constitutional public school funding formula. Fiscal Impact: Near-term state costs from zero to \$1.1 billion annually. Long-term state impact from \$2 billion in annual costs to \$3 billion in annual savings, depending on how many public school students shift to private schools.

- YES  
 NO

**39**  
**SCHOOL FACILITIES. 55% LOCAL VOTE. BONDS, TAXES. ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE.** Authorizes bonds for repair, construction or replacement of school facilities, classrooms, if approved by 55% local vote. Fiscal Impact: Increased bond debt for many school districts. Long-term costs statewide could total in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Potential longer-term state savings to the extent school districts assume greater responsibility for funding school facilities.

- YES  
 NO

## SCHOOL

### COLLEGE OF THE SEQUIOIAS Bond Measure O

To provide greater access to the College of the Sequoias' educational opportunities by building two full-service educational centers including a Center for Agricultural Science and Technology, repair and renovate classrooms and facilities, provide handicapped access, give students increased access to computers for job training, build and acquire new classrooms and facilities, build a new Science Center and expand support facilities, shall the College of the Sequoias issue \$49.2 million of bonds at interest rates below the legal limit?

- BONDS YES  
 BONDS NO

## DISTRICT

### TULARE COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT # 1 (ALPAUGH) Tax Measure R

Shall the Tulare County Waterworks District # 1 (Alpaugh) be authorized to levy an annual special tax in the maximum amount of \$120.00 on each parcel of land within the boundaries of the District for the purpose of constructing water system improvements, including, but not limited to, replacing water pipelines, increasing water system pressure and fire flow, to provide water services to the residents of Tulare County Waterworks District # 1 (Alpaugh) and to repeal the existing \$70.00 per inhabited parcel charge? The annual special tax shall not be increased above \$120.00 on each parcel without a two-thirds vote of the voters in the District.

- YES  
 NO



**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL  
MEASURE R**

If two-thirds of those voting on the measure vote in favor, the Tulare County Waterworks District #1 (Alpaugh) will be authorized to levy an annual special tax in a maximum amount not to exceed \$120 upon each parcel of land within the District and to use the funds collected for the following purposes:

- (a) To pay the cost and expenses of maintaining, operating, extending and repairing the waterworks of the District;
- (b) To pay the annual payments for any bond indebtedness, if any, for capital improvements to the waterworks of the District.

The construction of water system improvements would include, but not be limited to, replacing water pipelines, increasing water system pressure and fire flow, and to provide water services to the residents of Tulare County Waterworks District #1 (Alpaugh).

Approval of this annual special tax would repeal the existing \$70.00 per inhabited parcel charge. The annual special tax could not be increased above \$120.00 on each parcel without a two-thirds vote of the voters in the District. The revenues collected from the special tax could be used only for the services for which it was imposed, and for no other purpose. The special tax would be collected in the same manner and subject to the same penalty as, or with, taxes levied and collected by the County of Tulare.

This special tax must be submitted for voter approval pursuant to Proposition 218, "the Right to Vote on Taxes Act." If approved by two-thirds of those voting, the District special tax is authorized by section 55701 of the California Water Code.

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**TAX RATE STATEMENT  
MEASURE R**

An election will be held in the Tulare County Waterworks District No. 1 (hereinafter referred to as "Alpaugh" or "District") at the general statewide election to be held on November 7, 2000, for the purpose of authorizing an annual special tax in the amount of \$120 on each parcel within the boundaries of Alpaugh. **The tax will be on each parcel, not each lot. If there are multiple lots on one parcel, the parcel will pay only \$120 per year.** The special tax will be used for the purpose of acquiring water improvements, including but not limited to replacing water pipelines, increasing water pressure and fire flow, and provide water services to the residents of Alpaugh. Alpaugh has applied to Rural Utilities Services for a federal grant and loan monies to replace nearly all of the water lines in the community and for additional storage capacity. This will greatly improve water pressure in the community and in the event of a fire provide additional water and water pressure to the fire department. The estimated cost of the improvements is \$1,200,000. In discussions with the Rural Utilities Services for the grant and loan, the Board of Directors has been informed that Alpaugh should receive at least 55 percent in grant monies, and possibly up to 75 percent with the balance to be a loan. The interest rate on the loan will be approximately 4.5%, and the monies from the parcel tax will be used to pay the principal and interest on the loan. The District has also applied to the State of California for state grants and loans for the water system improvements, and will attempt to maximum the amount of grants from federal and state sources, and minimize the loan portion that needs to be repaid by the residents of Alpaugh.

In compliance with Elections Code Sections 9400-9404 the following information is submitted:

1. The special tax will be \$120 per parcel on each parcel within the boundaries of Alpaugh. **The special tax cannot be increased without an election of the voters of Alpaugh approving the increased amount by a two-thirds vote.** There is no automatic increase in special tax for inflation. The Board may, in its sole discretion, decrease the special tax in any fiscal year.
2. The special tax will be used for the above loan and for any additional capital improvements to the waterworks system. This includes general operation and maintenance expenses of the District to operate and maintain the water system, and to comply with all federal and state regulations.
3. The special tax will replace the annual water user fee of \$70 per landowner for water hookups to the District.

The special tax will require approval of two-thirds of the voters voting in the special election. The estimates of the capital improvements are not binding on the District. The actual timing of any bond sales and the amount of the bonds to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and the then-applicable debt limit. The actual interest rates on the bonds will be based on the tax-exempt interest rates at the time of the sale of the bonds.

s/ Sandra Meraz  
President  
Tulare County Waterworks District # 1 (Alpaugh)

