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County Supervisors Weigh in on State Legislative Measures
*Majority Opposes Amendment to State Constitution to Eliminate the Right of Same Sex
Couples to Marry in California*

SAN JOSE-CALIF.—Today, the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors voted on a series of measures that will be on the state ballot in November. The Board's position on the following three measures was unanimous:

- **Proposition 3 – Children's Hospital Bond Act.** The Board unanimously supports Proposition 3, a measure to generate \$980 million to improve and expand eligible Children's Hospitals around the state.
- **Proposition 7 – Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008.** The Board unanimously opposes Proposition 7, a measure which would require all electricity providers, including municipal utilities, to procure electricity from solar and clean energy sources in the following timeframes: 20 percent by 2010; 40 percent by 2020; and 50 percent by 2025. However, the measure does not address barriers to renewable development, such as transmission infrastructure that need extensive improvement to get the electricity from the power facilities to consumers.
- **Proposition 12 – Veteran's Housing Bond Measure.** The Board unanimously supports Proposition 12, a measure which would authorize \$900 million for the CalVet Home Loan program. The program buys homes, farms, and mobile homes and sells them to wartime veterans through low interest mortgages. The interest paid on the loans covers the principal and interest costs of the bonds and the administrative expenses of the program. The loans are available to retired and active duty personnel; however, there is an occupancy requirement for the program. The maximum loan amount is \$521,250.

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The Board voted 4-1 on the following measures:

- **Proposition 4 – Waiting Period and Parental Notification before Termination of a Minor’s Pregnancy.** The majority of the Board voted to oppose Proposition 4; (Gage dissented). Proposition 4 would amend the California Constitution to prohibit unemancipated minors from obtaining an abortion until 48-hours after a physician notifies one of the minor’s parent/guardian, except in cases of medical emergency or with a parental waiver. The measure would mandate reporting requirements and make physicians in violation of the law liable for damages in a civil action.
- **Proposition 8 – California Marriage Protection Act.** The majority of the Board voted to oppose Proposition 8; (Gage dissented). Proposition 8, the California Marriage Protection Act, would amend the State Constitution to eliminate the right of same sex couples to marry in California. The measure is in response to the California Supreme Court decision which concluded that prohibiting same gender marriages deprive same-gender couples from receiving equal treatment under the law as it relates to marriage.
- **Proposition 10 – California Renewable Energy and Clean Alternative Fuel Act.** The majority of the Board voted to support Proposition 10; (McHugh dissented). Proposition 10 would authorize the State to sell \$5 billion in General Obligation bonds for various renewable energy, alternative fuel, energy efficiency, and air emissions reduction purposes. The primary uses of the bond money would be to provide financial incentives (1) to reduce the consumer cost of alternative fuel vehicle purchases and (2) for research, design, development, and deployment of renewable electricity generating technology. The uses of the bonds funds outlined in Proposition 10 are consistent with the Board’s Legislative Policies related to energy, specifically to support incentives to encourage the development and use of all alternative energy sources and the provision of rebates for vehicle emission reduction technologies, hybrid, fuel cell, and natural gas vehicles.

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