

The 2016 Proposition Song

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A B
Oh, we're having an election, November 8's the day.
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There's 17 propositions, come vote and have your say.
A B
Prop 51's the first one, nine billion in school bonds
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52 deals with state hospital fees and Medi-Cal matching funds.
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Prop 53 requires should the state want revenue bonds
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to first ask California voters for their permission.
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If we pass Prop 54, the public gets to see
E7 A
all legislative meetings and more bill transparency.
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In twenty-twelve the voters passed Prop 30 which requires
E7 A
A state income tax increase that's ready to expire.
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Prop 55 extends those tax increases twelve more years
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Without it extra funds for schools would disappear.
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Prop 56 would enact a new tobacco tax
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If it passes smokers pay two more bucks per pack.
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Prop 57's next, and it deals with crime
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If it's passed, non-violent offenders could do much less time.
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Remember back in '98 when voters they did pass
E7 A
Prop 227 which requires English-only classes?
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Prop 58 amends that law and if passed would instead
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let parents and local schools decide which method they think's best.
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Next we have an advisory vote, if we pass Prop 59
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We're saying that we don't agree with Citizens United
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And lawmakers should enact new laws to regulate
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Corporate donations on behalf of candidates.
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 Prop 60 is about safe sex and if we think there oughta be
 E7 A
 Requirements for participants in the adult film industry.
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 Prop 61's 'bout drug pricing and seeks to regulate
 E7 A
 the amount spent when prescription drugs are purchased by the state.
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 Some think capital punishment's wrong, some don't take this view
 E7 A
 The state's death penalty's repealed if we pass Prop 62.
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 Supporters of gun owners' rights don't like Prop 63
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 Proponents say vote yes to support more firearms safety.
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 Proposition 64 asks voters if we oughta
 E7 A
 Regulate, tax and legalize marijuana.
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 Prop 65 is sponsored by the plastics industry
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 if passed, grocers will not pocket carry-out bag fees.
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 The money would instead go toward state wildlife conservation
 E7 A
 opponents say the true goal here is mass voter confusion.
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 Next we have another prop 'bout the death penalty
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 And this didn't happen accidentally.
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 Unlike Prop 62, 66 would not repeal
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 instead, if passed, those sentenced to death have less time to appeal.

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 We've come to the last measure, this one's a referendum
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 it seeks to nullify a law, it's called Prop 67
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 Well, just a few years back lawmakers passed a plastic bag ban
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 Vote yes on 67 if you think that's a good plan.

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 You don't have to vote on every prop. See, voting's not a test
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 Just remember to vote my friends, and try to do your best.

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 If you want more information, just log yourself online
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There's a whole lot more at Calvoter-dot-org, we're open all the time!