



California Initiative Editorial Scorecard

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Endorsements from the Top 22 California Papers

| Publication | 1 Abortion | 26 Gaming | 27 Gaming | 28 Education | 29 Dialysis | 30 Taxes | 31 Tobacco |
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| Los Angeles Times | YES | NO | NO | YES | NO | NO | YES |
| Mercury News* | YES | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO | YES |
| Sacramento Bee** | YES | NO | NO | YES | NO | NO | YES |
| Orange County Register*** | | NO | NO | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| East Bay Times* | YES | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO | YES |
| San Francisco Chronicle | YES | NO | NO | YES | NO | YES | YES |
| Fresno Bee** | YES | NO | NO | YES | NO | NO | YES |
| San Diego Union-Tribune | YES | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO |
| La Opinion | YES | | NO | | NO | YES | |
| The Press-Enterprise*** | | NO | NO | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| The Record - Stockton | | | | | | | |
| San Gabriel Tribune*** | | NO | NO | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| The Daily Breeze*** | | NO | NO | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| Modesto Bee** | YES | | | YES | NO | NO | YES |
| Los Angeles Daily News*** | | NO | NO | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| The Santa Rosa Press Democrat | YES | NO | NO | YES | NO | NO | YES |
| Long Beach Press-Telegram*** | | NO | NO | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*** | | NO | NO | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| San Bernardino Sun*** | | NO | NO | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| The Desert Sun | | NO | NO | YES | NO | | |
| Chico Enterprise-Record | | NO | NO | | NO | NO | YES |
| Bakersfield Californian | YES | YES | NO | NO | NO | NO | YES |

*The Mercury News and East Bay Times share a common editorial board

**The Sacramento Bee, Fresno Bee, and Modesto Bee share a common editorial board

***The Orange County Register, the Press-Enterprise, the San Gabriel Tribune, The Daily Breeze, the Los Angeles Daily News, the Long Beach Press-Telegram, the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, and San Bernardino Sun share a common editorial board

Editorial Endorsements (pro or con) have been a leading indicator of success at the ballot.

- **Of the 10 measures on the 2016 ballot** with a majority of editorials in favor, only one failed to pass (Prop 62, repeal death penalty); out of the seven measures with a majority of editorials against, only three passed.
- **Of the 11 initiatives on the 2018 ballot**, each of the four measures endorsed by a majority of leading newspapers was approved by voters. Of the seven initiatives opposed by most leading newspapers, only two were approved by California voters. The remaining five were defeated.
- **Of the 12 measures on the 2020 ballot**, voters were aligned with the majority of newspaper endorsements seven times. Of the four initiatives endorsed by most leading newspapers, only two were approved by voters. Five of the eight measures with a majority of editorials against were defeated.

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