

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following circulating title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure: **(17-0034) REQUIRES THAT PROCEEDS OF BONDS OR TAXES APPROVED BY THE VOTERS BE SPENT ON THE SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR USES APPROVED BY THE VOTERS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Prohibits state and local governments and special districts from spending proceeds of bonds or taxes approved by the voters for any purposes other than those provided in the measure authorizing those bonds or taxes. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Potentially less state and local fiscal flexibility over the use of bond proceeds and tax revenue, depending upon future decisions made by elected officials, the courts, and the voters.**

To the Honorable Secretary of State of California:

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of the county identified herein, hereby propose amendments to the California Constitution, relating to voter-approved taxes and bond funds, and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to that general election or as otherwise provided by law. The proposed constitutional amendments (full title and text of the measure) read as follows:

SECTION 1. Statement of Findings and Declaration of Purpose

- A. Whereas, the State Legislature and local governments and districts often ask voters to increase tax rates or approve bonds to fund specific projects or uses, and
- B. Whereas, voters need assurance that revenues raised from tax and bond funds they approve is spent as originally intended by the voters, and not diverted or borrowed for other purposes; therefore,
- C. We the voters of the State of California hereby adopt the Voter Protection Act of 2018.

SECTION 2. Voter Protection Act of 2018

Section 11.5 of Article II of the Constitution is added to read:

Sec. 11.5. Revenue raised pursuant to a bond or tax measure approved by voters shall not be diverted by the Legislature, or by a local government, or special district, to any project or fund not expressly delineated in the original measure, if any, and as approved by the voters, unless that measure provides for such diversion of revenue raised.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: THIS PETITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER OR A VOLUNTEER. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK.

THE PROPONENTS OF THIS PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE HAVE THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW THIS PETITION AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE MEASURE QUALIFIES FOR THE BALLOT.

4 EASY STEPS. Follow instructions carefully or signatures will not be valid.

All signers of this petition must be registered to vote in _____ County (or City and County).

SAMPLE	Print Your Name: <u>JOHN DOE</u> Signature As Registered To Vote: <u>John Doe</u>	Residence Address ONLY: <u>123 ANY STREET</u> City: <u>ANYTOWN</u> Zip: <u>90000</u>	This column for official use only
1.	Print Your Name: _____ Signature As Registered To Vote: _____	Residence Address ONLY: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____	
2.	Print Your Name: _____ Signature As Registered To Vote: _____	Residence Address ONLY: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____	

- 1** Fill in County name here.
- 2** Clearly print your name and residence address and sign. You can have another registered voter from the same county sign also.

DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR (To be completed in your own hand after the above signatures have been obtained.)

I, _____, am 18 years of age or older.
(print name)

My residence address is _____, I circulated
(address, city, state, zip)

this section of the petition and witnessed each of the appended signatures being written. Each signature on this petition is, to the best of my information and belief, the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. All signatures on this document were obtained between the dates of _____ and _____.
(month, day, year) (month, day, year)

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, at _____, California.
(month, day) (year) (place of signing)

- 3** Fill in all additional information in blue shaded area.
- URGENT!** You must sign a second time here as circulator. All signatures are invalid if you fail to sign as a circulator.
- 4**

MUST BE SIGNED HERE ALSO

Complete signature indicating full name of circulator (May be repeat of name on petition)