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Voters Approve Nearly \$15 Billion in Local Bonds

While most political spectators spent election night monitoring the state races for Governor and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, along with the national election that drew wide speculation that the Democrats would take control of the House of Representatives, voters in California passed a collection of local bonds (two-thirds vote General Obligation [GO] bonds, Proposition 39, and School Facility Improvement District [SFID]), totaling \$14.8 billion. The most notable bond to pass was San Diego Unified School District's \$3.5 billion measure, which includes a \$588 million set-aside for regional charter school facilities.

November 6, 2018, Local Bond Election Results					
	Total Number of Measures on Ballot	Pass	Passage Rate	Fail	Approved Amount (in millions)
Proposition 39 (55%) GO Bonds	100	82	82%	18	\$13,779.6
Two-thirds-Vote GO Bonds	6	2	33%	4	\$204.0
SFID (55%)	6	5	83%	1	\$831.1
Parcel Taxes	14	9	64%	5	—

Although San Diego Unified School District secured the largest local bond, the Proposition 39 bonds with the largest approval margins are the Westside Elementary School District's \$3.5 million bond and the Baldwin Park Unified School District's \$69 million bond, respectively securing 90.0% and 77.0% approval. While results remain preliminary, 14 local bond and parcel tax outcomes are within a two-point margin of either passing or failing.

Heading into the election, districts feared that new ballot language requirements contained in Assembly Bill (AB) 195 (Chapter 105/2017) would impair their ability to pass the bonds they need to meet their student housing needs. In the aggregate, some may argue that these fears were unwarranted; however, we know that voter tolerance for taxing themselves is not equally distributed across the state. Consequently, the impact of AB 195 may have been and will likely be felt differently depending on local conditions.

Precincts have 28 days from Election Day to certify results. Click [here](#) to view the list of the local measures that were on the ballot.