

### Overview:

As of June 1, eight statewide ballot propositions have been certified for the 2016 November ballot.

While the Legislature has the authority to refer issues to the ballot, California allows measures to be placed on the ballot through citizen-led initiatives. This year is expected to be a record-setting year for citizen-initiatives. Due to low voter turnout in 2014 resulting in the lowest initiative signature requirements the state has seen since 1982, voters could decide a large number of ballot measures in November 2016. According to the Los Angeles Times, between funding signature gathering efforts and campaigning, more than \$452 million will be spent directly on ballot measures in California in 2016.

### Pending Signature Verification:

To qualify an initiative for the election ballot in November 2016, petitioners needed to submit signatures early enough to allow for verification before a deadline on July 8, 2016. The California Secretary of State recommended submitting signatures by the end of April 2016 to ensure signature validation is completed before this deadline. As of June 1, 2016, the following petitions were submitted and pending signature verification:

- California Death Penalty Repeal
- California "Safety for All" Gun Control Initiative
- California Legislature Transparency Amendment
- Adult Use of Marijuana Act Initiative
- California Hospital Executive Compensation Limit Initiative
- California Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare Initiative (**Prop 30 Extension**)
- California Death Penalty Reform and Savings Initiative
- California Environmental Fee Protection Initiative
- California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Amendment
- California Parole, Early Release and Juvenile Trial Reform Initiative

In California, the number of signatures needed to qualify a measure for the ballot is based on the total number of votes cast for the office of Governor. In 2016, this means that initiated constitutional amendments will need 585,407 signatures and statutes and veto referendums will need 365,880 signatures.

### Qualified Initiatives:

Several initiatives have already qualified for the November ballot. These include:

Title	Description
Medi-Cal Hospital Reimbursement Initiative	Requires voter approval of changes to the hospital fee program
Multilingual Education Act	Repeals Prop 227 of 1998, thus allowing for bilingual education in public schools
Plastic Bag Ban Referendum	Ratifies SB 270, thus prohibiting plastic single-use carryout bags
Public Vote on Bonds Initiative	Requires voter approval for projects that cost more than \$2 billion funded by revenue bonds
<b>Public Education Facilities Bond Initiative</b>	Authorizes issuance and sale of \$9 billion in bonds for education and schools
Condoms in Pornographic Films Initiative	Requires the use of condoms in all pornographic films featuring sexual intercourse produced in California
"Drug Price Relief Act" Initiative	Prohibits state agencies from paying more for a prescription drug than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs