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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #14210

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Jennifer Luckie-Bratt
Translations Coordinator

RE: General Election: Final Ballot Labels

Attached are the final ballot labels for Propositions 2 and 45 through 48. The translations of the ballot labels will be forwarded separately.

Please note that Proposition 43 has been removed from the ballot by Assembly Bill 1471, Chapter 188 of the Statutes of 2014. Chapter 188 also created Proposition 1, which will be on the ballot and in a supplemental Voter Information Guide. Chapter 188 can be viewed at http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140AB1471&search_keywords=.

As was discussed in [CC/ROV # 14206](#), issued on August 12, 2014, Proposition 44 has been renumbered to Proposition 2 by Senate Bill 867, Chapter 186 of the Statutes of 2014, and the California Supreme Court has ordered that Proposition 49 be removed from the November 4, 2014, General Election ballot completely.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by email at jennifer.luckie-bratt@sos.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 651-3734.

BALLOT LABEL

STATE BUDGET. BUDGET STABILIZATION ACCOUNT. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires annual transfer of state general fund revenues to budget stabilization account. Requires half the revenues be used to repay state debts. Limits use of remaining funds to emergencies or budget deficits. Fiscal Impact: Long-term state savings from faster payment of existing debts. Different levels of state budget reserves, depending on economy and decisions by elected officials. Smaller local reserves for some school districts.

BALLOT LABEL

HEALTHCARE INSURANCE. RATE CHANGES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Requires Insurance Commissioner's approval before health insurer can change its rates or anything else affecting the charges associated with health insurance. Provides for public notice, disclosure, and hearing, and subsequent judicial review. Exempts employer large group health plans. Fiscal Impact: Increased state administrative costs to regulate health insurance, likely not exceeding the low millions of dollars annually in most years, funded from fees paid by health insurance companies.

BALLOT LABEL

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OF DOCTORS. MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE LAWSUITS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires drug testing of doctors. Requires review of statewide prescription database before prescribing controlled substances. Increases \$250,000 pain/suffering cap in medical negligence lawsuits for inflation. Fiscal Impact: State and local government costs from raising the cap on medical malpractice damages ranging from tens of millions to several hundred million dollars annually, offset to some extent by savings from requirements on health care providers.

BALLOT LABEL

CRIMINAL SENTENCES. MISDEMEANOR PENALTIES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Requires misdemeanor sentence instead of felony for certain drug and property offenses. Inapplicable to persons with prior conviction for serious or violent crime and registered sex offenders. Fiscal Impact: State and county criminal justice savings potentially in the high hundreds of millions of dollars annually. State savings spent on school truancy and dropout prevention, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and victim services.

BALLOT LABEL

INDIAN GAMING COMPACTS. REFERENDUM. A “Yes” vote approves, and a “No” vote rejects, tribal gaming compacts between the state and the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians and the Wiyot Tribe. Fiscal Impact: One-time payments (\$16 million to \$35 million) and for 20 years annual payments (\$10 million) from Indian tribes to state and local governments to address costs related to the operation of a new casino.