



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA

RECOMMENDS

March 3, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

Prop 13 - Bonds for Schools and Colleges

YES

Proposition 13 would authorize \$15 billion for construction and modernization of school and college facilities in California. It includes \$9 billion for preschool and K-12 schools and \$6 billion for California's public higher education system. The funds will be split evenly among the 114 community colleges, the 23-campus California State University and the 10 campuses of the University of California.

This measure addresses a number of equity-related issues in the School Facilities Program, provides technical support for smaller school districts, and sets aside money to test for and remove lead from school drinking water. Notably, for the first time in California's history, a state bond measure makes funding available for school district-run preschools and requires school districts to submit a five-year facility master plan as a condition of receiving bond funding.

All children in California deserve school facilities in good repair and equipped to provide students with a 21st century education. California's schools are aging and need critical upgrades to meet current health and safety standards. Chronic underfunding leaves most public-school communities unable to adequately address their needs, increasing the danger of greater disparities among them. This measure would supplement local bond funds and includes provisions that prioritize aid to districts with lower local resources or greater need.

No single facilities bond measure can meet the needs of public-school facilities infrastructure. Instead, a series of bond measures, with requirements for local matching funds and provisions to assist poorer districts, is needed. It has been four years since the last statewide facilities bond was passed by the voters.

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