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CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS DATA ARCHIVE

INTRODUCTION

The California Elections Data Archive (CEDA) is a joint project of the Center for California Studies and the Institute for Social Research, both of California State University, Sacramento and the office of the California Secretary of State. The purpose of CEDA is to provide researchers, citizens, public agencies and other interested parties with a single repository of local election data. With over 6,000 local jurisdictions in California, the task of monitoring local elections is nearly impossible for individuals. CEDA addresses this problem through the creation of a single, cost-effective and easily accessible source of local election data. CEDA includes both candidate and ballot measure results for county, city, community college, and school district elections throughout the State. CEDA thus represents the only comprehensive repository of local election results in California.

Election data are collected periodically throughout the year. This enables CEDA to incorporate results from special elections as well as all regularly scheduled elections. Election results from counties, cities, and community college and school districts are entered in the CEDA database from which three standard CEDA reports are generated. These reports include:

- County Elections: Candidates, ballot designations, and vote totals for all elected county offices; vote totals and text for county ballot measures.
- City Elections: Candidates, ballot designations, and vote totals for all elected city offices; vote totals and text for all city ballot measures.
- Community College and School District Elections: Candidates, ballot designations, and vote totals for all elective community college and school district offices; vote totals and text for all district ballot measures.

Ballot measures for all jurisdictions are coded according to type (e.g., charter amendment, bond measure, initiative, etc.) and to subject (e.g., taxes, education, public safety, governance, etc.).

THE CENTER FOR CALIFORNIA STUDIES

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CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

The Secretary of State is, among other duties, California's chief elections officer with the responsibility of administering the provisions of the Elections Code. The Secretary must compile state election returns and issue certificates of election to winning candidates; compile the returns and certify the results of initiative and referendum elections; certify acts delayed by referendum and prepare and file a statement of vote. Recent legislation permits but does not mandate that the Secretary of State compile local election results.

1997 ELECTION DATA

California local governments conducted a total of 118 elections with 2841 separate races (candidates and measures) in 1997. Although March, June and November accounted for three-fourths of all elections, at least one was held in each month. Forty-four of the 58 counties held candidate elections or presented ballot measures for voter consideration during this off-year. The counties not participating were nearly all rural and northern counties. Los Angeles and San Mateo counties were most active, holding eight and seven elections respectively.

The implementation of Proposition 218, "The Right to Vote on Taxes Act," approved by the voters in November of 1996, determined the content of many city and county ballot measures. Among other things, Proposition 218 placed greater restrictions on local government's ability to impose taxes and property-related fees and assessments. It further required that any tax increase enacted by local governments after January 1, 1995 had to be submitted to voters for approval within two years of the July 1 implementation date. As a result, many local governments submitted ballot measures seeking voter approval to maintain previously existing services.

For example, to comply with Proposition 218, the city of Riverside asked voters to approve a business license tax increase that had been in effect since 1995. Cities in Alameda County presented Proposition 218 related measures and gained voter approval to maintain six existing assessments and special taxes relating to emergency fire and medical response services. However, voters in the city of Inglewood defeated four measures that would have maintained previously increased taxes.

BALLOT MEASURES

In 1997 a total of 342 county, city, school and community college district measures were placed on ballots in 45 counties. Like 1995, school district and city measures predominated, with the former accounting for 174 of all measures (51%), followed by 144 city (42%) and 24 county initiatives (7%).

The pass rate (60%) was virtually identical to that observed in 1995 (61%). Gann Limit measures were the only ones to fail more often than they passed. In contrast to 1995, even bonds and tax initiatives had positive pass/fail ratios. Perhaps reflecting Proposition 218, bonds and tax measures dominated the ballot initiatives in 1997, making up two-thirds of all measures. They constituted less than half of all initiatives in 1995 (46%). Roughly half (51%) of all ballot measures dealt with education; governance issues were a distant second (13%) and general services third (10%). While four out of the five counties with environment-related ballot measures were in southern California (Riverside, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles), transportation measures were confined to northern California and mainly Bay Area counties (San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Yolo).

County Measures. Nine geographically diverse counties presented ballot measures, although over half (14) were on the ballot in San Francisco. Fifteen of the 24 county measures were successful, including 5 bond measures, 4 tax measures, 1 charter amendment and one Gann limitation measure. Topics of approved measures included funding school, college, library and zoo facilities, requiring campaign consultants to register with a city ethics commission, funding highway and stadium development projects, as well as maintaining emergency medical services. The nine failed measures ranged from the construction of an emergency communications system to an increase in the sales tax and a modification of county employee retirement benefits.

City Measures. Voters in 85 cities were presented with a total of 144 city ballot measures. Eighty-three measures (58%) were successful while 61 failed (42%). Tax measures, charter amendments and recall elections were the most common issues voted on by city voters, accounting for 87% of all city ballot measures. City voters approved half of the tax measures (35 of 70), 24 of 27 charter amendments (88%), and 15 of 28 recall attempts (54%). Cities in Los Angeles County accounted for nearly a quarter of all city measures, including 19 tax measures; only 7 of these were successful (36%). In contrast, cities in Alameda County were more than twice as successful at passing tax measures, with 10 of 12 tax measures approved (83%).

School Measures. School and community college districts fielded 174 measures, including 118 bond measures (68%), 23 tax measures (13%), 18 Gann limit initiatives (10%), 13 recalls (7%), and 2 miscellaneous measures (1%). Voters approved 108 school district measures (62%), considerably more than they approved in 1995 (51%). Bond measures, which require two-thirds of the vote for passage, were successful nearly 60% of the time, as 70 of 118 such measures were approved. An overwhelming percentage of bond measures that failed were supported by a majority of the voters (87%, or 42 of the 48 defeated measures), but fell short of the two-thirds required for passage. Districts in Los Angeles County used bond measures primarily to raise revenue for repair, renovation, and acquisition of needed facilities. In addition to bond measures, 16 of 23 of tax measures (69%) were approved. Nearly half of the Gann limitation measures were approved, and 12 out of 13 school board members were successfully recalled.

CANDIDATE ELECTIONS

In 1997, California voters elected 1,172 public officials from a total of 2,498 candidates. School board races dominated this off-year election, outnumbering city races by almost 4 to 1. Only five

county seats needed to be filled, four of which were open seats. Non-incumbent candidates filled all five seats. This was clearly the exception rather than the rule. In city and school board elections, it was more difficult to succeed as a challenger than as an incumbent: three-fourths of the incumbents won, while two-thirds of the challengers lost.

City races. A total of 263 city council seats in 109 incorporated cities were filled by elections in 1997. City council races attracted 643 candidates of whom 149 were incumbents (23%) and 494 were challengers (77%). Incumbents won re-election 79% of the time and accounted for 44% of all successful city council candidates (117 of 263). However, 53 of the city council seats were open seats, and a total of 146 challengers (56%) were elected. Mayoral races totaled 24 city contests with 11 incumbents winning re-election. Other city contests included treasurer and attorney where every incumbent won re-election. Incumbent city clerks were only slightly less successful than fellow office-holders, winning re-election a mere 92% of the time.

School District Races. In 314 school and community college districts, voters were presented with a total of 1,729 candidates. Incumbents were outnumbered two to one in school board and community college district races, yet 73% of all incumbent candidates won re-election.

TRENDS

Four years of data collection allow some cautious description of short-term trends. The meaning and stability of these changes in voter behavior, however, are harder to discern. First, 1996 and 1997 saw a marked increase in the number of ballot measures submitted to the voters. More than twice as many measures appeared on 1996 ballots compared with 1994 and a third more were voted on in 1997 than voters dealt with in 1995. Ballot measures are more frequent in the even years, less frequent in the odd-numbered ones. Bonds are more apt to be included in the odd numbered years; they made up a little over a third of all measures in both 1995 and 1997, but only 10 – 11% in 1994 and 1996. Tax measures have constituted an increasing percentage of ballot measures, beginning with 10% and 14% in 1995 and 1994 and ending with 25% and 29% in 1996 and 1997.

Education-related measures are much more common in the odd-numbered years, making up roughly half of all measures in 1995 and 1997, but only 13 – 15% of all measures in 1994 and 1996. In contrast, governance issues are more common in even-numbered years – making up roughly 40% of all measures in 1994 and 1996 – and less common in the odd-numbered years (25% and 13% in 1995 and 1997 respectively).

Bond measures have become increasingly successful at the polls. In 1994, a third of these measures passed, in 1995 almost half (47%); in both 1996 and 1997, 59% of all bond measures were approved by voters. A similar, though less dramatic shift, occurred with tax measures. With pass rates in the 35% to 44% range during 1994 – 1996, over half (56%) of all tax measures were approved in 1997.

The success of bond measures may be partially explained by their tie to education. Pass rates for education-related measures have gone up from 53% in 1994/95 to 63 – 67% in 1996/97.

The tide also turned on Gann limit initiatives. Although few were introduced in 1995 and 1996 (4 and 6 respectively), almost all passed. In 1997, 29 appeared on the state's ballots and less than four in ten passed (38%).

1997 COUNTY, CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION DATES BY COUNTY

	No ELECTIONS	Election Dates																								
		1/14	1/28	2/4	2/11	2/25	3/4	3/18	4/1	4/8	4/15	4/22	5/6	5/13	6/3	6/24	7/1	7/15	7/22	8/12	8/19	9/16	9/23	11/4	11/25	12/9
Alameda						3								3										3		
Alpine	3																									
Amador	3																									
Butte						3						3		3										3		
Calaveras														3										3		
Colusa																							3			
Contra Costa											3										3			3		
Del Norte	3																									
El Dorado														3		3								3		
Fresno																							3			
Glenn																						3				
Humboldt						3																	3			
Imperial						3								3						3			3			
Inyo	3																									
Kern																							3			
Kings						3																	3			
Lake						3																	3			
Lassen																									3	
Los Angeles					3	3		3	3	3			3	3									3			
Madera						3																	3			
Marin						3																	3			
Mariposa	3																									
Mendocino						3																	3			
Merced																							3			
Modoc	3																									
Mono	3																									
Monterey		3				3								3						3			3			
Napa						3								3												
Nevada						3								3									3			

1997 ELECTION SERIES SUMMARY:
ELECTION OUTCOMES FOR
COUNTY, CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALLOT MEASURES AND CANDIDATES

TABLE A SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FOR ALL COUNTY, CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT MEASURES BY TYPE OF MEASURE AND COUNTY, 1997

	BONDS*		CHARTER AMENDMENT		ADVISORY		INITIATIVE		GANN LIMIT		ORDINANCE		TAXES		RECALL		ALL MEASURES		
	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	TOTAL
Alameda	3	0											13	3	0	1	16	4	20
Butte	0	2	0	1	1	0									1	0	2	3	5
Calaveras	2	1															2	1	3
Contra Costa	2	1	1	0			1	0	3	0			2	2	0	1	9	4	13
El Dorado	1	0											2	0			3	0	3
Fresno	3	3													2	0	5	3	8
Glenn									1	0							1	0	1
Humboldt	0	1							0	6			3	0			3	7	10
Imperial	1	3											0	1			1	4	5
Kings	2	0							0	4			0	1			2	5	7
Lake													1	0			1	0	1
Lassen									1	1							1	1	2
Los Angeles	11	9	7	0					1	0			8	12	3	5	30	26	56
Madera	1	1															1	1	2
Marin	1	0											7	1	1	0	9	1	10
Mendocino	2	0													3	0	5	0	5
Monterey	0	3											0	2			0	5	5
Napa	1	0	7	0													8	0	8
Nevada							0	1					2	0			2	1	3
Orange			0	1	1	0							0	2			1	3	4
Placer	0	2											1	0			1	2	3
Riverside	0	1	3	0			1	0					4	4	1	0	9	5	14

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	BONDS*		CHARTER AMENDMENT		ADVISORY		INITIATIVE		GANN LIMIT		ORDINANCE		TAXES		RECALL		ALL MEASURES		
	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	TOTAL
Sacramento	2	2															2	2	4
San Bernardino	0	4					1	0	1	0			0	1	0	1	2	6	8
San Diego	5	3	0	1											1	1	6	5	11
San Francisco	4	2	1	3											4	0	9	5	14
San Joaquin	0	1															0	1	1
San Luis Obispo	1	0											1	0			2	0	2
San Mateo	7	0							0	4			4	4	3	1	14	9	23
Santa Barbara	2	0											1	0	1	0	4	0	4
Santa Clara	5	0	6	0			1	0			1	0	0	2	3	0	16	2	18
Shasta	0	4															0	4	4
Siskiyou	1	0							0	2			0	1			1	3	4
Solano	3	1					0	1									3	2	5
Sonoma	4	0											5	6	3	0	12	6	18
Stanislaus	1	2											1	0	3	2	5	4	9
Tulare	1	2					1	0	4	0					2	1	8	3	11
Ventura	9	3							0	1			0	1			9	5	14
Yolo	1	1											0	1	0	1	1	3	4
All Counties	76	52	25	6	2	0	5	2	11	18	1	0	55	44	31	14	206	136	342

*GO Bonds accounted for 122 of the 128 bond measures. Other Bond types included: revenue (4), authorize expenditure (1), and other (1).

TABLE B SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FOR ALL COUNTY, CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT MEASURES BY TOPIC OF MEASURE AND COUNTY, 1997

	EDUCATION		LAND USE		PUBLIC SAFETY		GOVERNANCE		ENVIRONMENT		TRANSPORTATION		PUBLIC FACILITIES		GENERAL SERVICES		WATER USE/SERVICE		OTHER		ALL MEASURES		
	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	TOTAL
Alameda	5	1			0	1							0	1	11	1					16	4	20
Butte	1	2					0	1							1	0					2	3	5
Calaveras	2	1																			2	1	3
Contra Costa	6	0	0	1			1	0	0	1			1	0	0	2			1	0	9	4	13
El Dorado	1	0													2	0					3	0	3
Fresno	4	3																1	0		5	3	8
Glenn	1	0																			1	0	1
Humboldt	1	5					0	2							2	0					3	7	10
Imperial	1	3											0	1							1	4	5
Kings	2	4			0	1															2	5	7
Lake					1	0															1	0	1
Lassen							1	1													1	1	2
Los Angeles	11	9	0	1	1	1	8	2	1	0			2	1	3	4			4	8	30	26	56
Madera	1	0			0	1															1	1	2
Marin	4	0	1	0											2	0			2	1	9	1	10
Mendocino	5	0																			5	0	5
Monterey	0	4													0	1					0	5	5
Napa	1	0					7	0													8	0	8
Nevada	1	0	0	1	1	0															2	1	3
Orange	1	0					0	1							0	1			0	1	1	3	4
Placer	1	2																			1	2	3

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	EDUCATION		LAND USE		PUBLIC SAFETY		GOVERNANCE		ENVIRONMENT		TRANSPORTATION		PUBLIC FACILITIES		GENERAL SERVICES		WATER USE/SERVICE		OTHER		ALL MEASURES		
	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	TOTAL
Riverside	0	1	2	0	1	1	3	0	1	1			0	1	0	1			2	0	9	5	14
Sacramento	2	2																			2	2	4
San Bernadino	0	4	1	0			1	0											0	2	2	6	8
San Diego	5	4	0	1	1	0															6	5	11
San Francisco	1	0	3	0	0	1	2	1			1	0	1	1			1	1	0	1	9	5	14
San Joaquin	0	1																			0	1	1
San Luis Obispo	1	0															1	0			2	0	2
San Mateo	9	0	3	1	0	1	1	4			0	1			0	1			1	1	14	9	23
Santa Barbara	2	0							1	0									1	0	4	0	4
Santa Clara	7	0	1	0			5	0			1	0	1	0	0	2			1	0	16	2	18
Shasta	0	4																			0	4	4
Siskiyou	1	2											0	1							1	3	4
Solano	2	1	0	1									1	0							3	2	5
Sonoma	11	5	1	0									0	1							12	6	18
Stanislaus	3	2	1	0									0	2					1	0	5	4	9
Tulare	7	2					0	1											1	0	8	3	11
Ventura	9	3					0	1	0	1											9	5	14
Yolo	1	1									0	1			0	1					1	3	4
All Counties	110	66	14	6	5	7	29	14	3	3	2	2	6	9	20	14	2	1	15	14	206	136	342

TABLE C SUMMARY OF ELECTION OUTCOMES FOR ALL COUNTY, CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES, 1997

		County Supervisor		City Council		Other City Offices ¹		School Board Member		Total	
		Percent	<i>N</i>	Percent	<i>N</i>	Percent	<i>N</i>	Percent	<i>N</i>	Percent	<i>N</i>
Incumbent Candidates	Win	0.0	0	78.5	117	92.5	37	73.6	419	75.5	573
	Lose	100.0	1	21.5	32	7.5	3	26.4	150	24.5	186
	Total	100.0	1	100.0	149	100.0	40	100.0	569	100.0	759
Non-Incumbent Candidates	Win	25.0	5	29.6	146	27.7	18	37.1	430	34.4	599
	Lose	75.0	15	70.4	348	72.3	47	62.9	730	65.6	1,140
	Total	100.0	20	100.0	494	100.0	65	100.0	1,160	100.0	1,739
Winning Candidates	Incumbent	0.0	0	44.5	117	67.3	37	49.4	419	48.9	573
	Non-Incumbent	100.0	5	55.5	146	32.7	18	50.6	430	51.1	599
	Total	100.0	5	100.0	263	100.0	55	100.0	849	100.0	1,172
Losing Candidates	Incumbent	6.3	1	8.4	32	6.0	3	17.0	150	14.0	186
	Non-Incumbent	93.8	15	91.6	348	94.0	47	83.0	730	86.0	1,140
	Total	100.0	16	100.0	380	100.0	50	100.0	880	100.0	1,326
All Candidates	Incumbent	4.8	1	23.2	149	38.1	40	32.9	569	30.4	759
	Non-Incumbent	95.2	20	76.8	494	61.9	65	67.1	1,160	69.6	1,739
	Total	100.0	21	100.0	643	100.0	105	100.0	1,729	100.0	2,498

¹ Includes outcomes for San Francisco County/City Attorney and Treasurer.

PART 1
VOTE TOTALS, ELECTION OUTCOMES
AND TEXT FOR COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES

TABLE 1.1 VOTE TOTALS FOR COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES BY COUNTY, 1997

COUNTY	DATE	MEASURE TITLE	TYPE OF MEASURE	TOPIC OF MEASURE	VOTE IN FAVOR	TOTAL VOTE	PERCENT OF VOTE	PASS OR FAIL
ALAMEDA	6/3/97	Measure C	Property Tax	General Services	79,982	98,278	81.4%	Pass ^T
ALPINE	No County Measures							
AMADOR	No County Measures							
BUTTE	No County Measures							
CALAVERAS	No County Measures							
COLUSA	No County Measures							
CONTRA COSTA	No County Measures							
DEL NORTE	No County Measures							
EL DORADO	7/15/97	Measure N	Property Tax	General Services	3	3	100.0%	Pass
		Measure S	Property Tax	General Services	43	48	89.6%	Pass
FRESNO	No County Measures							
GLENN	No County Measures							
HUMBOLDT	No County Measures							
IMPERIAL	8/12/97	Measure J	Sales Tax	Facilities: Communications	3,911	7,904	49.5%	Fail ^T
INYO	No County Measures							
KERN	No County Measures							
KINGS	No County Measures							
LAKE	No County Measures							
LASSEN	11/25/97	Recall 1	Recall	Governance: Recalls	559	1,237	45.2%	Fail
		Recall 5	Recall	Governance: Recalls	766	840	91.2%	Pass
LOS ANGELES	6/3/97	Measure L	Property Tax	Facilities: Libraries	64,739	92,486	70.0%	Pass ^T
MADERA	3/4/97	Measure J	GO Bond	Safety: Jails	4,797	7,316	65.6%	Fail ^T
MARIN	No County Measures							
MARIPOSA	No County Measures							
MENDOCINO	3/4/97	Measure G	Business Tax	Other	9,675	13,123	73.7%	Pass ^T
MERCED	No County Measures							
MODOC	No County Measures							
MONO	No County Measures							
MONTEREY	No County Measures							
NAPA	No County Measures							
NEVADA	No County Measures							

^T Measure required a two-thirds vote to pass. All other county measures required a majority vote.

TABLE 1.1 VOTE TOTALS FOR COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES BY COUNTY, 1997

COUNTY	DATE	MEASURE TITLE	TYPE OF MEASURE	TOPIC OF MEASURE	VOTE IN FAVOR	TOTAL VOTE	PERCENT OF VOTE	PASS OR FAIL
ORANGE	No County Measures							
PLACER	No County Measures							
PLUMAS	No County Measures							
RIVERSIDE	No County Measures							
SACRAMENTO	No County Measures							
SAN BENITO	No County Measures							
SAN BERNARDINO	No County Measures							
SAN DIEGO	No County Measures							
SAN FRANCISCO	6/3/97	Measure A	Revenue Bond	Education: Bonds	116,801	168,465	69.3%	Pass ^T
		Measure B	GO Bond	Facilities: Community Centers	80,234	165,708	48.4%	Fail ^T
		Measure C	GO Bond	Facilities: Zoos	113,190	168,984	67.0%	Pass ^T
		Measure D	Authorize Expenditure	Land Use: Private Projects	87,567	173,612	50.4%	Pass
		Measure E	Charter Amendment	Other: Revenue Use	55,128	148,767	37.1%	Fail
		Measure F	Ordinance	Land Use: Private Projects	87,102	173,004	50.3%	Pass
	11/4/97	Measure A	Revenue Bond	Water Usage/Service	61,259	117,344	52.2%	Fail ^T
		Measure B	Revenue Bond	Water Usage/Service	64,342	117,870	54.6%	Pass
		Measure C	Charter Amendment	Governance: Benefits/Compensation	54,741	111,687	49.0%	Fail
		Measure D	Charter Amendment	Governance: Contracting/Leasing	73,591	108,470	67.8%	Pass
		Measure E	Charter Amendment	Safety	52,218	110,897	47.1%	Fail
		Measure F	Ordinance	Land Use	80,681	118,228	68.2%	Pass
		Measure G	Ordinance	Governance: Political Reform	68,903	113,280	60.8%	Pass
		Measure H	Ordinance	Transport: Roads	64,609	120,663	53.5%	Pass
SAN JOAQUIN	No County Measures							
SAN LUIS OBISPO	No County Measures							
SAN MATEO	No County Measures							
SANTA BARBARA	No County Measures							
SANTA CLARA	No County Measures							
SANTA CRUZ	No County Measures							
SHASTA	No County Measures							
SIERRA	No County Measures							
SISKIYOU	11/4/97	Measure A	Sales Tax	Facilities: Public Works	3,288	9,532	34.5%	Fail ^T
SOLANO	No County Measures							
SONOMA	No County Measures							

TABLE 1.1 VOTE TOTALS FOR COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES BY COUNTY, 1997

COUNTY	DATE	MEASURE TITLE	TYPE OF MEASURE	TOPIC OF MEASURE	VOTE IN FAVOR	TOTAL VOTE	PERCENT OF VOTE	PASS OR FAIL
STANISLAUS		No County Measures						
SUTTER		No County Measures						
TEHAMA		No County Measures						
TRINITY		No County Measures						
TULARE		No County Measures						
TUOLUMNE		No County Measures						
VENTURA		No County Measures						
YOLO		No County Measures						
YUBA		No County Measures						

TABLE 1.2 TEXT FOR COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES BY COUNTY, 1997

ALAMEDA	6/3/97	Measure C	Pass (2/3 required)
To comply with the Right to Vote on Taxes Act, adopted November 1996, shall a special tax be approved to continue emergency medical services including paramedic, ambulance, and trauma services, at a rate of \$21.14 per benefit unit, to be adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index for the San Francisco Bay Area, as proposed in Ordinance 0-97-52, described in the Voter Information Pamphlet?			
EL DORADO	7/15/97	Measure N	Pass
Shall an annual special tax be levied in an amount of not more than \$497.00 on each parcel of real property commencing with fiscal year 1997-98 and each year thereafter?			
EL DORADO	7/15/97	Measure S	Pass
Shall an annual special tax be levied in an amount of not more than \$300.00 on each parcel of real property commencing with fiscal year 1997-98 and each year thereafter?			
IMPERIAL	8/12/97	Measure J	Fail (2/3 required)
Shall approval be given to an ordinance of the Imperial County Emergency Communications Financing Authority to: 1) impose, for no more than ten (10) years, a transactions and use tax of one-half percent (.5%) to fund the construction and infrastructure maintenance of a county-wide emergency communications system which will serve the needs of all county and municipal public safety and public service agencies which operate within the geographic boundaries of Imperial County; 2) establish an appropriations limit for the Authority; 3) authorize the Authority to issue bonds for the construction of the communication system to be paid for from the transactions and use tax; and 4) authorize the Authority to terminate or reduce the tax if other adequate funding is received from other sources?			
LASSEN	11/25/97	Recall 1	Fail
Shall CLAUD NEELY be recalled (removed) from the office of Board of Supervisor, 1st district?			
LASSEN	11/25/97	Recall 5	Pass
Shall LYLE LOUGH be recalled (removed) from the office of Board of Supervisor, 5th District?			
LOS ANGELES	6/3/97	Measure L	Pass (2/3 required)
LIBRARY SERVICES AND FACILITIES; FUNDING. To avoid major cutbacks in service hours, book purchases, and children's programs, shall the existing benefit charge for the County of Los Angeles Public Library be replaced by a special tax at the same \$22 annual rate to property owners, dedicated exclusively to fund library services within the areas which are subject to the special tax?			
MADERA	3/4/97	Measure J	Fail (2/3 required)
JUVENILE HALL & DETENTION FACILITIES. Shall the County of Madera be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) to pay for the construction and completion of new juvenile justice detention facilities consisting of a new Juvenile Hall and related facilities and necessary costs of land acquisition, construction and all required fixtures and appurtenances?			
MENDOCINO	3/4/97	Measure G	Pass (2/3 required)
Shall Ordinance No. 3955 proposing to reinstate a two percent occupancy tax which, until recently, was in effect within the unincorporated area of the County of Mendocino since 1990 and which tax is charged to persons renting, for 30 days or less, a room or rooms in the hotel, motel, inn and similar structures be adopted?			
SAN FRANCISCO	6/3/97	Measure A	Pass (2/3 required)
Shall the City and County incur \$140 million of bonded indebtedness for the acquisition, construction and/or reconstruction of educational facilities used or to be used by the San Francisco Unified School District or the City College of San Francisco and all other works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes?			
SAN FRANCISCO	6/3/97	Measure B	Fail (2/3 required)
Shall the City and County incur \$49 million of bonded indebtedness for the acquisition, construction and/or reconstruction of community cultural facilities which include such facilities as the Mission Cultural Center, Bayview Opera House, Center for African and African-American Art and Culture, South of Market Cultural Center, Art Commission Gallery, Gay/Lesbian Cultural Center, Native American Cultural Center and the Center for Asian Pacific American Arts and Culture and all other works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes?			
SAN FRANCISCO	6/3/97	Measure C	Pass (2/3 required)
Shall the City and County incur \$48 million of bonded indebtedness for the acquisition, construction and/or reconstruction of San Francisco Zoo facilities and properties and all other works, property and structures necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes?			

TABLE 1.2 TEXT FOR COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES BY COUNTY, 1997

SAN FRANCISCO	6/3/97	Measure D	Pass
Shall the City lease-finance a stadium development at Candlestick Point, in principal amount, not exceeding \$100 million, provided no City taxes are increased or newly imposed without Proposition 218 voter approval?			
SAN FRANCISCO	6/3/97	Measure E	Fail
Shall the Charter be amended to remove the priorities for use of utility income?			
SAN FRANCISCO	6/3/97	Measure F	Pass
Shall various City laws be changed so that a new stadium and an entertainment and shopping center may be built at Candlestick Point?			
SAN FRANCISCO	11/4/97	Measure A	Fail (2/3 required)
WATER SYSTEM RELIABILITY AND SEISMIC SAFETY REVENUE BONDS. Shall the Public Utilities Commission issue revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$157 million for acquiring and constructing reliability and seismic safety improvements to the City's water system?			
SAN FRANCISCO	11/4/97	Measure B	Pass
SAFE DRINKING WATER REVENUE BONDS. Shall the Public Utilities Commission issue revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$147 million for acquiring and constructing safe drinking water improvements to the City's water system?			
SAN FRANCISCO	11/4/97	Measure C	Fail
Shall City employees who transferred from the Tier 1 to Tier 2 retirement plan be permitted to return the cash payment received for the transfer in exchange for certain benefit increases?			
SAN FRANCISCO	11/4/97	Measure D	Pass
Shall the Charter be amended to combine two sections governing approval of leases, and specify that the Board of Supervisors must approve leases that earn \$1 million or more in revenue?			
SAN FRANCISCO	11/4/97	Measure E	Fail
Shall the Charter be amended to increase the powers of and change the rules governing the City's Youth Commission?			
SAN FRANCISCO	11/4/97	Measure F	Pass
Shall the City sell 0.38 acres of Mt. Davidson Park, including the land on which the cross is located?			
SAN FRANCISCO	11/4/97	Measure G	Pass
Shall the City require campaign consultants to register with the City's Ethics Commission and file quarterly activity reports?			
SAN FRANCISCO	11/4/97	Measure H	Pass
Shall the City authorize Caltrans to rebuild portions of the Central Freeway, and shall the City end the ban on construction of new above-ground freeway ramps north of Fell Street?			
SISKIYOU	11/4/97	Measure A	Fail (2/3 required)
Shall the County impose a retail sales tax of one-half percent, effective April 1, 1998, in order to raise revenue for the Siskiyou County Solid Waste Program?			

TABLE 1.3 SUMMARY OF ELECTION OUTCOMES FOR COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES BY TYPE OF MEASURE AND COUNTY, 1997

	BONDS		CHARTER AMENDMENT		GANN LIMIT		TAXES		RECALL		ALL COUNTY MEASURES		
	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	TOTAL
Alameda							1				1		1
El Dorado							2				2		2
Imperial								1				1	1
Lassen					1	1					1	1	2
Los Angeles							1				1		1
Madera		1										1	1
Mendocino	1										1		1
San Francisco	4	2	1	3					4		9	5	14
Siskiyou								1				1	1
Total for all counties	5	3	1	3	1	1	4	2	4		15	9	24

TABLE 1.4 SUMMARY OF ELECTION OUTCOMES FOR COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES BY TOPIC OF MEASURE AND COUNTY, 1997

	EDUCATION		LAND USE		PUBLIC SAFETY		GOVERNANCE		TRANSPORTATION		PUBLIC FACILITIES		GENERAL SERVICES		WATER USE/SERVICE		OTHER		ALL COUNTY MEASURES		
	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL	TOTAL
Alameda													1						1		1
El Dorado													2						2		2
Imperial												1								1	1
Lassen							1	1											1	1	2
Los Angeles												1							1		1
Madera						1														1	1
Mendocino	1																		1		1
San Francisco	1		3			1	2	1	1		1	1			1	1		1	9	5	14
Siskiyou												1								1	1
Total for all counties	2		3			2	3	2	1		2	3	3		1	1		1	15	9	24

PART 2
VOTE TOTALS FOR
COUNTY OFFICE CANDIDATES

TABLE 2.1 VOTE TOTALS FOR COUNTY OFFICE CANDIDATES BY COUNTY AND ELECTION DATE, 1997

COUNTY	DATE	OFFICE	DIS- TRICT/ SEAT	TERM OF OFFICE	CANDIDATE'S LAST NAME	CANDIDATE'S FIRST NAME	CANDIDATE'S BALLOT DESIGNATION	IN- CUM BENT	NUMBER OF CAN- DIDATES	VOTES FOR CAN- DIDATE	TOTAL VOTES CAST	PER- CENT OF VOTE	ELECTED
ALAMEDA	No County Contests												
ALPINE	No County Contests												
AMADOR	No County Contests												
BUTTE	No County Contests												
CALAVERAS	No County Contests												
COLUSA	No County Contests												
CONTRA COSTA	No County Contests												
DEL NORTE	No County Contests												
EL DORADO	No County Contests												
FRESNO	No County Contests												
GLENN	No County Contests												
HUMBOLDT	No County Contests												
IMPERIAL	No County Contests												
INYO	No County Contests												
KERN	No County Contests												
KINGS	No County Contests												
LAKE	No County Contests												
LASSEN	11/25/97	COUNTY SUPERVISOR ^R	1	Short	Harvey	Joseph B.	Retired Judge	No	2	463	834	55.5%	Yes
					Bowman	Jimmie S.	Businesswoman	No	2	371	834	44.5%	No
			5	Short	McCain	Everd A.	Civil Engineer	No	3	490	823	59.5%	Yes
					Hanson	Jack	Rancher	No	3	240	823	29.2%	No
				Insley	Gene	Retired Contractor	No	3	93	823	11.3%	No	
LOS ANGELES	No County Contests												
MADERA	No County Contests												
MARIN	No County Contests												
MARIPOSA	No County Contests												
MENDOCINO	No County Contests												
MERCED	No County Contests												
MODOC	No County Contests												
MONO	No County Contests												
MONTEREY	No County Contests												
NAPA	No County Contests												
NEVADA	No County Contests												

^R To be elected if recall measure passes.

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ORANGE	No County Contests												
PLACER	No County Contests												
PLUMAS	No County Contests												
RIVERSIDE	No County Contests												
SACRAMENTO	No County Contests												
SAN BENITO	No County Contests												
SAN BERNARDINO	No County Contests												
SAN DIEGO	No County Contests												
SAN FRANCISCO	11/4/97	CITY ATTORNEY		Full	Renne	Louise H.	City Attorney	Yes	1	72,489	72,489	100.0%	Yes
			TREASURER	Full	Leal	Susan	Member, Board of Supervisors	No	3	61,412	106,097	57.9%	No
					Ventresca	Joel	Airport Financial Manager	No	3	36,075	106,097	34.0%	No
						Bermudez	Lucrecia	Immigrant Rights Organizer	No	3	8,610	106,097	8.1%
SAN JOAQUIN	No County Contests												
SAN LUIS OBISPO	No County Contests												
SAN MATEO	4/8/97	COUNTY SUPERVISOR	3	Full	Gordon	Richard S.	Mbr., San Mateo Co. Board of Ed.	No	7	22,658	55,015	41.2%	Yes
					Tucker	Jim	Businessman	No	7	17,342	55,015	31.5%	No
					de Ville	Denise	Businesswoman/Mother	No	7	10,365	55,015	18.8%	No
					Bryant	Bob	Business Owner	No	7	1,731	55,015	3.1%	No
					Loomis	Joe	Director, Point Montara Fire Dist.	No	7	976	55,015	1.8%	No
					Gore	Joe	Mbr., Midcoast Community Council	No	7	972	55,015	1.8%	No
					Buetens	Stanley	Educator, Community Leader	No	7	971	55,015	1.8%	No
SANTA BARBARA	No County Contests												
SANTA CLARA	2/4/97	COUNTY SUPERVISOR	1	Full	Gage	Don	Businessman, Mayor	No	7	5,782	20,317	28.5%	Yes
					Kamei	Rosemary	Dir., Santa Clara Valley Water Dist.	No	7	3,641	20,317	17.9%	No
					Honda	Keith	Staff Chief/Attorney	Yes	7	3,191	20,317	15.7%	No
					Redding	John	Businessman/Youth Instructor	No	7	3,145	20,317	15.5%	No
					Kruse	Tom	Winery Owner/Wine Grower	No	7	2,022	20,317	10.0%	No
					Blanton	Steve	City Councilmember	No	7	1,908	20,317	9.4%	No
					Dao	Linh	Computer Software Engineer	No	7	628	20,317	3.1%	No
	3/18/97	COUNTY SUPERVISOR	1	Full	Gage	Don	Businessman, Mayor	No	2	14,470	26,227	55.2%	Yes
					Kamei	Rosemary	Dir., Santa Clara Valley Water Dist.	No	2	11,757	26,227	44.8%	No
					No County Contests								
SANTA CRUZ	No County Contests												
SHASTA	No County Contests												
SIERRA	No County Contests												
SISKIYOU	No County Contests												

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COUNTY	DATE	OFFICE	DIS- TRICT/ SEAT	TERM OF OFFICE	CANDIDATE'S LAST NAME	CANDIDATE'S FIRST NAME	CANDIDATE'S BALLOT DESIGNATION	IN- CUM BENT	NUMBER OF CAN- DIDATES	VOTES FOR CAN- DIDATE	TOTAL VOTES CAST	PER- CENT OF VOTE	ELECTED
SOLANO	No County Contests												
SONOMA	No County Contests												
STANISLAUS	No County Contests												
SUTTER	No County Contests												
TEHAMA	No County Contests												
TRINITY	No County Contests												
TULARE	No County Contests												
TUOLUMNE	No County Contests												
VENTURA	No County Contests												
YOLO	No County Contests												
YUBA	No County Contests												

TABLE 2.2 SUMMARY OF ELECTION OUTCOMES FOR COUNTY OFFICES, 1997

		County Supervisor		County/City Attorney*		County/City Treasurer*		Total	
		Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N
Incumbent Candidates	Win	0.0	0	100.0	1	100.0	1	66.7	2
	Lose	100.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	33.3	1
	Total	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	3
Non-Incumbent Candidates	Win	25.0	5	--	--	0.0	0	22.7	5
	Lose	75.0	15	--	--	100.0	2	77.3	17
	Total	100.0	20	--	--	100.0	2	100.0	22
Winning Candidates	Incumbent	0.0	0	100.0	1	100.0	1	28.6	2
	Non-Incumbent	100.0	5	0.0	0	0.0	0	71.4	5
	Total	100.0	5	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	7
Losing Candidates	Incumbent	6.3	1	--	--	0.0	0	5.6	1
	Non-Incumbent	93.8	15	--	--	100.0	2	94.4	17
	Total	100.0	16	--	--	100.0	2	100.0	18
All Candidates	Incumbent	4.8	1	100.0	1	33.3	1	12.0	3
	Non-Incumbent	95.2	20	0.0	0	66.7	2	88.0	22
	Total	100.0	21	100.0	1	100.0	3	100.0	25

* San Francisco county and city contests are reported under county listings.