

## Voter Education Project 2018

On Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> voters throughout California will cast ballots in support of candidates for various federal and state offices, as well as express their views on numerous statewide and local ballot measures. These measures, or "propositions," range in scope from reducing gas taxes, to eliminating daylight savings time, to expanding the size of cages for farm animals. This assignment affords you the opportunity to use the resources readily available online to formulate your own views on these measures.

Working in groups of 6 you will research a ballot measure and deliver a brief (10 minute) presentation explaining its important features, and the most persuasive arguments for and against its approval. The presentations will begin with **an introductory overview in which your entire group describes the background and scope of the measure and the reasons it has been proposed. Several PowerPoint slides** will enhance the effectiveness of this introduction. (One slide should present the circumstances giving rise to the proposition; additional slides should explain what the proposition would do.) The second part will consist of a **pro/con debate** in which **all members** of your group present arguments both for and against the measure. The debate will include **opening statements**, one or more **rebuttals**, and brief **concluding remarks**. Each debate will be followed by questions from the audience.

It is expected that **the majority of the research and preparation for this project may be completed in class**, but the best presentations will require additional work outside the classroom. Presentations and debates will be delivered in class on **Monday, November 5th**. The Core will vote on the measures at the conclusion of the presentations.

The following websites contain useful information on the ballot measures:

**Ballotpedia:** [https://ballotpedia.org/California\\_2018\\_ballot\\_propositions](https://ballotpedia.org/California_2018_ballot_propositions)

**League of Women Voters:**  
[www.easyvoterguide.org](http://www.easyvoterguide.org)  
[votersedge.org/ca](http://votersedge.org/ca)

**CALmatters:** <https://elections.calmatters.org/2018/california-ballot-measures/>

**Press Democrat Election Guide 2018:** <https://election.pressdemocrat.com/guide/>

**Secretary of State's Official Voter Guide:** [voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov)

The supporters and opponents of each ballot measure also maintain websites that may be identified at the Secretary of State's Official Voter Guide. Additional information regarding endorsements by public interest groups and news organizations can also be found elsewhere on the Internet.