VOTING INFORMATION FOR THE MARCH 3, 2020 Election



March 3, 2020

Dear PHRWF member,

Most of you are probably reading your sample ballots trying to figure out your voting choices for the Primary Election. I've been going through the March 3 ballot myself and have been asked for my recommendations and help. Much information from good, reliable Republican sources like Barbara Stone who is very well known for her political savvy, the Whittier Republican Women Federated group, and the LAGOP (https://LAGOP.org) has been received. Each voting season Barbara shares her expert advice. I have compiled information from several sources and am sharing them with you because I concur with the recommendations listed. Finally, do your own research and use these as guides and suggestions only.

STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICES

We cover a variety of Districts for the California Assembly and Senate. This year, I am voting straight Republican. For my Rowland Heights ballot, I will vote for Ling Ling Chang for State Senate Districit 29, Phillip Chen for Assembly District 55, and Young Kim for U.S Congressional District 39. For those of you who live in the Hacienda Heights area, Jessica Martinez is your Republican candidate for State Assembly. California is a mess with the Democratic super-majority and we must keep Republican representatives in office, and hopefully, some new ones will be elected.

STATE MEASURE 13

The LAGOP also voted unanimously to oppose the current ballot Measure 13 which unfortunately may confuse some voters who were around when the "Good" Proposition 13 was approved in 1978 to keep property taxes steady. Susan Shelley, noted columnist and Vice President, Communications for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, speaks at meetings and gives excellent reasons why we need to work hard to oppose this Measure. We all support good education and good schools. Yet State Measure 13 is poorly conceived and somewhat duplicitous—with potential huge debts and high interest costs. Without checks and balances, when school districts apply for matching funds, we will end up with higher and higher property taxes. This Measure is highly technical (please refer to www.hjta.org for details). Many refer to this as Proposition 13 on the March ballot. It is not.

Recently, some of our local Republican candidates were listed on a slate flyer that implied their support of Measure 13. I have confirmed that Ling Ling Chang, Young Kim, Los Angeles County GOP, and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association are all AGAINST Measure 13.

MEASURE FD

The LAGOP voted a strong unanimous NO against Los Angeles County Fire District, CA Measure FD, Parcel Tax. We applaud the noble work of our first responders including our fire department personnel. Given that CA is one of the highest Tax states in the Country, the question becomes where does all our money go? Shouldn't the monies already collected provide enough to properly provide for the County Fire district which includes contract cities). Further, it is a forever parcel tax which can be raised up to 2% every year. There is no expiration date!

More Info from Barbara for Residents of Los Angeles County

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The most important vote you will cast is for District Attorney. The former DA from San Francisco has moved to LA to run against Jackie Lacey. I may not love Ms. Lacey, but she is perfectly OK. Her opponent is not. This is one of the George Soros types who doesn't want to prosecute anyone for anything, and I am not exaggerating. Unless you want law enforcement in LA County to deteriorate even more, Barbara strongly recommends a vote for Jackie Lacey

NEW VOTING SYSTEM LA COUNTY (FROM BARBARA)

If you are voting in LA County, I recommend you vote by mail in this year's Primary Election. All reports are that this new ballot system may make lowa look tame. The City of Beverly Hills sued over it, but the judge put discussions off until May. Among other things, it reportedly caters to the visually impaired by putting only a few names on each page. If four people are running for an office, it looks fine. BUT, if there are five, the voter has to push a button that says *More*. If you push the *Next* button, it takes you to the next office with no way to return. I can only imagine what will happen to the Democrat presidential primary in California!

Until the system is tested, voting by mail seems to be the safest way to vote to avoid errors. But if you are voting by mail, don't vote too early because we might get new information, and...let's see how the new system works out in the March Primary Election

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE RECOMMENDATIONS

Office 17- Cooley

Office 42- Villa

Office72- Morgan

Office 76- Cole

Office 80- Berger

Office 97- Powell

Office 129- Moss

Office 131- Kelley

Office 141- Kim

Office 145- Montalban

Office 150- Almada

Office 162- Yang

Disclaimer, these are my personal voting choices and were not ratified by the PHRWF.