

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PLACER COUNTY



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*Special Gubernatorial  
Election Issue*

## NOVEMBER 2014 PROP 1 & 2 PROS & CONS

As a California citizen, you are a stakeholder in a \$110 billion budget this year. In November, you will be asked how to spend that money in the form of several ballot measures.

**Proposition 1** proposes to sell bonds to raise over \$7 billion to protect the water supply for residents and farms in our state. Placer County is the home of the Sierra Nevada mountains supplying two-thirds of the water used in the state and that makes us big stakeholders in this decision.

**PROS:** California's population has doubled and water supply has remained the same since the large water projects of the mid-1990's. Plus, it doesn't raise taxes.

**CONS:** Over a third of the money will be spent on dams and more should go to watersheds and ground water replenishment. Plus, politicians will appoint the commission responsible for spending the money with no oversight.

**Proposition 2** would require at least \$800 million to be paid to state debt and

the same amount be put into a reserve account each year.

**PROS:** Shields budget from volatility of economy and saves interest by paying debt off faster.

**CONS:** Money will be taken away from other programs for the \$150 billion debt owed to public employee pensions which are not sustainable.



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## NOVEMBER 2014 PROP 45 & 46 PROS & CONS

Health care, at one time ignored in State politics, is now big business in California with over \$200 billion spent yearly and growing.

**Proposition 45** would require the Insurance Commissioner to approve rates for people buying health insurance through a small business employer or directly from an insurance company.

**PROS:** Limits health insurance costs the same way auto insurance costs are

limited now. \$3 million was contributed in favor mostly from lawyers.

**CONS:** Adds a level of bureaucracy to approval of rate changes. \$38 million was contributed against mostly from health insurance companies.

**Proposition 46** proposes to (1) raise the malpractice limit from \$250,000 to \$1.1 million, (2) require checking of prescription history before prescribing

commonly abused drugs and (3) require drug testing of doctors.

**PROS:** Catches malpractice limit up with inflation and stops drug abuse by doctors and patients. \$2.7 million was contributed in favor mostly from lawyers.

**CONS:** Lawyers stand to benefit by raising malpractice limit. Health insurance companies contributed \$54 million against.

***DON'T MISS THIS!***

**Nov 1st:**

**Colfax City Council  
Candidate Forum**

**Nov 6th:**

**Human Trafficking  
in Placer County**

**Dec 4th:**

**Climate Change**

See [calendar](#) for details.

## NOVEMBER 2014 PROP 47 & 48 PROS & CONS

Voting no for a ballot proposition usually means your vote is not counted toward those wanting a change. That will be true for all propositions in November **except** the last one, Proposition 48.

**Proposition 47** would reduce penalties for non-violent crimes and invest in programs for crime prevention.

PRO: Prison population has grown to twice capacity since the Three Strikes Law and counties are better equipped

to provide mental health services. Over \$4 million has been contributed in support.  
**CON:** It would populate county jails with dangerous criminals. Just over \$43,000 was contributed against.

**Proposition 48** asks voters to approve or veto signed agreements between the State of California and two Indian tribes.

PROS: Agreements have local area support and have been approved by federal and state governments. \$378,000 was contributed in favor. A YES

**VOTE IS TO KEEP CURRENT AGREEMENTS.**

**CONS:** Casinos should only be located on land owned in 1988 when federal law was enacted to legalize Indian gaming. Over \$14 million was contributed by other tribes to oppose. A **NO VOTE IS TO CANCEL THE EXISTING AGREEMENTS.**



**Lindsay Dickason presents Pros & Cons.**

**ELECTION INFO** *Want to find out more? Click to see videos & more*

## CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE FORUM UPDATE

The purpose and mission of the League of Women Voters is to present unbiased information to the public. For the past 5 months, LWVPC has been negotiating with Tom McClintock and Art Moore campaigns to participate in a Congressional Candidate

Forum in Auburn. Candidate requests were made which were outside of the provenance and practices of the LWV, so no agreement was made to present the forum.

We are very disappointed and know voters will be

disappointed that this opportunity to learn more about the candidates in a real-time forum will not happen. Should there be a change of plans, you will be notified by email and on our website as soon as possible.

**Interested in joining the Board starting in July?**



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