



California Homeowners Candidate Questionnaire - 2018

Candidate NAME _____

Signature _____ Date _____

DISTRICT _____

Email Address _____ (will not be public)

1. Proposition 13 was enacted by voters 38 years ago, in 1978. Some government officials have suggested it is time to revisit the issue. Should Proposition 13 be amended to allow for higher property tax rates on homes, businesses, both or neither? Please circle one.

HOMES

BUSINESSES

BOTH

NEITHER

2. What is your opinion of government's use of eminent domain? Should eminent domain be used:

- Anytime the governing agency chooses to use it, within the confines of the law
- Only as a last resort and for a clear public good, such as school or road construction
- Never

3. California is currently preparing to spend between \$70 billion and \$100 billion to build a high speed rail line between the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles. Do you support or oppose the high speed rail project? Please circle one.

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

4. In 2015, California homeowners faced serious restrictions on water usage, due to the ongoing drought. How should California address the drought and resulting water shortages?

- Continue mandatory water conservation measures
- Issue state construction bonds and seek federal funds to build new dams and water storage facilities

5. Public employee retirement benefits are putting a severe strain on many local government budgets, in some cases causing cutbacks in other areas. Which statement best describes your opinion about this issue?
- Public employees sacrifice the potential of higher salaries for the security of a safe retirement system and thus benefits should not be reduced or changed for current or future employees.
 - Public employee retirement benefits should be changed to reflect the realities of the market and to come more in line with non-government employees.
6. Californians pay higher fuels taxes than most other states. What is your opinion of the current level of taxation on motor vehicle fuels?
- They should be increased to pay for transportation improvement projects
 - They should stay at current levels
 - They should be decreased to come in line with what other states charge in taxes
7. California's state transportation agency is currently conducting a study on replacing the gas tax with a mileage fee. Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE replacing the current gas tax with a mileage fee? Please circle one.
- SUPPORT OPPOSE
8. Affordable housing is a scarce commodity in many California communities. Which approach is better?
- Require developers to include low and middle income housing options in all new development projects across the state.
 - Decrease fees on housing development and construction to reduce costs
 - Both
 - Neither
9. Recent changes in state law have resulted in many criminals convicted in California courts being released earlier. Have these changes made California:
- A better place, because we had too many non-violent criminals serving long sentences at great expense.
 - A worse place, because crime rates have gone up in many communities as a result of convicts being released earlier.