

## Consolidated Municipal and Special Elections Voter Guide March 7, 2017

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### Los Angeles County Ballot Measures

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**Measure H**  
**Homeless Services**

**SUPPORT**

Measure H levies a ¼ cent sales tax for ten years to fund a canvas of services for the homeless including mental health, substance abuse treatment, health care, education, job training, rental subsidies, emergency housing, prevention, and other supportive services.

The soaring costs of housing have worsened the homelessness problem with an estimated 47,000 homeless live in tent encampments, cars, temporary shelters or on the street. Last November, votes passed L.A. City Measure HHH which funds the construction of new housing for the chronically homeless. Measure H provides services for those living in the new housing and short term assistance to help those in crisis keep their homes.

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**Measure M**  
**Marijuana Regulation  
and Taxation**

**ABSTAIN**

Ordinance providing for enforcement, taxation and regulation of cannabis and/or cannabis products by: 1) providing that the City Council retains the authority to amend existing and adopt new regulations... giving priority in the processing of applications to existing medical marijuana dispensaries...; 2) authorizing criminal penalties... for unauthorized cannabis activities; and 3) establishing new business taxes..., including taxes of \$100 per each \$1,000 of gross receipts from cannabis sales.

A3PCON takes no position on either Measure M or N. The differences are technical and minor, with all backers of Measure N now supporting Measure M. Medical marijuana dispensaries collected the signatures for Measure N; the L.A. City Council placed Measure M on the ballot. Measure M is more comprehensive covering marijuana cultivation, transportation and testing and taxes medical marijuana sales at a lower rate.

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**Measure N**  
**Cannabis Activity  
Permits, Regulation  
and Taxation**

**ABSTAIN**

See Measure M.

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**Measure S**  
**Building Moratorium  
on Projects Requiring  
Zoning Variances**

**OPPOSE**

Measure S places a two-year moratorium on any new building construction that requires waivers of existing General Plan requirements or zoning rules, such as taller buildings or increased residential density. Exceptions are made for buildings with 100% affordable housing.

Measure S is not a solution to a real problem it purports to address — gentrification and the displacement of older, lower cost housing by luxury market rate housing. Los Angeles has a 3% vacancy rate in rental housing — the third lowest in the country. Los Angeles needs more housing, both affordable and market rate to slow the rise in housing costs. Most medium and larger developments require zoning and General Plan variances which are routinely given. Placing a moratorium on housing construction will reduce the housing supply and not contribute anything to the building of affordable housing. Measure S will freeze most new nonprofit housing construction. Much of new market rate housing has requirements to include affordable housing on the premises or make contributions to affordable housing in the area.