



CHILDNET OFFICE MANAGERS' MEETING

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Valley Children's Advocacy Update

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NOVEMBER 2016 GENERAL ELECTION SUMMARY

Ballot Measures

- Proposition 52, the Provider Fee ballot measure, passed with close to 70% of the votes in support. Prop 52 provides long-term legal protection for the hospital quality assurance fee. For as long as the hospital quality assurance fee is allowable under federal law, this measure protects the existing funding formula established in 2010, including limiting the amount that the state can pocket to 24 percent of the net benefit.
- Proposition 55, the income tax extension for high earners, also passed with over 62% of the votes in support. Prop 55 will raise between \$9 - \$11 billion overall, most of which will go to education. However, in years where the total amount raised exceeds \$9 billion, health care providers, including hospitals would receive up to \$2 billion in additional Medi-Cal reimbursement.
- Proposition 56, which raises the tobacco tax by \$2 per pack, also passed with over 63% of the votes in support. Prop 56 includes a funding formula for distribution of these funds. The Legislative Analyst's Office estimates that under the formula, Medi-Cal providers will see an increase of \$800 million - \$1.1 billion annually in new funds. The ballot measure requires that these funds be used to supplement not supplant existing funds and requires that they be used to fund an increase in payments for services. The measure also includes \$40 million in GME funding to increase the number of primary care and emergency physicians in California.

In addition to these three measures, two other measures that you may have been following are:

- Proposition 61, which would have limited how much the state could pay for prescription drugs to the amount paid by the VA, did not pass. Nearly 54 percent of voters voted no. This measure included a number of vague terms and it was unclear how it would have actually been implemented and how it could have impacted CCHA members.
- Proposition 64, which would legalize marijuana, passed with over 56% of the vote in support. Under the measure, adults over the age of 21 may grow, possess, and use marijuana, subject to certain restrictions. The Legislative Analyst's Office estimates that the measure would raise up to \$1 billion

annually. The measure requires that these funds be used to support youth programs, law enforcement and environmental protection.

State Legislative Races

- In the State Senate, the balance between the parties shifted with 27 Democrats and 13 Republicans, a net pick up one seat giving Democrats the supermajority needed to approve taxes and urgency measures.

In Central California, there were only two Senate seats up for re-election, with incumbents winning in both cases...Senator Cathleen Galgiani, Senate District 5 (Lodi/Stockton/Manteca) and Senator William Monning, Senate District 17 (Monterey / San Luis Obispo)

- In the State Assembly, the balance between the parties shifted with 55 Democrats and 25 Republicans, which is a net pick-up of three seats for Democrats, giving them a super-majority. 53 votes are needed to approve taxes and urgency measures.

In Central California, all incumbents running for office easily won re-election, with the exception of the following two districts in which the incumbents termed out.

- In Assembly District 12 (Manteca/Oakdale/Turlock), currently held by Kristin Olsen, Heath Flora (Rep) beat Ken Vogel (Rep).
- In Assembly District 34 (Bakersfield), Vince Fong (Rep) beat Perrin Swanlund (Dem).

Congressional Races

- All Central California incumbents won re-election with the exception of the following district in which the incumbent termed out...Congressional District 24 (San Luis Obispo County), with Salud Carbajal (Dem) beating Fustin Fareed (Rep). In the Senate, California Attorney General Kamala Harris (D) easily beat Loretta Sanchez (also D).

Presidential Election

- How might Donald Trump's election impact children's health care?

2017 PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

Valley Children's will continue to advocate for policies that advance the health and wellbeing of children.