

# KERNTAX VOTER GUIDE

March 5, 2024



## STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURE

✓ = support   ✗ = not support   ○ = no position

### PROPOSITION 1, the Behavioral Health Services Program and Bond Measure

is on the ballot in California as a legislatively referred state statute on March 5, 2024.

#### A “yes” vote supports:

- Renaming the Mental Health Services Act (2004) to the Behavioral Health Services Act and expanding its purpose to include substance use disorders, including for persons without a mental illness;
- Changing how revenue from the 1% tax on income above \$1 million is spent under the law, including requiring 30% of the Behavioral Health Services Fund be allocated to housing intervention programs;
- Increasing the size of the oversight commission from 16 to 27 voting members; and
- Issuing \$6.38 billion in bonds to fund housing for homeless individuals and veterans, including up to \$4.4 billion for mental health care and drug or alcohol treatment facilities and \$2.0 billion for housing for homeless persons.

✗ A “NO” vote **OPPOSES** changing the Mental Health Services Act and issuing \$6.38 billion in bonds for homeless individuals and veterans.

**Proposition 1 is enormous, expensive, and destructive.** It would cost taxpayers more than \$9 billion. It also redirects the spending of at least \$30 billion in mental health services money in its first ten years, cutting existing mental health services that are working. Prop. 1 builds very little housing despite being offered as a solution to homelessness. There are better solutions that do not require excessive borrowing or cutting local programs that work. Please get the facts and vote no!" <https://www.prop1no.com/>

### PROPOSITION 1 is the WRONG approach:

- **Mandates one-size-fits-all-state control over local control, which reduces effectiveness and oversight.**
- **Cuts local services for the mentally ill by taking over 30 percent of dedicated community-based mental health services provided by Prop 64 (2004).**
- **Builds very little housing despite being offered as a solution to homelessness!**
- **Based on two ill-conceived laws passed during the 2023 legislative session—Senate Bill 326 and Assembly Bill 531, Prop 1 is 69 pages long, too long and complex for many voters to understand its consequences.**

▶ **VOTE “NO” ON PROP 1** ◀

## KERNTAX’S PRINCIPLES

#### All Taxes & Fees

- Must be fair
- Must be understandable
- Must be cost effective
- Must be good for the economy

#### All Expenditures

- Must be fiscally responsible
- Must be economically sustainable
- Must be societally equitable

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