

Christian Citizenship Council

"When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan." (Prov 29:2)

Kacer's Call on Statewide Proposition

3 March 2020 California Presidential Primary Election

Notes:

1. Following the title, "(C)" indicates a State Constitution change; "(S)" a Statute change
2. All biblical citations rely upon the ESV translation
3. How do I analyze the Propositions? See my Guidelines at the end
4. Who is Frank Kacer? See short bio at end

Proposition 13: Bonds for Public Preschools, K-12 schools, Community Colleges and Universities Repair, Construction and Modernization (S) – Recommended Vote: **NO**

Content: Bond for \$15B, to be paid back with \$11B interest over 35 years for a total cost of \$26B. Funds to be used for facility renovation, new construction, charter schools, and career technical education facilities. Would authorize local school districts to seek general obligation Bond approvals for amounts greater than current law allows (60% larger for all elementary, high school and community college districts). Also, Proposition would prohibit school district developer fees being applied to multifamily residential developments within ½ mile of any major transit stop. Prior California school Bond approvals (not including interest) were: Prop 1A for \$9B (1998); Prop 47 for \$13B (2002); Prop 55 for \$12B (2004); Prop 1D for \$10B (2006); and Prop 51 for \$9B (2016). Note: California Official Voter Information Guide only shows approximately 10 pages of the entire 42 pages of proposed statute; remaining text must be accessed on the Secretary of State website.

Consider: Bonds wrongly presume upon the future without regard for the consequences of intrinsic economic uncertainties (**James 4:13-14; Proverbs 22:3**). Government public debt takes from future generations without their consent (**Exodus 20:15 (stealing)**), and exposes immediate financial opportunity as being preferred over prudent planning and living within existing tax burdens (**Proverbs 13:11; 1 Timothy 6:10a**). Public debt must be paid off (with interest), independent of the impact on taxpayers that must carry the financial burden into the future and are in effect "slaves" to the lenders (**Proverbs 22:7**). Current Proposition has many similar features to what was promised in prior approved statewide Bonds. The implication is that funds from new Bonds will replace normally budgeted funds that would have been used for those purposes and will now be used for other purposes (**Proverbs 20:14 (bait and switch)**) or are ineffectively used. Finally, California currently has a massive surplus of tax revenue even after payment into its rainy-day fund, why would more Bond indebtedness be necessary?

General Guidelines I Follow in Analyzing Propositions and Measures:

- **Do:** First read Title & Summary, then proposed legal text, then Legislative Analyst analysis; then arguments for and against
- **Do:** Ask yourself if this is a proper role of government biblically
- **Do:** Ask yourself if this is the right thing to do, who benefits, and what consequences will result
- **Do:** Determine what general principles apply (biblical, conservative, practical)
- **Do:** Apply common sense; come to a tentative conclusion – compare to positions of those you trust
- **Do:** Concentrate on the major implications and not on trivial aspects to make a decision
- **Don't:** Rely on recommendations of organizations by name only (many sound good but can be deceptively misleading)
- **Don't:** Wait until the last day to do your research (spread it out over time)
- **Don't:** Support government going into future debt (there are only very rare exceptions to this)
- **Don't:** Allow rare circumstances or emotional arguments to overly influence you ("rare cases make bad law")
- **Don't:** Support anything that's too complex to completely understand (could be purposeful obfuscation)
- **Don't:** Accept a lot of bad legislation for the sake of a small amount of good, "worthwhile" legislation

Who is Frank Kacer?

Frank has been married to Lynn for 46 years and has three married children and five grandchildren. He has served as a pastor/elder at Grace Bible Church since 1990 and is now pastor/elder emeritus. Professionally, Frank was a physicist in the Department of Defense for the Intelligence Community for over 35 years and was also a senior systems engineer with SAIC for 12 years. As a Christian worldview political activist, Frank has engaged in grass-roots political activism, candidate recruitment and assessment, precinct operations, and formal political party representation both locally and with state conventions. He has also served for seven years on the Board of Directors for the National Center for Law and Policy and currently serves as the Director of Research, Content and Curriculum for Well Versed ministries. As Founder and Executive Director of the Christian Citizenship Council (C3), Frank has published his "Kacer's Call" biblical perspective on every California statewide Proposition since 2002.

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