



Kacer's Call on County & City Measures in San Diego County

3 November 2026 California General Election

Jurisdiction	Letter	Purpose	Consider	Recommend
San Diego County	A	Increase Board of Supervisor term limits from two terms to three terms; establish independent Ethics Commission, Budget Analyst and Program Auditor; confirmation of certain senior County leaders; establish an optional Board of Supervisors appointment of the Public Defender. Majority vote required to pass.	Biblically, qualified leaders may continue to serve unless they become unqualified (Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 1 Timothy 3:1-13 ; also elders at the gate (Proverbs 31:23)). Term limits already exist: each election is for a term of four years. The longer a person serves, the greater insight & experience they have (Job 12:12). Poor leaders cause the people to groan, while good leaders cause people to rejoice (Proverbs 29:2). Therefore, people must decide if their leaders are godly or ungodly. Re-electing good leaders helps them attain higher office later, voting out ungodly leaders (Acts 1:20) helps end their aspirations. If people are unwilling to elect godly leaders, term limits will not correct their irresponsible voting (Proverbs 26:11).	YES
San Diego County Health & Safety Services	B	Apply a half-cent sales tax increase across the County until ended by the voters (raise \$450M per year). Would fund Tijuana River Valley pollution clean-up (22.5%), improve: wildfire prevention and emergency response (17.5%), and access to healthcare, food assistance, and childhood development services (60%). Majority vote required to pass.	Blaming the Federal government for actual & potential health service funding cuts without objective evaluation of the reasons is an excuse to not do what's needed (Proverbs 22:13) to live within budgets & decrease dependency on government (1 Timothy 6:10a). Tijuana sewage is a Federal (and State) issue with Mexico, requiring massive funding. It cannot be solved locally with increased tax revenue; claiming to do so is a fantasy (Luke 14:28-30). Also, using a permanent tax increase to address short-term funding deficits is an incentive to steal from taxpayers and not incentivize a more effective and efficient government (Proverbs 20:14).	NO
Ramona Municipal Water District	P	Would amend Proposition "NN" to allow grant funding and donations to not be included in authorized expenditure limits. Allows a new project expenditure limit increase from \$1M to \$10M where no debt is incurred. Expenditure limits will be adjusted each year based on the San Diego CPI. Majority vote required to pass.	Appears to provide additional, updated flexibility in how expenditures are handled without incurring additional debt (Proverbs 21:5).	YES
City of Coronado	D	If passed, the current 3 story (35 feet) height restriction for "multiple-family developments" would be increased to 4 stories (42 feet) for the R-4 Multiple Family Residential Zone.	Removing height restrictions allows greater development, increasing the required infrastructure and density of vehicle and foot traffic. This is a preference issue (advantages verses disadvantages) for local residents, knowing, overdevelopment yields more tenants than land owners (Isaiah 5:8).	No Position
City of Lemon Grove	E	Measure would restrict the sale of birds in Lemon Grove by requiring birds to be obtained exclusively from animal shelters,	Proper animal care is a stewardship responsibility (Genesis 1:26-28), as is rescuing animals in need (Exodus	NO

		humane societies or nonprofit rescue organizations.	23:5). Also, animal cruelty is clearly condemned (Proverbs 12:10a; 27:23; 1 Timothy 5:18). Existing laws protect animals from abuse, if they are adequately enforced. Adding new laws to restrict commerce concerning birds will do little (if anything) to strengthen existing protections, but will needlessly limit consumer choices.	
City of Oceanside	R	Measure would amend City charter to "conform" to State laws regarding use of prevailing wage & fair competition, and use of Project Labor Agreements in contract awards.	City has not been out of conformance with State law, so implying State infrastructure funding is at risk is deceptive at best (Proverbs 20:14). Government is to be a good steward of taxpayer money (Romans 13:3-6) and award contracts based on merit (Proverbs 22:29) and low cost instead of artificial prevailing wage and PLA approaches that inflate overall costs and penalize small businesses.	NO

NOTE: The following 3 Measures are local City tax increase proposals. Before approving any tax increases, the following questions should be considered and answered:

- 1) Is the proposed use of the funds directly related to the proper function of government (**Romans 13:3-4** [punish evil-doers and support the common good such as infrastructure])?
- 2) Have all other City expenditures not directly related to the two core government functions been reduced and/or eliminated before this tax was proposed? If so, how were those cost savings and decreased budget demands proven to have occurred?
- 3) Have voters ever been asked to prioritize which major budget items are essential and which are lower priority and can be cut (i.e. Ranked Choice Voting) (**Proverbs 12:11**)?
- 4) Is there any guarantee that new tax revenue will not just become a replacement of future budget allocations, allowing a re-direction of normal funding elsewhere (i.e. a bait and switch [**Proverbs 20:14**]). If so, how will this be legally enforced?
- 5) If the Measure is only to apply for a limited time frame, what clear actions are being taken to ensure there is no continuing dependence on the new tax once it expires (i.e. how are governmental costs going to be reduced to eliminate any need for a continuation of the tax)?

NOTE: Unless answers to the above questions are affirmative and convincing, increasing taxes should be discouraged.

City of Oceanside	S	Measure would approve a ½ cent sales tax for general government use for 10 years for Oceanside services and infrastructure.	See NOTE above	NO
City of Santee	Y	Measure would approve the adding of a 1 cent sales tax for Santee services and infrastructure for 10 years.	See NOTE above	NO
City of Solana Beach	C	Measure would increase the existing Transient Occupancy Tax by 1% permanently unless ended by voters. Funds would provide for general city services.	See NOTE above	NO

Harris Annex ("PRD Zone")	Q	Permanently replaces existing special tax assessment for road maintenance, improvement or construction work necessary for ongoing maintenance. Requires 2/3 voter approval. LA Construction Cost Index (or comparable) will determine percent increase each year.	Questionable whether a permanent special tax assessment is appropriate for PRD Zone road maintenance and improvements, given the potential for community development (incorporation) changes in the future and the appropriate role of government to assume overall road maintenance responsibility and budgeting for the benefit of everyone.	No Position
Pala Mesa Zone A ("PRD Zone")	T	Permanently replaces existing special tax assessment for road maintenance, improvement or construction work necessary for ongoing maintenance. Requires 2/3 voter approval. LA Construction Cost Index (or comparable) will determine percent increase each year.	Questionable whether a permanent special tax assessment is appropriate for PRD Zone road maintenance and improvements, given the potential for community development (incorporation) changes in the future and the appropriate role of government to assume overall road maintenance responsibility and budgeting for the benefit of everyone.	No Position

NOTE: The following 9 Bond Measures total almost **\$5 BILLION** in borrowing (over **\$11 BILLION** after payback and interest) for School and Community College districts. Bonds wrongly presume upon the future without regard for intrinsic economic uncertainties (**James 4:13-14; Proverbs 22:3**). Government public debt steals from future generations without their consent (**Exodus 20:15**) and prioritizes immediate financial opportunity above prudent planning (**Proverbs 6:6-8; 24:27**) and living within

existing tax burdens (**Proverbs 13:11; 1 Timothy 6:10a**). Public debt is paid off (with interest) independent of the impact on future tax burdens borne by taxpayers (in effect, future taxpayers become “slaves” to debt obligations [**Proverbs 22:7**]). Bonds should only be a last resort to quickly raise funds for extreme, emergency situations (i.e. war; massive earthquake; etc.) not as a routine way to potentially replace existing budgetary obligations (**Proverbs 20:14**) or put off making the hard budgetary restraint decisions to only fund essentials (**Proverbs 25:28**). The “needs” listed in the below Measures should be expected over time: infrastructure maintenance and repair, facility improvement, improved accessibility, technology upgrades, safety upgrades, college and career preparation programs, etc. Instead of using Bonds, normal yearly budgetary plans should account for these “needs” and schedule accordingly (**Proverbs 6:6-8; 24:30-31**) and not wait until it becomes overwhelming.

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District	G	Bond: \$624M (\$1.246B with interest). 55% voter approval needed. Pay back by 2058-2059. Fund: Improve training classrooms, remove asbestos/mold, reduce wildfire threats, maintain college affordability.	See NOTE above	NO
Jamul-Dulzura Union School District	H	Bond: \$18M (\$43.2M with interest). 55% voter approval needed. Pay back by 2062-2063. Fund: Facility infrastructure repairs and replacement, meet safety standards, upgrade classrooms.	See NOTE above	NO
Julian Union High School District	J	Bond: \$9M (\$18.2M with interest). 55% voter approval needed. Pay back by 2054-2055. Fund: Repair, modernization and construction of classrooms, improve safety/security systems.	See NOTE above	NO
La Mesa – Spring Valley School District	AA	Bond: \$131M (\$258M with interest). 55% voter approval needed. Pay back by 2056-2057. Fund: Facility infrastructure repair and replacement/upgrade, meet safety standards, remove asbestos/lead.	See NOTE above	NO
Mountain Empire Unified School District	L	Bond: \$23M (\$48M with interest). 55% voter approval needed. Pay back by 2060-2061. Fund: Facility infrastructure repair, replacement and upgrade, meet safety standards, remove asbestos/lead/mold.	See NOTE above	NO
San Diego Unified School District	M	Bond: \$3.5B (\$8.1B with interest). 55% voter approval needed. Pay back by 2060-2061. Fund: Facility infrastructure repair, replacement and upgrade, meet safety standards, remove asbestos/lead/mold.	See NOTE above	NO
Santee School District	BB	Bond: \$30M (\$49.7M with interest). 55% voter approval needed. Pay back by 2049-2050. Fund: Facility infrastructure repair, replacement and upgrade, meet safety standards, remove asbestos/lead/mold, upgrade classrooms.	See NOTE above	NO
Vista Unified School District	N	Bond: \$543M (\$1.2B with interest). 55% voter approval needed. Pay back by 2060-2061. Fund: Facility infrastructure repair, replacement and upgrade.	See NOTE above	NO
Fallbrook Union Elementary School District	K	Bond: \$76M (\$167M with interest). 55% voter approval needed. Pay back by 2062-2063. Fund: Facility infrastructure repair, replacement and upgrade, meet safety standards.	See NOTE above	NO

General Guidelines I Follow in Analyzing Measures:

- **Do:** First read the Summary, then actual text being voted on, then (if provided) any official analysis, then arguments for & 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:** Concentrate on the major implications and not on trivial aspects to make a decision
- **Do:** Apply common sense; come to a tentative conclusion – compare to positions of those you trust
- **Don't:** Rely on recommendations of organizations by name only (many sound good but are misleading)
- **Don't:** Wait until the last day to do your research (do it over time)
- **Don't:** Support government going into future debt (there are very rare exceptions (e.g. war))
- **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 law for the sake of a small amount of good, “worthwhile” law

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