STATEWIDE PROPOSITIONS

• PROPOSITION 50. SUSPENSION OF LEGISLATORS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.
  Authorizes Legislature to suspend Members, including without salary and benefits. Prohibits suspended Members from using powers of office or legislative resources. Provides suspension may end on specified date or by vote of Member’s house. Fiscal Impact: No effect on state spending in most years. Minor state savings in some years. A YES vote on this measure means: The State Constitution would be amended to require a two-thirds vote of the Senate or Assembly in order to suspend a state legislator. The Senate or Assembly could eliminate that legislator’s salary and benefits during the suspension. KERNTAX SUPPORTS PROP 50.

LOCAL MEASURES

• COUNTY OF KERN TAX MEASURE F.
  Public Library Transactions and Use Tax. Shall the Kern County Board of Supervisors enact a 0.125 percent (1/8 cent) transactions and use tax on all qualified retail sales within the County of Kern, for the benefit of the Kern County Public Library system, in accordance with California Revenue and Taxation Code §7286.59? KERNTAX DOES NOT SUPPORT MEASURE F.

DISCUSSION ON THE COUNTY LIBRARIES HAS LASTED OVER A YEAR; ADVOCATES FOCUSED ON EXPANDING HOURS AND GROWING THE PAYROLL, NOT PROVIDING A VISION FOR BETTER LIBRARIES. MANY IMPORTANT TOPICS WERE BARELY MENTIONED: NEW MIX OF LIBRARY SERVICES; IMPROVING COMMUNITY OUTREACH; BUILDING CAPACITY FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES; BECOMING PLACES OF PUBLIC GATHERING; IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY; PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING MULTIPLE ATTRACTIONS FOR PATRONS; A PLAN FOR MORE AMENITIES; OR A PLAN TO BE A CATALYST FOR COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION.

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.