**STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES**  |  March 3, 2020

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**MEASURE A**

Wasco Union High School District | $38,950,000 School Facility Bonds.

To improve Wasco Union High School by constructing a new gymnasium; upgrading repairing, constructing, reconstructing and equipping related facilities to better serve students and the community; to qualify for potential State matching funds, shall Wasco Union High School District issue $38,950,000 in bonds repaying an annual average of $2,235,000, at approximately $29.41 per $100,000 of assessed value, while bonds are outstanding, at legal interest rates, with no funding for employee salaries or pensions, and required audits and citizens’ oversight?

KernTax, through its School Bond Evaluation Process, has determined that Measure A is a responsible use of bond indebtedness.

**KERNTAX SUPPORTS MEASURE A**

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**MEASURE B**

McFarland Unified School District | $30,000,000 School Facility Bonds.

To modernize/construct classrooms, restrooms/school facilities to improve the quality of education; repair/replace roofs; construct multi-purpose room/cafeteria at McFarland High; repair, construct, acquire classrooms, sites/equipment, shall the McFarland Unified School District measure be adopted to issue $30,000,000 of bonds at legal rates, levy on average $5.1 cents per $100 assessed value, generating approximately $1,850,000 annually while bonds are outstanding, with annual audits, independent citizens’ oversight, NO money for salaries, all money staying local?

KernTax, through its School Bond Evaluation Process, has determined that Measure B is a responsible use of bond indebtedness.

**KERNTAX SUPPORTS MEASURE B**

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**MEASURE C**

Wasco Union Elementary School District | $16,000,000 School Facility Bonds.

To improve the quality of local elementary and middle schools; make health, safety and security improvements; modernize/construct classrooms, restrooms and school facilities; and upgrade P.E. fields and facilities; shall Wasco Union School District’s measure be adopted authorizing $16,000,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, generating approximately $940,000 annually while bonds are outstanding with levies of approximately 3 cents per $100 assessed value, with annual audits, citizens’ oversight, no money for salaries and all money for local projects?

KernTax, through its School Bond Evaluation Process, has determined that Measure C is a responsible use of bond indebtedness.

**KERNTAX SUPPORTS MEASURE C**

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**MEASURE D**

Proposed by Initiative | Medicinal Cannabis

Shall County adopt the ordinance proposed by Initiative, Medicinal Cannabis Measure, allowing medicinal cannabis retail, cultivating and manufacturing; allow medicinal cannabis retail operating before January 1, 2018 to reopen, relocate, and expand in unincorporated area, subject to state licensing requirements and 1000 foot setbacks from legal medicinal shops and schools; allow activity without conditional use permit; and allow County to levy perpetual 3.75% special business tax per every $1000.00 of gross income (fiscal impact unknown)?

Measured D claims to eliminate public nuisances, yet Measure D allows dispensaries, previously deemed to be public nuisances, to re-open.

**KERNTAX OPPOSES MEASURE D**

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**MEASURE E**

Proposed by the County of Kern | Kern Medicinal Cannabis Retail Store Initiative.

Shall County adopt the ordinance proposed by County, Kern Medicinal Cannabis Retail Store Initiative, allowing and regulating medicinal cannabis in unincorporated area, subject to conditional use permit after public hearing, state licensing requirements, setbacks of 1000 feet from legal medicinal shops, schools, public parks, youth centers, libraries, churches, city limits, or 350 feet from any residence; and levying a perpetual 3.5% general purpose business tax per every $1000.00 of gross income (fiscal impact unknown)?

Since many employers prohibit the use of Cannabis, KernTax cannot support Measure E, even thought it is a responsible alternative to Measure D.

**KERNTAX HAS DECIDED NOT TO TAKE A POSITION ON THIS MEASURE.**

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CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 13 -
the School and College Facilities Bond is on the ballot in
California as a legislatively referred bond question.
Proposition 13 would authorize $15 billion in bonds for school and college facilities in
California, including $9 billion for preschool and K-12 schools, $4 billion for universities,
and $2 billion for community colleges. According to the California Legislative Analyst, the
state would make payments totaling an estimated $26 billion, including $15 billion in
principal and $11 billion in interest, over 35 years from the General Fund.

Proposition 13 was designed to distribute bond revenue as follows:

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KERNTAX OPPOSES PROPOSITION 13 (2020) FOR THREE REASONS:

• Owners of existing homes would be called on to finance more of the school construction needed for new homes.
• Prop 13 relaxes one of the checks on excessive school bonding by raising school district bonding capacity by sixty percent.
• Prop. 13 would drive up the cost of school construction by giving priority for state funding to projects that include union labor agreements.

Over the years, Kerntax has developed a Bond Evaluation Process. Please go to our website to review our Evaluation of School Bond Debt: https://www.kerntaxpayers.org/election-positions/

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KernTax views any government collection of funds through any financial conduit to be taxation, be it identified as a tax, a fee for government service or a regulated rate structure. If it is excessive or not appropriate, KernTax must, by charter, act to educate and facilitate resolution and ensure fair representation and treatment. We do not seek subsidies; we merely pursue reasonable return to our local citizens from all regulatory bodies and their agent for levied taxes or fees.

KERNTAX’S PRINCIPLES:

• All Taxes & Fees must be fair, understandable, cost effective and good for the economy.
• All Expenditures must be fiscally responsible, economically sustainable, and societally equitable.