

# CALIFORNIA GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 4, 2008 ★ Official Voter Information Guide

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**PLEASE NOTE:** After the printing of the Voter Information Guide was underway, Proposition 1 was removed from the ballot pursuant to statute. It will be replaced by Proposition 1A on the ballot. A Supplemental Voter Information Guide was printed to provide voters with the text, analyses, arguments, and other information about the measure required by law.

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## SAFE, RELIABLE HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER TRAIN BOND ACT.

# PROP 1A

### OFFICIAL TITLE AND SUMMARY

### SAFE, RELIABLE HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER TRAIN BOND ACT.

- Provides long-distance commuters with a safe, convenient, affordable, and reliable alternative to driving and high gas prices.
- Reduces traffic congestion on the state's highways and at the state's airports.
- Reduces California's dependence on foreign oil.
- Reduces air pollution and global warming greenhouse gases.
- Establishes a clean, efficient 220 MPH transportation system.
- Improves existing passenger rail lines serving the state's major population centers.
- Provides for California's growing population.
- Provides for a bond issue of \$9.95 billion to establish high-speed train service linking Southern California counties, the Sacramento/San Joaquin Valley, and the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Provides that at least 90% of these bond funds shall be spent for specific construction projects, with private and public matching funds required, including, but not limited to, federal funds, funds from revenue bonds, and local funds.
- Requires that use of all bond funds is subject to independent audits.
- Appropriates money from the General Fund to pay bond principal and interest.

### Summary of Legislative Analyst's Estimate of Net State and Local Government Fiscal Impact:

- State costs of about \$19.4 billion, assuming 30 years to pay off both principal (\$9.95 billion) and interest (\$9.5 billion) costs of the bonds. Payments of about \$647 million per year.
- When constructed, additional unknown costs, probably in excess of \$1 billion a year, to operate and maintain a high-speed train system. The costs would be at least partially, and potentially fully, offset by passenger fare revenues, depending on ridership.

### FINAL VOTES CAST BY THE LEGISLATURE ON AB 3034 (PROPOSITION 1A)

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Senate:	Ayes 27	Noes 10
Assembly:	Ayes 58	Noes 15

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