



November 4th, 2008 Endorsements

United States President
Senator Barack Obama

Supervisor, County of Los Angeles
Mark Ridley-Thomas, 2nd District

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

This is an election that will change the course of history. In addition to electing a new U.S. President and County Supervisor (for those of you who live in the Second District), there are a number of critically important measures on the ballot. After extensive research, your Union has come up with a set of recommendations for you to consider.

In solidarity,

Maria Elena Durazo
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Municipal Measures

YES on Measure R. Funds critical mass transit and road projects, creating more Union jobs while reducing traffic.

YES on Measure Q. Repairs and rebuilds older neighborhood schools – with Union labor – so that classrooms are safe and healthy learning environments for our children.

YES on Measure J. Builds state-of-the-art classrooms – and upgrades technology in existing classrooms – in L.A. Community Colleges so that Angelenos can train for high tech and “green” jobs. All construction uses Union workers!

Ballot Propositions

YES on Prop 1A. Californians are fed up with slow-moving traffic and high gas prices. We need high speed rail to get our families – and our economy moving!

The L.A. County Federation of Labor has no recommendation on Props 2 & 3.

NO on Prop 4. Prop 4 is sponsored by special interests intent on taking away a woman’s right to choose. This measure puts teens at risk and has been called the “most deceptive measure on the...ballot.”

YES on Prop 5. Reduces prison overcrowding by creating drug treatment programs for youth and rehabilitation for nonviolent offenders.

NO on Prop 6. Redirects \$1 billion in State funding from vital programs like education and mental health services toward “confused anti-crime spending.” (LA Times)

NO on Prop 7. So-called “renewable energy” proposition opposed by leading environmental, consumer, and taxpayer groups.

NO on Prop 8. Discriminates against individuals seeking to commit to one another with the dignity, respect, and rights that marriage provides families.

NO on Prop 9. Creates additional bureaucracy and duplication of existing laws in criminal justice system.

NO on Prop 10. \$5 billion in new bonds (cost taxpayers nearly \$10 billion!) to fund a tax give-away to a Texas billionaire.

NO on Prop 11. Changes the State Constitution to give the power to re-draw the state’s political map to appointed bureaucrats.

YES on Prop 12. Allows veterans of war to obtain low-interest loans for the purchase of homes.

