here's why: This is an important proposition on the ballot, illegal while driving a vehicle, in all public places and anywhere it use for individuals aged 21 and older and create two new taxes on.

Explanation:
Proposition 64 would legalize recreational marijuana for individuals aged 21 and older and create two new taxes on.

Proposition 65: Dedication of Revenue from Disposable Bag Sales to Wildlife Conservation Fund Initiative (NO)

Explanation: Proposition 65 would require all revenue generated by state-mandated sale of carryout bags to be earmarked for specific categories of environmental projects. The fund would be managed by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

BWW Analysis: This prop is being used to confuse voters about the other grocery bag initiative. It was put out by plastic bag manufacturers, because if both propositions 65 and 67 pass, the proposition with the most “yes” votes would supersede the other.

Proposition 67: Plastic Bag Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags (YES)

Explanation: Proposition 67 would uphold the contested regulation banning plastic bags that was enacted by the California State Legislature through Senate Bill 270. SB 270 prohibits large grocery stores and pharmacies from providing plastic single-use carryout bags and requires grocery stores, convenience stores and liquor stores from doing so in the following year.

BWW Analysis: We know We know, we love a good plastic bag, as much as the next person. It can be reused for so many things. However, the fact is that plastic bags are polluting our environment and other products, but there is no real impact on our environment. This proposition would support the ongoing bag legislation, a hard fought agreement between grocery stores and the state legislature.

Please note that if both Prop 65 and 67 pass, the Proposition with the most “yes” votes would supersede the other proposition.

Supported
Proposition 61 - Neutral
Proposition 52 - YES
Proposition 53 - NO
Proposition 54 - YES
Proposition 55 - YES
Proposition 56 - YES
Proposition 57 - YES
Proposition 58 - YES
Proposition 59 - YES
Proposition 60 - NO
Proposition 61 - Neutral
Proposition 62 - YES
Proposition 63 - NO
Proposition 64 - NO
Proposition 65 - NO
Proposition 66 - NO
Proposition 67 - NO

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Proposition 51 - YES
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Proposition 51: California Public School Facility Bonds Initiative (YES)
Explanation: Proposition 51 supports the state issuing $9 billion in bonds to fund improvement and construction of school facilities for K-12 schools and community colleges.

DW: Although this is not the logical way to get more public school funding, it is one of better options. Not only does it allow for community input for $10 billion to be spent on community colleges and K-12 schools, but it also allows for accountability, as a 72-hour period for all parties involved means that communities will have a say in how the bond money is spent. For the $9 billion we borrow, we are paying $8.6 billion more in interest (which feels like mafia type levels of interest). In a perfect world, we would have more control over how this money is spent, but in the real world, this is as good as we can get.

Proposition 52: Require Voter Approval of Changes to the Hospital Fee Program (NO)
Explanation: Proposition 52 would require voter approval to change the dedicated use of the Health Facilities Access Fee, which is used to draw matching federal money and fund Medi-Cal services to ensure medical care for low-income families and children.

Proposition 53: Elections and Campaigns: Voter Approval Requirement for Revenue Proposals (NO)
Explanation: Proposition 53 requires voter approval for all revenue propositions, which would need to pass by a 2/3rd vote within fees are set to expire in 2018. This proposition if passed, would replace representatives, not replace the system.

Proposition 54: The Display of Legislative Bills Prior to Vote Proposal (YES)
Explanation: Proposition 54 provides the legislature with a window into bills before they are introduced. The legislature will also be required to report the bill number, title, and vote on the bill.

Proposition 55: Taxes (YES)
Explanation: Proposition 55 extends the temporary personal income tax increases on incomes over $250,000 implemented in 2013.

DW: Remember a few years ago when we voted on Prop 30 to save California from fiscal death? Well, Proposition 55 is nothing but the same. Well, there is one difference...well, actually let’s be honest. Anyway, if you look at the measure now, it says that if it lets the temporary rate tax increase expire at the end of 2016, the revenue would go towards things such as tutoring, funding for K-12 education, community colleges and healthcare as well as other development initiatives. The measure also requires a two-thirds vote to make any changes. By the way, what we are presenting about this proposition is the closing of the tax loophole. For many people, community colleges and K-12 schools are the only hope to get a good education in this world. What we are not talking about is the proposition’s impact on the economy. This is going to cost the state $2 billion dollars for the next 7 years. For the $6 billion we borrow, we are paying $5.8 billion more in interest. For the extra $2 billion dollars that go to hospitals to cover education. What we are not feeling about this proposition is the negative impact it has on recycling. This proposition could impact our education system for years to come.

Proposition 56: Increases the Cigarette Tax to $2.00 per pack (YES)
Explanation: Proposition 56 is to increase the cigarette tax $2 per pack, with equivalent increases on other tobacco products.

DW: Although it sounds like a good idea, in practice not so much anymore. Many major tobacco needs to be reduced quickly using bonds. California would need to raise a vote, which also costs taxpayers dollars. In addition, communities that have nothing to do with a certain project would be able to vote for or against it, setting up the potential for communities for discrimination. We put our elected officials in office for a reason. If we allow them to make these decisions, we are going to have a hard time getting anything done.

Proposition 57: Parole and Sentencing Court Procedures and Sentencing (NO)
Explanation: Proposition 57 supports increasing parole and good behavior opportunities for those convicted of nonviolent crimes and allows judges, not prosecutors, to decide whether to try certain prisoners as adults in court.

Proposition 58: Non-English Languages Allowed in Public Education (YES)
Explanation: Proposition 58 repeals much of the 1998 Proposition 227, the “English-Only Public Schools” initiative, thus effectively allowing students to use their native language in public education.

Proposition 59: Low-Income English Language Students in Public Education (YES)
Explanation: Proposition 59 allows English language students to use their native language in public education.

Proposition 60: Condoms in Pornographic Films Initiative (NO)
Explanation: Proposition 60 requires the use of condoms and other protective measures during the filming of pornographic films.

Proposition 61: Drug Price Standards Initiative (NEUTRAL)
Explanation: Proposition 61 supports requiring drug prices by requiring state agencies to pay the same price that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pays for prescription drugs.

Proposition 62: Proposition 66 changes death penalty procedures in its current form, it is estimated that there are three possible outcomes to its passage. Proposition 61 supports repealing the death penalty. In its current form, it is estimated that there are three possible outcomes to its passage.

Proposition 63: Drug Price Standards Initiative (YES)
Explanation: Proposition 63 requires regulating drug prices by requiring state agencies to pay the same price that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pays for prescription drugs.

Proposition 64: Death Penalty Court Procedures (NO)
Explanation: Proposition 64 changes death penalty procedures to speed up the appeals process by putting the Supreme Court in charge of overturning state court decisions on death penalty cases. This proposition fails to definitively define the impacts of its passage.

Proposition 65: Prohibit the sale of tobacco products to those 18 years of age and older (YES)
Explanation: Proposition 65 is a $2.00 per pack tax (YES) on tobacco products.

Proposition 66: Death Penalty (NO)
Explanation: Proposition 66 supports repealing the death penalty.

Proposition 67: Recall Proposition 66 (NO)
Explanation: Proposition 67 would call for a recall election of the elected officials who voted in favor of the death penalty.

Proposition 68: Straddle Propositions

Proposition 69: 2/3rd Vote on $2.00 per pack tax on tobacco (YES)

Proposition 70: Prohibit the sale of tobacco products to those 18 years of age and older (YES)

Proposition 71: Recall Proposition 66 (NO)

Proposition 72: Amend the Constitution to protect the state’s role in setting fee levels for Medi-Cal services (YES)

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