



The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce recommends the following positions for the initiatives on the November 2010 ballot. The Board of Directors believes that these positions are in the best interest of our business members and the local business community.

Prop. 19: Oppose – Regulate, Control and Tax Cannabis Act of 2010

Will not allow California employers to: "screen job applicants for marijuana use; regulate any employee conduct related to the use, transportation, or cultivation of marijuana unless the employer can prove job impairment; or choose to maintain a drug-free workplace consistent with federal law", according to an analysis released by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office.

Prop. 20: Support – Redistricting of Congressional Districts

The Legislature has not been successful in its efforts to restructure the districts in an impartial manner and that a Citizens Redistricting Commission will be more likely to be successful.

Prop 21: Oppose – Vehicle License Fee for Parks

This fee will negatively impact many businesses, and it would be problematic to increase costs to businesses in the current economic climate.

Prop. 22: Support – Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Act

This act protects investments in transportation projects, prohibits the state from borrowing local government property taxes and from borrowing Prop. 42 (gas tax) funds.

Prop. 23: Support – Suspension of AB32

AB32 included the ability of the Governor to suspend the provisions of the bill in the event of an economic downturn. This suspension has not been utilized even though this is the worst economic climate in recent history. We believe that a suspension is critical to help our local and state economy stabilize and grow.

Prop. 24: Oppose – Repeal Corporate Tax Loopholes Act

This initiative repeals recently enacted tax benefits that are critical for business investment, long term success and thus will save jobs and encourage new hires.

Prop. 25: Oppose – On Time Budget Act of 2010

Our State Legislators main purpose is to create a balanced budget each year. We oppose this measure because it will exempt the budget bill and other bills providing for appropriations (spending money) related to the budget bill from the existing two-thirds vote requirement and provide that those appropriations take effect immediately. The 2/3 majority is necessary to prevent either party from passing unreasonable budgets that would in effect force tax increases to cover the approved appropriations.

Prop. 26: Support – Stop Hidden Taxes Initiative

We support this measure because it closes a loophole in the law that allows the State Legislature to raise, by a majority vote rather than the required two-thirds vote, taxes on products and services simply by calling them "fees" instead of "taxes." Hidden taxes and fees work against job creation, driving businesses out of our state and forcing many small businesses to close.

Prop. 27: Oppose – Eliminates State Commission on Redistricting Ballot

We oppose this initiative because it overturns the California Voters First Act reform (Proposition 11 of 2008). We believe California cannot afford to return to a system where the politicians select their voters by drawing their district lines.

These positions were approved at the August 23, 2010 board of directors meeting.