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TO:

Monterey County Legislative Committee

Memorandum

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RE: Legislative Program: State Advocacy Updates

OVERVIEW OF 2018 MIDTERM ELECTION RESULTS:

The November 6, 2018, midterm elections were full of mixed results across the U.S., including in California. Although ballots at designated precincts may have been reported, there are **still more than 4.5 million provisional and mail-in ballots left to be counted throughout the state.** County elections officials plan to complete all their work related to the general election by December 7, 2018.

- As expected, Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom was elected Governor, becoming the second progressive Democratic former Bay Area mayor in a row to become Governor. In addition, Democrats were elected to every partisan state constitutional office.
- Unexpectedly, the \$8.9 Billion water bond, included in Proposition 3, appears to be headed for defeat as it is trailing, at the moment, by 4 points.
- Democrats in both houses of the legislature appear poised to enjoy super-majorities beginning in December.

All of this means that Democratic control of California state government continues to strengthen and shows no sign of reversing in any future election. Below please find a summary of the election results.

The following reflects updated results as of **8:52 PM on November 8** from key races of interest to the County of Monterey during the recent general election:

STATEWIDE CONTESTS

RACE

Governor

Lieutenant Governor

Secretary of State

Controller

Treasurer

Attorney General

Insurance Commissioner*

Superintendent of Public Instruction*

U.S. Senate

CANDIDATE #1

Gavin Newsom (D) – 59.4%

Eleni Kounalakis (D) –

55.8%

Alex Padilla (D) – 61.8%

Betty Yee (D) – 63.0%

Fiona Ma (D) – 61.1%

Xavier Becerra (D) – 60.8%

Ricardo Lara (D) – 50.8%

Marshall Tuck – 50.6%

Dianne Feinstein (D) –

54.4%

CANDIDATE #2

John Cox (R) – 40.6%

Ed Hernandez (D) – 44.2%

Mark Meuser (R) – 38.2%

Konstantinos Roditis (R) –

37.0%

Greg Conlon (R) – 38.9%

Steven Bailey (R) – 39.2%

Steve Poizner (NPP) – 49.2%

Tony Thurmond – 49.4%

Kevin De Leon (D) – 45.6%

*Close Contest Race

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STATE BALLOT MEASURES – PROPOSITION #	YES VOTES	NO VOTES
1 – Bonds to Fund Veteran & Affordable Housing	54.2%	45.8%
2 - Amend Existing Housing Program for Mental Illness	61.2%	38.8%
3 - Bond for Water and Environmental Projects	47.7%	52.3%
4 - Bond for Children's Hospital Construction	60.6%	39.4%
5 - Senior Property Reduction	41.9%	58.1%
6 - Repeal of Fuel Tax Approved by Voters	44.7%	55.3%
7 - Change Daylight Saving Time Period	60.0%	40.0%
8 - Regulates Kidney Dialysis Treatment Charges	38.5%	61.5%
10 - Rental Control on Residential Property	38.4%	61.6%
11 - Emergency Ambulance Employees on-call	60.4%	39.6%
12 - Farm Animals Confinement Standards	61.1%	38.9%

COUNTY OF MONTEREY STATE SENATE RACES

DISTRICT/INCUMBENT	CANDIDATE #1	CANDIDATE #2
12 (R)	Anna Caballero (D) - 52.2%	Rob Poythress (R) - 47.8%

COUNTY OF MONTEREY STATE ASSEMBLY RACES

DISTRICT/INCUMBENT	CANDIDATE #1	CANDIDATE #2
29 (D)	Mark Stone (D) – 69.1%	Vicki Nohrden (R) – 30.9%
30 (D)	Robert Rivas (D) – 65.3%	Neil Kitchens (R) – 34.7%

Other key-takeaways & races from the California election:

1. California State Democrats regained their supermajority in both the Senate and the Assembly:

- State Senate
 - 28 Democrats
 - 11 Republicans
 - 1 close contest race (winner still undetermined)

- State Assembly
 - 56 Democrats
 - 21 Republican
 - 3 close contest races (winners still undetermined)

2. There are 6 new incoming California State Senators:

- SD 8 – Andrew Borgeas (R)
- SD 14 – Melissa Hurtado (D)
- SD 22 – Susan Rubio (D)
- SD 24 – Maria Elena Durazo (D)
- SD 32 – Bob Archuleta (D)
- SD 38 – Former Assemblymember Brian Jones (R)

3. There are 6 new incoming California State Assemblymembers:

- AD 15 - Buffy Wicks (D)
- AD 30 – Robert Rivas (D)
- AD 39 – Luz Rivas (D)
- AD 40 – James Ramon (D)
- AD 72 – Tyler Diep (R)
- AD 76 – Tasha Horvath (D)