



**City of Long Beach**  
**City Council—Agenda Item #23**  
**September 15, 2020**

# Item #23: State Legislation Committee Recommendations

- At its meeting on September 3, 2020, the State Legislation Committee voted to support **Propositions 15, 16, 17, 18, and 25** on the November 2020 ballot and to forward these recommendations to City Council for adoption
  - Proposition 15—Split Roll Initiative
  - Proposition 16—Affirmative Action
  - Proposition 17—Parolee Voting Rights
  - Proposition 18—17-Year-Old Voting
  - Proposition 25—Cash Bail Referendum

# Item #23: Proposition 15 (Split Roll)

- **Proposition 15:** *Increases Funding for Public Schools, Community Colleges, and Local Government Services by Changing Tax Assessment of Commercial and Industrial Property. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*
- **Summary**
  - Proposition 15 (2020) would split tax rolls for residential and commercial
    - Residential would continue under Proposition 13 (1978) structure
    - Commercial and industrial would be taxed on current market value
  - Increased revenues for local governments and education

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- **Fiscal Effects**
  - Applicable property owners would pay higher property taxes
  - State estimates \$6.5 billion-\$11.5 billion for local governments and education
- **City Revenue Estimates**
  - Statewide range and City's current share of property taxes = **\$1.3-2.4 million**
  - Add estimate of potential reassessed values = **\$3 million**
  - Schools and Communities First Campaign = **\$32 million**
    - Methodology is unclear, does not disaggregate education
- **Uncertainties**
  - Assumptions based on current share of property tax revenue
  - Exemptions not based on a single jurisdiction
  - Timeline and implementation challenges

# Item #23: Proposition 16 (Affirmative Action)

- **Proposition 16:** *Allows Diversity as a Factor in Public Employment, Education, and Contracting Decisions. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.*
- **Summary**
  - Proposition 16 would repeal Proposition 209 (1996) and allow for consideration of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education, and contracting decisions—within the limits of Federal law
- **Local Impacts**
  - If passed, the impacts of Proposition 16 would depend on further Council action
  - Council could change purchasing and selection criteria, adopt modifications to equal employment opportunity plan

# Item #23: Proposition 17 (Parolee Voting Rights)

- **Proposition 17:** *Restores Rights to Vote after Completion of Prison Term. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.*
- **Summary**
  - Proposition 17 would restore the right to vote for people on State parole
- **Fiscal Effects**
  - The State estimates county costs to increase by hundreds of thousands of dollars annually—prepare voting information and resources for 40,000 current parolees
  - LA County Clerk notes minor impacts on County operations but supports restoring voting rights
  - The proposal would have minimal cost increases to the City Clerk’s office

# Item #23: Proposition 18 (17-Year-Old Voting)

- **Proposition 18:** *Amends California Constitution to Permit 17-Year-Olds to Vote in Primary and Special Elections if they Will Turn 18 by the Next General Election and be Otherwise Eligible to Vote. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.*
- **Summary**
  - Proposition 18 would authorize eligible 17-year-olds to vote in special or primary elections if they will be at least 18 by the next general election
- **Fiscal Effects**
  - State estimates one-time costs in the hundreds of thousands of dollars to update voter registration systems
  - The proposal would have minimal implications for City operations

# Item #23: Proposition 25 (Cash Bail Referendum)

- **Proposition 25:** *Referendum on Law that Replaced Money Bail with System Based on Public Safety and Flight Risk.*
- **Summary**
  - Proposition 25 considers whether Senate Bill 10 (2018) should go into effect
    - “Yes” vote would uphold the bill and change the pretrial detention and release system
    - “No” vote would repeal the bill and retain cash bail
  - Senate Bill 10 risk-assessment system
    - Low-risk: released
    - Medium-risk: released or supervised release
    - High-risk: detained



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- **Fiscal Effects**
  - State estimates costs in the mid-hundreds of millions of dollars
  - County jail costs could decrease by tens of millions of dollars annually
- **Local Impacts**
  - Direct impacts to the City are unclear—counties would be responsible for implementing transition to a risk-based system