

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments  
Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee**

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Agenda Item 3a

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**November 2020 Election Update**

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- Subject:** Update on key statewide and local measures as well as state legislative races in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.
- Overview:** Staff will provide an election update at your meeting on key statewide and local ballot measures relevant to MTC/ABAG, as well as the results of congressional and state legislative races for the San Francisco Bay Area delegation.

**Discussion**

**Statewide Measures**


Voters face 12 statewide ballot measures this election. Of those, MTC/ABAG took a support position on just one—Proposition 16—which would repeal the ban on affirmative action enacted by voters in 1996. Other important measures that would have long-term impacts for local government finance include Propositions 15 and 19, which amend various property tax provisions in the State Constitution. With respect to housing, voters are being asked to expand the ability of local jurisdictions to enact rent control in Proposition 21. As for transportation, Proposition 22 would allow technology companies like Lyft, Uber and DoorDash to treat their drivers as independent contractors, rather than employees, as intended by the Legislature in the enactment of AB 5 (Gonzalez, 2019) and currently under litigation.

**Regional and Local Measures**

Two key transportation measures subject to a vote this year that MTC endorsed are Measure RR, the Caltrain 1/8-cent sales tax and Measure DD, a 20-year extension of Sonoma County's ¼-cent sales tax which expires in 2025. Staff is also surveying the landscape of other local measures related to housing and transportation and will provide an overview of the results of key measures at your meeting.

**Legislative Races**

In Sacramento, three of the region's state senators are termed out this year, including long-time Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee and Bay Area Metro 2019 Legislator of the Year Senator Jim Beall (San Jose/Santa Clara County), as well as Senator Jerry Hill (San Mateo/Santa Clara County) and Senator Bill Monning (Southern Santa Clara County/Santa Cruz). Members of the State Senate delegation who are up for reelection are Senator Scott Wiener (San Francisco) and Senator Steve Glazer (Alameda/Contra Costa County). On the Assembly side, Assemblymember Kansen Chu (San Jose) is termed out. Assembly terms are just two years and are not staggered so the remaining 17 members of our delegation are each up for reelection. Consistent with the state's "top two" primary rules, several of the region's Assembly delegation are being challenged by other Democrats, including Assemblymember Marc Levine (Marin County) and Assemblymember Bill Quirk (Hayward). In Washington, D.C., we expect no change in our Congressional delegation, except the possibility that Governor Newsom will need to select a new senator to finish up the term of Senator Kamala Harris (through 2022) should the Biden/Harris ticket win the presidential election.

  
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