

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

November 8, 2024

Agenda Item 3b

November 2024 Election Update

Subject:

Election update covering key statewide, local, and nationwide ballot measures relevant to MTC/ABAG, as well as an update on state and federal legislative races for the San Francisco Bay Area delegation.

Overview:

An update on the November 5 election will be provided at your November 8 meeting. Below is an overview of the measures and other races of particular relevance to MTC/ABAG.

Statewide Measures

This election includes 10 statewide ballot measures. MTC/ABAG has taken a support position on two of these:

- Proposition 4, which would authorize \$10 billion in bonds to fund safe drinking water initiatives, wildfire prevention, and the protection of communities and natural lands from climate risks.
- Proposition 5, which would establish a 55% vote threshold for local bonds related to affordable housing and public infrastructure.

Another key measure with potential impacts on MTC/ABAG's work is Proposition 33, which would expand the authority of local governments to enact rent control on residential properties.

Local Bay Area Measures and Broader California and Nationwide Measures

Staff has surveyed the landscape of local Bay Area measures related to housing and transportation and will provide an overview of the results of key measures at your meeting. Staff is also tracking citizen initiatives on the ballot in Los Angeles and San Diego counties, which could be relevant examples for Bay Area discussions about future regional transportation and housing measures. Additionally, staff will report out on the outcomes of transportation revenue measures that are on the ballot across the country.

Legislative Races

In Sacramento, significant changes are underway for the Bay Area delegation. Approximately one-quarter of the Bay Area's 27-member state delegation will experience turnover, with seven members leaving their current positions. Among those departing are four termed out members, including former MTC Chair Senator Bill Dodd (representing Napa, Solano, southern Sonoma and Yolo counties), State Senate Budget Chair Emeritus Nancy Skinner (Alameda County), Senator Steve Glazer (Contra Costa County), and long-time Bay Area Caucus chair and Assembly Budget Chair Phil Ting (San Francisco). Additionally, Assemblymembers Tim Grayson (Contra Costa County) and Evan Low (Santa Clara County including Cupertino, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale and portions of San Jose) are retiring from the State Assembly to pursue seats in the State Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, respectively. Assemblymember Jim Wood (representing northern and eastern Sonoma County and Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendicino, and Trinity counties) is also retiring.

Members of the State Senate delegation who are up for reelection are Senator Scott Wiener (San Francisco), Senator Josh Becker (San Mateo County), Senator Dave Cortese (Santa Clara County), and Senator John Laird (representing southern Santa Clara County and portions of Monterey and Santa Cruz counties). Note: All California State Assemblymembers are up for reelection in 2024.

In Washington, D.C., Californians will be voting on a new U.S. Senator for California. Additionally, two members of the Bay Area Congressional delegation are retiring:

- Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (representing portions of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, including the portions of the city of San Jose), and
- Congresswoman Barbara Lee (representing Alameda County)

Note: All U.S. House of Representatives members are up for reelection in 2024.

Recommendation:

Information

Issues:

None identified.

Attachments:

None

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