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Secretary of State Debra Bowen Assigns Numbers to Ballot Measures Certified For the June 3, 2008, Statewide Direct Primary Election, Invites Californians to Submit Ballot Arguments by February 6

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced proposition numbers for the two measures that will appear on the June 3, 2008, statewide Direct Primary Election ballot. She also invited interested Californians to submit arguments to be included in the state ballot pamphlet.

Both measures qualified for the ballot through the initiative petition process. The statutory deadline for placing legislative and initiative measures on the ballot was January 24.

Elections Code Section 13115 sets the order in which the measures must appear on the ballot. Bond measures are first, followed by constitutional amendments, then other legislative measures, initiative measures, and referenda, with each listed within their category in the order in which they qualified.

The proposition numbers for the June ballot measures are listed below with the Attorney General's official titles and summaries:

Proposition 98

Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property, Constitutional Amendment.

Bars state and local governments from condemning or damaging private property for private uses. Prohibits rent control and similar measures. Prohibits deference to government in property rights cases. Defines "just compensation." Requires an award of attorneys fees and costs if property owner obtains a judgment for more than the amount offered by the government. Requires government to offer to original owner of condemned property the right to repurchase property at condemned price when property is put to substantially different use than was publicly stated. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Increased costs to many governments due to the measure's restrictions. The fiscal effect on most governments probably would not be significant. (07-0015)

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Proposition 99

Eminent Domain. Acquisition of Owner-Occupied Residence. Constitutional Amendment. Bars state and local governments from using eminent domain to acquire an owner-occupied residence, as defined, for conveyance to a private person or business entity. Creates exceptions for public work or improvement, public health and safety protection, and crime prevention. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: The measure would likely not have a significant fiscal impact on state or local governments. (07-0018.)

People may submit arguments for or against either of the ballot measures. Arguments selected for the ballot pamphlet will be on public display between February 19 and March 10. If multiple arguments are submitted for one proposition, state law gives first priority to arguments written by legislators in the case of a legislative measure, and to arguments written by the proponents of an initiative in the case of an initiative measure. Subsequent priority for all measures goes to bona fide citizen associations and then individuals. No more than three signers are allowed to appear with an argument or rebuttal to an argument.

Ballot arguments cannot exceed 500 words and rebuttals to ballot arguments cannot exceed 250 words. All submissions should be typed and double-spaced. They may be hand-delivered to the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 1500 11th Street, 5th Floor, Sacramento, California 95814 or faxed to (916) 653-3214. If faxed, the original copies must be received within 72 hours. The deadline to submit ballot arguments is February 6 by 5:00 p.m. and the deadline to submit rebuttals to the ballot arguments are due by February 14 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information about the process and requirements for qualifying statewide initiatives, go to http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/initiative_guide.htm.

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