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## Secretary of State Alex Padilla Statement on Proposition 49 Ruling

California Secretary of State Alex Padilla has issued the following statement:

“Today, the California Supreme Court issued an opinion in Howard Jarvis Tax Payers Association v. Padilla. In a 6-1 majority opinion, the Court held that the Legislature may submit a nonbinding advisory question to voters seeking input as to whether the United States Congress should propose an amendment to the United States Constitution that would overturn Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and other related judicial rulings.”

“The Court held that the advisory measure, Proposition 49, slated to be submitted to voters at the November 2014 election, was a constitutional exercise of the Legislature’s investigative powers and, moreover, that consulting with the public is an important part of this country’s tradition and practices that has often sought the advice of the electorate.”

“The Court’s opinion charts a path for the Legislature ‘to pass an identical measure directing placement of the same advisory question on a future ballot.’ Since the Court has now determined that Proposition 49 is constitutional and a vote on this issue has now been delayed for over a year, it is my hope that the Legislature takes action to place the measure on the ballot in 2016.”

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