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Secretary of State Debra Bowen Assigns Numbers to Four Referenda Certified for the February 5, 2008, Presidential Primary Election, Invites Californians to Submit Ballot Arguments by Wednesday

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced proposition numbers for the four referenda that will appear on the February 5, 2008, Presidential Primary Election ballot. She also invited interested Californians to submit arguments to be included in the supplemental state ballot pamphlet.

All four measures qualified for the ballot through the referenda petition process over the past two business days. They join three initiatives addressing transportation funding, community college funding, and legislative term limits that had previously qualified for the February 5, 2008, Presidential Primary Election ballot.

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 four February referenda are listed below with the Attorney General's official titles and summaries:

Proposition 94

Referendum Petition to Overturn Amendment to Indian Gaming Compact.

If this petition is signed by the required number of registered voters and timely filed with the Secretary of State, it will stop the law (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2007) from going into effect, unless a majority of voters at the next statewide election vote in its favor. The challenged law ratifies an amendment to an existing gaming compact between the state and Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians; exempts certain projects from the California Environmental Quality Act; requires that revenue paid by tribe be deposited in the General Fund. (07-0037.)

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Proposition 95 **Referendum Petition to Overturn Amendment to Indian Gaming Compact.** If this petition is signed by the required number of registered voters and timely filed with the Secretary of State, it will stop the law (Chapter 38, Statutes of 2007) from going into effect, unless a majority of voters at the next statewide election vote in its favor. The challenged law ratifies an amendment to an existing gaming compact between the state and Morongo Band of Mission Indians; exempts certain projects from the California Environmental Quality Act; requires that revenue paid by the tribe be deposited in the General Fund. (07-0035.)

Proposition 96 **Referendum Petition to Overturn Amendment to Indian Gaming Compact.** If this petition is signed by the required number of registered voters and timely filed with the Secretary of State, it will stop the law (Chapter 39, Statutes of 2007) from going into effect, unless a majority of voters at the next statewide election vote in its favor. The challenged law ratifies an amendment to an existing gaming compact between the state and Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation; exempts certain projects from the California Environmental Quality Act; specifies where revenue paid by tribe pursuant to the amendment is deposited. (07-0036.)

Proposition 97 **Referendum Petition to Overturn Amendment to Indian Gaming Compact.** If this petition is signed by the required number of registered voters and timely filed with the Secretary of State, it will stop the law (Chapter 41, Statutes of 2007) from going into effect, unless a majority of voters at the next statewide election vote in its favor. The challenged law ratifies an amendment to an existing gaming compact between the state and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; exempts certain projects from the California Environmental Quality Act; requires that revenue paid by tribe be deposited in the General Fund. (07-0038.)

People may submit arguments for or against any of the referenda. 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 first priority to arguments written by the proponents of a referendum in the case of a referendum 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.

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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 November 21 by 2:00 p.m. and the deadline to submit rebuttals to the ballot arguments is November 23 at 5:00 p.m.

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