

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #7

October 11, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bryanna Siguenza called the meeting to order at 2:33pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Bryanna Siguenza, ASI Chief Government Relations Officer
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President
Frances Canales, ASI Senate Representative
Justin Contreras, ASI Senate Representative
Melissa Mejia, ASI Senate Representative
Mateo Maya, ASI Student At-Large
Elena Philippou, ASI Student At-Large
Reyalyn Villegas, ASI Student At-Large
Autumn Farmer, AVP Legislative & External Relations Designee

Voting Members Absent

Non-voting Members Present

Joe Nino, Assistant Director ASI Government Affairs & Initiatives Designee

Non-voting Members Absent

3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(M) Maya (S) Mejia to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #7, October 11, 2018

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #6, October 4, 2018

(M) Villegas (S) Contreras to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #6, , October 4, 2018

VOTE ON THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIES

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. REPORTS

A. Chief Government Relations Officer

- Thanked committee members who volunteered at the Voter Suppression Event
- In discussions with student organizations regarding funding for voter registration efforts

B. Vice Chair

- Still taking sign-ups for Saturday canvassing efforts

C. At-Large Representatives

Maya

- Hillside Dorms Voter Registration: due to no dorm event marketing, there were two attendees; 1 registered
- Created presentation for Long Beach measures

Villegas

- Parkside Dorms Voter Registration: due to no dorm event marketing, there were no attendees
- Tabling: location not conducive to stop/discuss with students

Discussion ensued regarding suggestions for next event

- Involve Resident Assistant (RA)
- Provide handouts with ballot summary
- Location conducive to stop/talk
- Wall projection
- Increase social media

D. Senate

Contreras

- Dorm Voter Registration: was told that there wasn't marketing due lack of staff follow-through due to other events happening that week.

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

- Waiting feedback from Carbaugh if donations can be made towards voter registration drives

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Lobby Corps Big Event Planning

Lobby Corps will work out details on a live google document on plans for the big event occurring October 18th

B. Discussion Item: Proposition Presentation

Student At-Large Villegas will be presenting on propositions that will be on the Nov. 6th ballot

Proposition 1: Affordable Housing Bond

- Allow the state to sell \$4 billion in new bonds to pay for existing affordable housing programs.
- Money will be appropriated into the following:
 - Low-income residents
 - Veteran support
 - Supporting Farm Workers
 - Accessible housing near public transportation

Proposition 1: Affordable Housing Bond

Why Vote YES:

- California is in great need of providing accessible housing for low-income families.
- California government should be able to provide for their veterans.

Why Vote NO:

- Passage of this will only benefit a limited part of the state population.
- California continuously acquiring debt will eventually result to higher taxes – increased burden on the residents.

Proposition 2: Mental Health Housing Program

- Allow the state to sell up to \$2 billion in bonds to provide assistance in paying for new mental housing programs.
- Approximately \$140 million from Proposition 63 funds could be used to pay for these bonds annually.

Proposition 2: Mental Health Housing Program

Why Vote YES:

- California will be providing the best support for those suffering with mental illness by providing them with housing.
- Proposition 2 will not significantly affect the state budget.

Why Vote NO:

- Decisions regarding how to deal with residents suffering with mental health illness should be up to the counties – not the state.
- This proposition will only benefit construction companies.

Proposition 3: Water Bonds

- Allow the state to sell \$8.9 billion in new bonds in order to provide financial assistance to water and environmental projects.
 - Projects they will prioritize:
 - Watershed protection
 - Dam and reservoir repairs
 - Flood protection

Proposition 3: Water Bonds

Why Vote YES:

- California will be able to provide safe drinking water to its residents.
- This will allow California to be prepared for future droughts and/or floods.

Why Vote NO:

- Does not address California’s main issue – water shortage.
- Unnecessary funding for preservation of state parks.

Proposition 4: Children’s Hospital Bonds

- Allow the state to sell an additional \$1.5 billion in bonds for hospitals geared towards children.
 - Hospitals must have an implemented system they can use to prove that the funds are being used appropriately.
 - Funds could be appropriated for the following:
 - Facility improvement
 - New equipment

Proposition 4: Children’s Hospital Bonds

Why Vote YES:

- California should be able to provide quality care for children – despite their family’s income status.
- Hospital facilities across the state could use the improvements.

Why Vote NO:

- California does not need to acquire more debt.
- This does not address the main problem: improving the health care system overall.

Proposition 5: Property Tax Rules

- Allow the expansion of special property tax rules for the following homeowners:
 - 55 years or older
 - Residents with severe disabilities
 - Homeowners who lost their property to natural disaster
- Allow homeowners to continuously pay the same amount in property tax disregarding the location and how many times they move.

Proposition 5: Property Tax Rules

Why Vote YES:

- Seniors and people with severe disabilities to relocate without worrying over paying higher taxes.

Why Vote NO:

- This will decrease the funding for schools and public services.
- It will only benefit seniors who can afford to relocate.
- This does not address the main problem: rent control and homelessness.

Proposition 6: Transportation Taxes and Fees

- Allow for the elimination of taxes and fees passed in State Budget #1 last year.
- Legislature cannot pass any new taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel prices without garnering voter approval.
 - Similar condition will be applied for any legislation surrounding vehicle license fees and transportation improvement fees.

Proposition 6: Transportation Taxes and Fees

Why Vote YES:

- Low-income residents are currently dealing with ridiculously high transportation taxes and fees.
- This can immediately lower the price of gasoline and vehicle registration fee.

Why Vote NO:

- Approximately 6,500 state projects are funded by transportation taxes and fees.
- Passage of this proposition will put our state infrastructure at risk – lowers the funds available for improving roads, bridges, etc.

Proposition 7: Daylight Saving time

- Allow for voting on changing Daylight Saving Time.
 - Lawmakers can choose to propose a law changing Daylight Saving Time into year-round rather than seasonal.
 - Changes must garner support from 2/3 of California's Legislature.

Proposition 7: Daylight Saving Time

Why Vote YES:

- Year-round Daylight Saving Time would have positive health effects on the public.
- This can reduce energy costs and increase work production.

Why Vote NO:

- School activities, traffic and public safety will experience negative effects during winter.
- This will create confusion since we will have a different time from other Western states.

Proposition 8: Kidney Dialysis Clinics

- Allow limitations to be put on treatment fees at dialysis clinics.
- Clinics would have to report how much profit made, summarize their patient charges, and their expenses on providing services.

Proposition 8: Kidney Dialysis Clinics

Why Vote YES:

- Put limitations on fees dialysis companies can charge their patients.
- A step towards lowering healthcare costs for Californians.

Why Vote NO:

- Dialysis clinics will not be affected by this since they already provide one of the highest quality health care.
- Community dialysis clinics will force to decrease the services they provide.

Proposition 10: Local Government and Rent Control

- Allow changes to be made on state law and put control on local governments regarding rent control.
- Rent Control Law could apply to any type of housing – no matter when it was built.
- Allow local governments to put restrictions on landlords including:
 - Increasing rent for new occupants

Proposition 10: Local Government and Rent Control

Why Vote YES:

- High cost of rent is putting seniors and low-income families at a disadvantage.
- This will allow local communities to choose whether they want to implement rent control.

Why Vote NO:

- Rent Control will hurt landlords – it can force them to sell their properties instead.
- This can possibly increase rents rather than controlling it.
- Government should not have the right to tell single-family homeowners how much they should charge for rent.

Proposition 11: Ambulance Employee Breaks

- Allow private ambulance employees to remain on-call during their shifts.
 - They must respond to emergency calls during meal and rest breaks.
 - They must be provided another break time if they do respond to calls.
 - Their break rates should be equal to their regular rate.
- Ambulance companies will be required to provide paid training and mental health services.
- This will not apply to public ambulance employees.

Proposition 11: Ambulance Employee Breaks

Why Vote YES:

- This will put protection on public safety and ensure private ambulance companies will respond effectively to any type of emergencies.

Why Vote NO:

- No argument.

Proposition 12: Farm Animal Cages

- Allow for creation of specific rules about the size of cages and crates for animals like pregnant pigs, egg-laying hens, and cows.
- This would deem selling meat or eggs from animals kept in cages that do not meet the rules as illegal.
- It envisions that in 2022, farmers should be required to keep egg-laying hens out of cages.

Proposition 12: Farm Animal Cages

Why Vote YES:

- Having no requirement for animal cages is cruel and unsafe.
- By putting requirements, we can reduce the risk of food poisoning and farm pollution.

Why Vote NO:

- This does not address the main issue: protecting farm animals.
- Cage-size requirements will not be sufficient in protecting all types of egg-laying hens.

C. Discussion Item: Measures Presentation

Student At-Large Maya will be presenting on measures that will be on the Nov. 6th Ballot

8. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

There were none.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair Siguenza adjourned the meeting at 3:05pm.