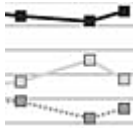


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California's infrastructure bond measures continue to enjoy solid support from voters, particularly among self-described liberals and Democrats, a Field Poll released today found.

The telephone survey, completed eight days before Tuesday's election, found that all five measures -- Propositions 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 84 -- were supported by between 51 percent and 56 percent of registered voters. Results of the survey are similar to the findings of Field Polls taken in late May, July and September, said Mark DiCamillo, director of the poll.

Support for the bond measures, which total \$42.6 billion, has been "remarkably stable," he said.

"Oftentimes, as you get closer to an election, voters get more reluctant to vote for a tax or a bond. You see some erosion of support," DiCamillo said. "That hasn't occurred."

Prop. 1B, which would raise \$19.9 billion for transportation projects, was favored by 56 percent of those surveyed with 28 percent opposed. Prop. 1C, a \$2.8 billion housing bond, was backed by 51 percent and opposed by 30 percent. Prop. 1D, a \$10.5 billion school facilities bond, was supported by 56 percent and opposed by 29 percent. Prop. 1E, a \$4 billion flood protection bond, was favored by 53 percent and opposed by 27 percent.

Prop. 84, a \$5.4 billion bond measure to fund water quality, park improvements and flood control was backed by 51 percent and opposed by 31 percent.

DiCamillo said the infrastructure bonds appear to be headed for victory because a strong bloc of voters -- 31 percent -- plans to vote for every Prop. 1 bond. Very few voters -- 12 percent -- plan to wholly vote against the measures, he said.

"Voters are going down the entire list of Prop 1's and they say they're going to vote yes on all of them," he said.

Democrats were the strongest bloc with 41 percent saying they planned to vote for the full slate of bonds, compared to just 19 percent of Republicans.

Self-described liberals were also far more likely to support the four bond measures. Forty-nine percent of those voters expected to approve the measures compared to 32 percent of "middle-of-the-road" voters and 17 percent of self-described conservatives.

Although Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has made the infrastructure bond measures a major issue in his re-election campaign, only 22 percent of those who intend to vote for the governor also plan to vote for all of the Prop. 1 measures. But 47 percent of those planning to vote for Democratic candidate Phil Angelides said they will vote for the four infrastructure bonds.

Paul Hefner, a spokesman for the pro-bond measure campaign, said the Field Poll results were encouraging and similar to results of the campaign's own polling.

"The polls are showing that people are poised to make a huge investment in roads, schools and infrastructure," he said. "And we're very happy about that. But we're not done yet. We're going to be campaigning through election day."

The California Taxpayer Protection Committee, the main opposition to the infrastructure bonds, did not return phone calls. Opponents say the bonds would put the state too deeply in debt.

The poll has a margin of error ranging from plus or minus 3.5 to 5 percentage points.

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