

Summary of the Proceedings of the 2003 Pre-Primary Convention

Burlingame
December 11, 2003

**The Executive Council of the
California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
Welcomes You to the
2003 Pre-Primary Convention**

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Convention Committee Rosters

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Rules Committee

The Executive Council serves as the Rules Committee.

Delegates Approve Committees and Reports

All members appointed to the Convention Committees were approved by the delegates. Committee Reports were also approved by delegates.

2004 Endorsement Recommendations

of the

Executive Council of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

Burlingame, December 11, 2003 -- The California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO made the following recommendations for the offices of the United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, State Senate, State Assembly and statewide ballot propositions for the a statewide primary election on Tuesday, March 2, 2004.

United States Senator

Barbara Boxer (D)

United States Representatives in Congress

District	Candidate	District	Candidate
1	Michael C. Thompson (D)	28	Howard L. Berman (D)
2	No Endorsement	29	Adam B. Schiff (D)
3	No Endorsement	30	Henry A. Waxman (D)
4	No Endorsement	31	Xavier Becerra (D)
5	Robert T. Matsui (D)	32	Hilda L. Solis (D)
6	Lynn Woolsey (D)	33	Diane E. Watson (D)
7	George Miller (D)	34	Lucille Roybal-Allard (D)
8	Nancy Pelosi (D)	35	Maxine Waters (D)
9	Barbara Lee (D)	36	Jane Harman (D)
10	Ellen O. Tauscher (D)	37	Juanita Millender-McDonald (D)
11	No Endorsement	38	Grace Flores Napolitano (D)
12	Tom Lantos (D)	39	Linda T. Sanchez (D)
13	Fortney "Pete" Stark (D)	40	Christina Avalos (D)
14	Anna Eshoo (D)	41	No Endorsement
15	Mike Honda (D)	42	No Endorsement
16	Zoe Lofgren (D)	43	Joe Baca (D)
17	Sam Farr (D)	44	Louis Vandenberg (D)
18	Dennis Cardoza (D)	45	John W. Thomas (D)
19	No Endorsement	46	Jim Brandt (D)
20	Jim Costa (D)	47	Loretta Sanchez (D)

21	No Endorsement	48	No Endorsement
22	No Endorsement	49	Michael P. Byron (D)
23	Lois Capps (D)	50	No Endorsement
24	Brett Wagner (D)	51	Bob Filner (D)
25	No Endorsement	52	No Endorsement
26	Vicki Lynn Johnson (D)	53	No Endorsement
27	Brad Sherman (D)		

California State Senate

District	Candidate	District	Candidate
1	Allan L. Dollison (D)	21	Jack Scott (D)
3	Carole Migden (D)	23	Sheila James Kuehl (D)
5	Michael J. Machado (D)	25	Edward Vincent (D)
7	Tom Torlakson (D)	27	Alan S. Lowenthal (D)
9	Don Perata (D)	29	No Endorsement
11	DUAL: Ted Lempert (D) S. Joseph Simitian	31	No Endorsement
13	Manny Diaz (D)	33	Randall Daugherty (D)
15	Margaret A. Pinard (D)	35	Ken Maddox (R)
17	Jonathon Daniel Kraut (D)	37	Pat Johansen (D)
19	No Endorsement	39	Christine Kehoe (D)

California State Assembly

District	Candidate	District	Candidate
1	Patty Berg (D)	16	Wilma Chan (D)
2	Barbara McIver (D)	17	Barbara S. Matthews (D)
3	Robert A. Woods (D)	18	Johan Klehs (D)
4	No Endorsement	19	Eugene Mullin (D)
5	No Endorsement	20	Alberto Torrico (D)
6	Joseph Edward Nation (D)	21	Ira Ruskin (D)
7	DUAL: Jim Leddy (D) Noreen Evans (D)	22	Sally Lieber (D)
8	Lois Wolk (D)	23	Joe Coto (D)
9	Dave Jones (D)	24	Rebecca Cohn (D) †
10	No Endorsement	25	No Endorsement
		26	No Endorsement

11	No Endorsement	27	John Laird (D)
12	Leland Y. Yee (D)	28	Simon Salinas (D)
13	Mark Leno (D)	29	No Endorsement
14	Loni Hancock (D)	30	Nicole M. Parra (D)
15	Elaine Dugger Shaw (D)	31	Juan Arambula (D)
32	Marvin Armas (D)	58	Ron Calderon (D)
33	No Endorsement	59	Dan Harden (D)
34	Maggie Florez	60	No Endorsement
35	Pedro Idelfonso Nava (D)	61	Gloria Negrete-McLeod (D)
36	No Endorsement	62	DUAL: Joe Baca Jr. (D) David Roa Pruitt (D)
37	No Endorsement	63	Elia V. Pirozzi (R)
38	No Endorsement	64	Robert Melsh (D)
39	Cindy Montanez (D)	65	Rita Ramirez-Dean (D)
40	Lloyd E. Levine (D)	66	Laurel Nicholson (D)
41	Fran Pavley (D)	67	Dave Silva (D)
42	Paul Koretz (D)	68	Al Snook (D)
43	Dario Frommer (D)		Van Tran (R)
44	Carol Liu (D)	69	Thomas J. Umberg (D)
45	Jackie Goldberg (D)	70	Carl Mariz (D)
46	Fabian Nunez (D)	71	Bea Foster (D)
47	Karen Bass (D)	72	Ross W. Johnson (D)
48	Mark Ridley-Thomas (D)	73	No Endorsement
49	Judy Chu (D)	74	No Endorsement
50	Hector de la Torre (D)	75	Karen Heumann (D)
51	Jerome Horton (D)	76	No Recommendation
52	Mervyn M. Dymally (D)	77	No Endorsement
53	Mike Gordon (D)	78	DUAL: Patricia Davis (D) Arlie Ricasa (D)
54	Betty Karnette (D)		
55	Jenny Oropeza (D)	79	Juan Vargas (D)
56	Rudy Bermudez (D)	80	Mary Ann Andreas (D)
57	Ed Chavez (D)		

MARCH 2004 BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Ballot Proposition Recommendations

55	Kindergarten–University Facilities Bond YES	57	Economic Recovery Bond YES
56	Budget Accountability Act YES	58	Balanced Budget YES

PROPOSITION 55. KINDERGARTEN-UNIVERSITY PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2004.

This twelve billion three hundred million dollar (\$12,300,000,000) bond issue will provide funding for necessary education facilities to relieve overcrowding and to repair older schools. Fund will be targeted to areas of the greatest need and must be spent according to strict accountability measures. Funds will also be used to upgrade and build new classrooms in the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California, to provide adequate higher education facilities to accommodate the growing student enrollment. These bonds may be used only for eligible projects.

The proposition is identical to AB 16 (Hertzberg), which passed the Legislature in 2002.

Fiscal Impact: State costs of about \$24.7 billion to pay off both the principal (\$12.3 billion) and interest (\$12.4 billion) costs on the bonds. Payments of about \$823 million per year.

Yes/No Statement

A **YES** vote on this measure means: The state could sell \$12.3 billion in general obligation bonds for the construction and renovation of public education facilities (kindergarten through college).

A **NO** vote on this measure means: The state could not sell \$12.3 billion in general obligation bonds for these purposes.

RECOMMENDATION: YES

PROPOSITION 56. THE “BUDGET ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.”

Permits enactment of budget and budget-related tax/appropriation bills with a 55% vote. Legislature, Governor forfeit compensation each day the budget is late.

Fiscal Impact: Varying impacts from lowering the vote requirement for budget-related measures—including changes in spending and potentially significant increases in state tax revenues in some years. Impacts would depend on the composition and actions of future Legislatures.

Yes/No Statement

A **YES** vote on this measure means: The Legislature could pass the state budget and tax increase measures related to the budget by a 55 percent vote. Other changes to the budget process would be made.

A **NO** vote on this measure means: The state budget and tax increase measures would continue to require a two-thirds vote for passage. The budget process would remain the same.

RECOMMENDATION: YES

PROPOSITION 57 ECONOMIC RECOVERY BOND

RECOMMENDATION: YES

PROPOSITION 58 BALANCED BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION: YES

Delegates Approve Recommendations, Act on AD 62

The Executive Council's recommendations for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, State Senate and statewide ballot propositions were approved by the delegates. Assembly District 62 was changed following floor debate. The endorsement for AD 62 is – David Roa Pruitt (D) – not a dual endorsement.

Standing Rules of Order

1. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER. The Convention shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order on all matters not provided for by the Constitution or specified in these Rules.

2. RULES—ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES. The adoption of the standing rules shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the duly qualified delegates to the Convention, present and voting. When once adopted, such standing rules shall remain in effect, unless suspended or amended as provided in these rules.

3. AMENDMENT OF STANDING RULES. No standing rule of the Convention shall be amended except by an affirmative vote of a majority of the duly qualified delegates to the Convention, present and voting. No such amendment shall be considered until it shall have been referred to and reported by the Committee on Rules.

4. ATTENDING THE CONVENTION: This is a private meeting for those authorized to attend and is not open to the general public. Authorized delegates may bring guests to the convention only with prior approval of the Federation. Elected officials, candidates, their staff or members of the public press will not be pre-approved. Space for guests will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

5. *CONVENING OF THE CONVENTION.* The Convention shall convene at 10:00 a.m.

6. *COMMITTEE REPORTS.* Whenever there is a majority and minority division on any Committee, both the majority and minority shall be entitled to report to the Convention. The discussion and vote of concurrence or non-concurrence shall be first on the minority report.

7. *COMMITTEE QUORUM.* A majority of any Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its business.

8. *PASSAGE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS BY CONVENTION.* A majority of the delegates present and voting shall be required to act on a Committee report. No motion shall be acted upon until an opportunity to speak has been given the delegate making the same, if he or she desires.

9. *ROLL CALL VOTE.* At the request of 30 percent of the delegates present and voting, any motion shall be voted on by roll call per capita vote of the delegates. When a roll call has been ordered, no adjournment shall take place until the result has been announced.

10. *PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS DURING DEBATE.* When a question is under debate or before the Convention, no motions shall be received but the following, which shall take precedence in the order named:

First: To adjourn;

Second: To recess to a time certain;

Third: For the previous question;

Fourth: To set as a special order of business;

Fifth: To postpone to a stated time;

Sixth: To postpone indefinitely;

Seventh: To refer to, or re-refer to Committee;

Eighth: To divide or amend;

Ninth: To lay on the table.

11. *MOTIONS IN WRITING.* Upon request of the Chair, a motion shall be reduced to writing and shall be read to the Convention by the Chair before the same is acted upon.

12. *CONTENTS OF MOTIONS.* No motion, whether oral or written, shall be adopted until the same shall be seconded and distinctly stated to the Convention by the Chair.

13. *MOTION TO RECONSIDER.* A motion to reconsider shall not be entertained unless made by a delegate who voted with the prevailing side, such motion shall require a two-thirds vote to carry.

14. *MOTION TO TABLE.* A motion to lay on the table shall be put without debate.

15. *RECOGNITION AND DECORUM OF DELEGATES.*

(a) Delegates when arising to speak shall respectfully address the Chair and announce their full name and the identity of the organization which they represent.

(b) In the event two or more delegates arise to speak at the same time the Chair shall decide which delegate is entitled to the floor.

(c) No delegate shall interrupt any other delegate who is speaking, except for the purpose of raising a point of order or appealing from a ruling of the Chair.

(d) Any delegate may appeal from a decision of the Chair, without waiting for recognition by the Chair, even though another delegate has the floor. No appeal is in order when another is pending, or when other business has been transacted by the Convention prior to the appeal being taken.

(e) Any delegate who is called to order while speaking shall, at the request of the Chair, be seated while the point of order is decided, after which, if in order, the delegate shall be permitted to proceed. The same shall apply while an appeal from the Chair is being decided.

(f) No delegate shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who desire to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so; nor more than twice on the same subject without permission by a majority vote of those delegates present and voting; nor longer than five minutes at a time without permission by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting.

(g) Any delegate may rise to explain a matter personal to herself or himself and shall forthwith be recognized by the Chair, but shall not discuss a question in such explanation. Such matters of personal privilege yield only to a motion to recess or adjournment.

16. VOTING NOT TO BE INTERRUPTED. When once begun, voting shall not be interrupted. No delegate shall be allowed to change his or her vote, or to have his or her vote recorded after the vote is announced.

17. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FLOOR. (As provided for in the Constitution of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO–Article XIV, F, Section 4) No recommendation may be presented from the floor of the convention for action on any office unless the recommended action concerning such office has already been rejected by convention action.

18. TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE. All endorsements shall be by at least a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present and voting, in accordance with the per capita formula specified in the Constitution of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO–Article XIV, F, Section 5.