



2004 PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS FOR LOCAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND MEASURES

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Voters approved nearly three-quarters of the local general obligation (GO) bond measures that appeared on the March 2, 2004 California Primary Election ballot. Local agencies presented voters with a total of 69 GO bond measures on their ballots as compared to only 25 measures on the March 2000 Primary Election ballot (an increase of 176 percent). The total dollar amount of GO bonds presented on local ballots was \$8.9 billion; of this amount, \$7.7 billion was approved by voters (see Table 1). The Rainbow Municipal Water District in San Diego County presented the only revenue bond measure on the March 2004 primary ballot. The measure, which failed by a 71.9 percent to 28.1 percent margin, required a simple majority vote for passage.

College/University Education – Twelve bond measures on the ballot were for college/university educational purposes. As with the K-12 bond measures, the college/university bond measures were for improving facilities and constructing new facilities. Each of the 12 measures required 55 percent voter approval to pass. Nine of the 12 measures (75 percent) were approved by voters.

Healthcare Facilities, Public Safety, and Recreational Improvements – There was one bond measure each for healthcare facilities, public safety, and recreational improvements. Among other things, the bond measure for healthcare facilities was designated to improve laboratory facilities and modernize acute care facilities. The public safety bond measure would upgrade 911 emergency response systems and add space for paramedic/firefighter equipment to improve response times to fire/medical emergencies. The recreational improvement bond measure was dedicated to provide structures and facilities for dredging, redredging, widening and opening of navigable channels for a safe, recreational small boat channel. Each of the bond measures required two-thirds voter approval for passage. The healthcare facilities, public safety, and recreational improvement bond measures received 79.8 percent, 76.7 percent, and 84.9 percent voter approval, respectively.

Table 1
SUMMARY OF RESULTS
LOCAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND MEASURES
PRIMARY ELECTION
MARCH 2, 2004

	Percent	Number	Amount
Pass	74%	51	\$7,740,300,000
Fail	26	18	1,185,840,000
Total	100%	69	\$8,926,140,000

This article provides a summary and listing of all local GO bond measures on the Primary Election ballot.

K-12 Education – Fifty-four of the 69 GO bond measures presented for voter approval were for kindergarten through 12th grade facility improvements and new facilities. Fifty of the 54 measures required 55 percent voter approval, while the remaining four measures required two-thirds voter approval. Voters approved 39 of the 54 measures (72 percent).

CDIAC has tracked local and state bond and tax measures appearing in the Primary and General Elections for the past 18 years. The Commission receives election data from the county clerk and/or registrar in each county. A complete list of the local GO bond measures arranged by county appears in Table 2 on pages 6, 7 and 9.

CDIAC will issue a summary report on all local and state bond and tax measures considered in the 2004 California Primary Election, which should be available later this month.

**Table 2
 DETAILED RESULTS
 LOCAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND MEASURES
 PRIMARY ELECTION
 MARCH 2, 2004**

County	Agency	Amount	Purpose	% Yes	% No	Results
Alameda	Alameda Unified School District	\$63,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	71.9	28.1	Pass
Alameda/Calaveras/ Sacramento/ San Joaquin/Solano	San Joaquin Delta Community College District	\$250,000,000	College/University Facilities	48.8	51.2	Fail
Alameda/Contra Costa	Chabot-Las Positas Community College District	\$498,000,000	College/University Facilities	56.6	43.5	Pass
Calaveras	Calaveras Unified School District	\$8,440,000	K-12 School Facilities	44.8	55.2	Fail
Calaveras	Mark Twain Union Elementary School District	\$9,600,000	K-12 School Facilities	61.9	38.1	Pass
El Dorado/Nevada/ Placer/Sacramento	Sierra Joint Community College District	\$394,000,000	College/University Facilities		49.7	Fail
Fresno	Central Unified School District	\$40,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	60.9	39.1	Pass
Fresno	Clovis Unified School District	\$168,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	62.4	37.6	Pass
Fresno	Washington Colony Elementary School District	\$400,000	K-12 School Facilities	69.6	30.4	Pass
Fresno/Kings/Tulare	College of the Sequoias Junior College District	\$95,000,000	College/University Facilities	50.1	49.9	Fail
Fresno/Kings/Tulare	Kingsburg Elementary Charter School District	\$7,500,000	K-12 School Facilities	64.9	35.1	Pass
Fresno/Tulare	Cutler Orosi Unified School District	\$6,400,000	K-12 School Facilities	53.4	46.6	Fail
Imperial	Calxico Unified School District	\$30,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	75.2	24.8	Pass
Imperial	Imperial Unified School District	\$12,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	69.4	30.6	Pass
Kern	West Kern Community College District	\$39,800,000	College/University Facilities	58.1	41.9	Pass
Kern	Tehachapi Valley Health Care District	\$15,000,000	Healthcare Facilities	79.8	20.2	Pass
Kern	McFarland Unified School District	\$8,300,000	K-12 School Facilities	77.9	22.1	Pass
Kern	Midway School District	\$7,800,000	K-12 School Facilities	67.9	32.1	Pass
Kern	Arvin Union School District	\$11,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	77.3	22.7	Pass
Kern	Elk Hills School District	\$7,905,000	K-12 School Facilities	75.0	25.0	Pass
Kern	Kernville Union School District	\$5,600,000	K-12 School Facilities	67.9	32.1	Pass
Kings	Lemoore Union School District	\$7,100,000	K-12 School Facilities	49.6	50.4	Fail
Kings	Armona Elementary School District	\$2,785,000	K-12 School Facilities	64.2	35.8	Pass
Kings/Tulare	Traver Elementary School District	\$700,000	K-12 School Facilities	50.1	49.9	Fail
Kings/Tulare	Tulare Union High School District	\$45,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	70.3	29.7	Pass
Lassen	Lassen Unified School District	\$5,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	50.6	49.4	Fail

Los Angeles	Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District	\$13,100,000	K-12 School Facilities	50.8	49.3	Fail
Los Angeles	Cerritos Community College District	\$210,000,000	College/University Facilities	57.7	42.3	Pass
Los Angeles	Citrus Community College District	\$121,000,000	College/University Facilities	57.8	42.2	Pass
Los Angeles	Rio Hondo Community College District	\$245,000,000	College/University Facilities	62.9	37.1	Pass
Los Angeles	Bonita Unified School District	\$56,360,000	K-12 School Facilities	62.1	37.9	Pass
Los Angeles	La Canada Unified School District	\$25,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	63.5	36.5	Pass
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Unified School District	\$3,870,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	63.7	36.3	Pass
Madera	Chawanakee Unified School District	\$7,400,000	K-12 School Facilities	43.8	56.2	Fail
Marin	Kentfield School District	\$11,900,000	K-12 School Facilities	70.4	29.6	Pass
Marin	Strawberry Recreation District	\$2,100,000	Recreational improvements	84.9	15.1	Pass
Merced	McSwain Union Elementary School District CFD 1	\$4,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	58.3	41.7	Fail
Merced	Atwater Elementary School District	\$11,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	57.8	42.2	Pass
Monterey	Chualar Union Elementary School District	\$1,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	60.8	39.2	Pass
Monterey/Santa Cruz	Cabrillo Community College District	\$118,500,000	College/University Facilities	55.6	44.4	Pass
Orange	Orange Unified School District	\$200,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	48.9	51.1	Fail
Orange	Huntington Beach Union High School District	\$238,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	58.1	41.9	Pass
Orange	Saddleback Valley Unified School District	\$180,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	59.2	40.8	Pass
Riverside	Perris Union High School District	\$38,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	53.5	46.5	Fail
Riverside	Desert Community College District	\$346,500,000	College/University Facilities	68.8	31.3	Pass
Riverside	Riverside Community College District	\$350,000,000	College/University Facilities	60.6	39.4	Pass
Riverside	Moreno Valley Unified School District	\$50,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	67.3	32.7	Pass
Sacramento/San Joaquin	Galt Joint Union High School District	\$16,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	41.0	59.0	Fail
San Bernardino	Apple Valley Unified School District	\$36,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	58.6	41.4	Pass
San Bernardino	San Bernardino City Unified School District	\$140,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	61.4	38.6	Pass
San Diego	Grossmont Union High School District	\$274,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	62.0	38.0	Pass
San Diego	Rancho Santa Fe Elementary School District	\$4,800,000	K-12 School Facilities	63.3	36.7	Pass
San Diego	City of La Mesa	\$25,000,000	Public Safety	76.7	23.3	Pass
San Joaquin	Manteca Unified School District	\$66,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	56.2	43.9	Pass
San Joaquin/Stanislaus	Valley Home Joint School District	\$1,400,000	K-12 School Facilities	72.1	27.9	Pass

San Luis Obispo	Lucia Mar Unified School District	\$21,350,000	K-12 School Facilities	63.3	36.7	Pass
Santa Barbara	Buellton Union School District	\$6,500,000	K-12 School Facilities	61.7	38.3	Pass
Santa Barbara/ San Luis Obispo	Santa Maria Joint Union High School District	\$98,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	50.8	49.2	Fail
Santa Clara	Gavilan Joint Community College District	\$108,000,000	College/University Facilities	56.8	43.3	Pass
Santa Cruz	Live Oak Elementary School District	\$14,500,000	K-12 School Facilities	72.9	27.1	Pass
Shasta	Grant Elementary School District	\$1,700,000	K-12 School Facilities	55.7	44.3	Pass
Sonoma	Rincon Valley Union School District	\$23,900,000	K-12 School Facilities	63.2	36.8	Pass
Stanislaus	Riverbank Unified School District	\$14,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	61.6	38.4	Fail
Sutter	Franklin School District	\$2,200,000	K-12 School Facilities	62.3	37.7	Fail
Sutter	Live Oak Unified School District	\$8,400,000	K-12 School Facilities	63.4	36.6	Pass
Tulare	Visalia Unified School District	\$26,500,000	K-12 School Facilities	52.6	47.4	Fail
Tuolumne	Columbia School District	\$3,700,000	K-12 School Facilities	55.0	45.0	Pass
Ventura	Simi Valley Unified School District	\$145,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	61.8	38.2	Pass
Yolo	Washington Unified School District	\$52,000,000	K-12 School Facilities	68.7	31.3	Pass

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