



2018 MONTEREY COUNTY HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION CANDIDATE, MEASURE, AND PROPOSITION ENDORSEMENTS

As the trade association for the hospitality industry in Monterey County, MCHA believes it is important that we are actively involved in elections and support those candidates, propositions and measures that will have a significant effect on our industry and community. Elected officials shape local policy and adopt regulations which in turn impact, positively or negatively, our businesses, the community and residents. Tax measures impact the cost of doing business.

MCHA is a member of the Monterey Bay Action Committee Candidates & Issues as well as the Monterey County Business Political Action Committee. Members of MCHA's government affairs committee (GAC) sit on these boards and are involved in an extensive candidate interview process. These recommendations then go to the GAC who in turn makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval. In some instances, MCHA will make its own endorsements.

The candidates we endorse have shown by their actions and through their interviews that they do understand the importance of our industry to the community, the significant issues (like water and traffic) and a willingness to listen to our concerns. We believe the tax measures are appropriately drafted to raise monies to be directed to specific needs such as streets and transportation, and with enough controls to assure the monies are used efficiently.

MCHA is proud to endorse the following candidates:

- **Mayor, City of Carmel: Dave Potter**
- **Mayor, Del Rey Oaks City: Jerry Edelen** **Mayor, City of Marina: Bob Nolan**
- **Mayor, City of Pacific Grove: Bill Peake**
- **Mayor, City of Salinas: Joe Gunter**
- **Mayor, City of Seaside: Ian Oglesby**
- **Monterey City Council: Ed Smith, Timothy Barrett**
- **Salinas City Council, District 2: Steve McShane**
- **Salinas City Council, District 5: Christine Cromeenes**
- **State Senate, District 12: Anna Caballero**
- **Monterey Peninsula Water Management District: Dean Provence, Division 1
Andy Clark, Division 2**
- **Monterey Peninsula Airport Board of Directors: Carl Miller, Matthew Nelson, Gary Cursio**

MCHA have taken a position on the following Measures and Proposition:

- **Yes on Measure S**, Continuation of the Street Infrastructure Rehabilitation Tax in the City of Monterey
- **No on Measure J**, the Monterey Peninsula Water System Local Ownership Feasibility Study Initiative
- **Yes on Measure M**, prohibits short term rentals in residential areas outside of the Coastal Zone in Pacific Grove
- **No on Measure U**, Hotel Tax (TOT) Increase in Pacific Grove
- **No on Prop 6**, Repeal of the Gas Tax. Monterey County became a 'self-help' county 2 years when voters approved Measure X to fund local road repairs and congestion relief projects. Prop 6 means we lose approximately \$200M in state matching funds for Measure X projects, including traffic congestion relief on Hwy 156 and Del Monte Ave, and cuts to MST bus service.

**Please pass this along, post at your workplace and share with your friends and associates.
And make sure you vote on November 6th!**