



**The World We Want CA Legislative Agenda 2018 – The Ballot Measures**  
The California Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (formerly Reform CA)

Reform Jewish Congregations across the state are standing in solidarity with other vulnerable populations and working to advance Jewish values in the public sphere. We have endorsed an agenda of bills and ballot measures that is multi-issue and also focused - because our congregations care about multiple issues and because we can be more flexible and impactful if we can move on multiple fronts, but we also recognize that without focus, we dilute our power to make change.

These bills and ballot measures were chosen based on research by lay-led RAC-CA Issue Research Teams and informed by two web meetings attended by more than 100 Reform clergy and lay leaders from around the state.

This document contains information about the RAC-CA 2018 ballot measure agenda. You also can view the [RAC-CA 2018 legislative agenda](#).

**Proposition 1 - \$4 billion housing bond measure (support)**

The Jewish people have been wanderers throughout our history, and perhaps this is why there is such a strong emphasis of providing shelter to the homeless. On Yom Kippur, our holiest day of the year, we read God’s commandment to “take the poor into your homes” (Isaiah). The Mishnah does not allow a person to evict a tenant if the eviction will result in the tenant being “thrown in the street” (Baba Metzia 8:6). Today we work to provide housing for the homeless and address the shortage of affordable housing.



*The Religious Action Center pursues social justice and religious liberty by mobilizing the Reform Jewish community and serving as its advocate in Washington, D.C. The Center is led by the Commission on Social Action of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union for Reform Judaism (and its affiliates) and is supported by the congregations of the Union.*





**Proposition 1** is formally titled Housing Programs and Veterans' Loans Bond. This measure authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for housing-related programs, loans, grants, and projects and housing loans for veterans. This measure was placed on the ballot by the state legislature. It is supported by Housing California. [Measure Text](#). [Text of the Measure](#). [URJ Resolution](#)