

AFT Guild, Local 1931
RECOMMENDATION FOR PRESIDENT: BARACK OBAMA
POSITIONS ON FEBRUARY, 2008 BALLOT MEASURES

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROTECTION ACT (Proposition 91)

- Due to the passage of Proposition 1A, proponents of Proposition 91 agree that this initiative is no longer necessary.

 **NO**

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATIVE (Proposition 92)

- This initiative would give every Californian the chance to go to college by lowering fees.
- In 2004, when the Legislature hiked fees to \$26 per unit, over 300,000 fewer students enrolled in community colleges. Proposition 92 would reduce community college attendance fees to \$15 per unit, ensuring that community college is accessible and affordable.
- Prop 92 also limits the rise in future fees, ensures stable funding for our community colleges, and guarantees that the community college system stays independent from state politics.
- Community colleges help improve the economy – for every \$1 the state spends on community colleges, \$3 are returned back to the state through increased wages, as students see their wages almost double soon after completing a vocational degree or certificate.

 **YES**

TERM LIMITS AND LEGISLATIVE REFORM ACT (Proposition 93)

- This initiative expands the current term limits for incumbent legislators, but fails to address the real problem of forcing experienced legislators with the knowledge and expertise to solve the complex problems facing our state to leave office.

 **NO**

REFERENDA ON GAMING COMPACTS, (Propositions 94-97)

- California's unions have strongly opposed these gaming compacts since they were proposed in 2006.
- Under tribal law, casino workers on Indian reservations **have no enforceable right to organize a union unless it is specified in the gaming compacts.**
- These four gaming compacts **do not include provisions to protect the rights of workers,** which is why labor will continue to oppose these compacts as referenda.
- There is no more important issue to workers than the right to organize and collectively bargain for fair wages and improved working conditions.

 **NO**