

## Progressive Sebastopol 2012 Voter Guide: Candidates

United States President	Barack Obama
United States Senate	Diane Feinstein
U.S. Representative	Jared Huffman
State Assembly	Michael Allen

### Sebastopol City Council Robert Jacob & John Eder

This City Council race provides a critical opportunity to vote for two candidates who represent a truly local, green future for our unique city. In their experience as community and business leaders who actively opposed the unpopular CVS development at the crossroads of our community, Robert Jacob and John Eder argued articulately against the ill-advised overturning of our City's Design Review Board.

Through their actions on CVS and leaf blowers, opposing candidates Kathleen Shaffer and Kathy Austin have shown themselves to be unduly influenced by mega-corporations, developers, and large landowners, at the expense of Sebastopol's citizens and ecology. Progressive Sebastopol believes that the vision that Robert Jacob and John Eder have for our city's future is better suited for a thriving, locally sustainable economy.

### Palm Drive Hospital Board

Karen Webb  
Marsha Sue Lustig  
Sandra Debella Bodley

## Statewide Ballot Measures

### **YES Prop 30: Fund Schools** (*better than Prop 38*)

California public schools, have sunk to 47<sup>th</sup> in the nation in funding per student, and without this bill, things will get worse. Raises taxes on those making over \$250K, and raises sales tax by 1/4 of 1%.

More info: [www.yesonprop30.com](http://www.yesonprop30.com)

### **NO PROP 31: California Forward Initiative**

Allows counties to opt out of safety net programs and override environmental laws.

More information: [www.Prop31facts.com](http://www.Prop31facts.com)

### **NO PROP 32: Special Exemptions Act**

Deceptive corporate initiative masquerading as campaign finance reform. Would increase the power of corporations and Super PACs and eliminate the voices of working people in California politics.

More info: [www.stopspecial exemptions.org](http://www.stopspecial exemptions.org)

### **NO PROP 33: Mercury Insurance Initiative (again)**

Basically the same initiative that voters rejected in 2008. Allows car insurance companies to raise rates on good drivers, even if their gap in coverage was because they didn't own a car.

More info: [www.stopthesurcharge.consumerwatchdogcampaign.org](http://www.stopthesurcharge.consumerwatchdogcampaign.org)

### **YES PROP 34: Replace the Death Penalty**

Replaces the racially and economically discriminatory death penalty with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. Saves the state tens of millions of dollars.

**More info:** [www.safecalifornia.org](http://www.safecalifornia.org)

### **NO PROP 35: Increased Penalties for Human Trafficking**

Good intention, bad law. ACLU NorCal opposes it and *San Francisco Bay Guardian* notes, "Under this law, the adult child of a sex worker who was living in her house with her financial support could be tagged a trafficker – and could face a long prison term and a lifetime of being tagged as a sex offender."

**More info:** [https://www.aclunc.org/legislation/ca\\_propositions/index.shtml](https://www.aclunc.org/legislation/ca_propositions/index.shtml)

### **YES PROP 36: Three Strikes Reform**

Revises the state's extreme three strikes law to impose life sentences ONLY when felony convictions are "serious or violent."

**More info:** [www.yeson36.org](http://www.yeson36.org)

### **YES PROP 37: Mandatory Labeling of Genetically Modified Food**

Disregard the \$40 million deceptive ad campaign by the world's largest pesticide and junk food companies. This is a critical initiative for a consumer's right to know what's in our food.

Requires clear labeling of food with GM ingredients and bans the use of the word "natural" for products containing GMO.

**More info:** [www.carighttoknow.org](http://www.carighttoknow.org)

### **NO PROP 38: Tax to Fund Education**

We like funding schools but not taxing poor people more to do so. Prop 30 is a better law.

### **YES PROP 39: Green Jobs Tax on Multi-state Businesses**

Closes unnecessary corporate tax loophole and raises \$1 billion per year. Dedicates \$550 million annually to fund energy efficiency and clean energy jobs in California.

**More info:** [www.cleanenergyjobsact.com](http://www.cleanenergyjobsact.com)

### **YES PROP 40: State Senate Redistricting**

Approves into law the important redistricting work done by Citizens Redistricting Commission.

## **Local Ballot Measures**

### **YES Measure K: West Sonoma County High School Districts**

Urgently needed to adequately fund our three West County high schools.

### **YES Measure O: Sebastopol Union School Districts**

Provides stable funding the State can't take away, for programs, teachers, services, books etc. for the Sebastopol Union School District.

### **YES Measure Y: City of Sebastopol Half-Cent Sales Tax Increase**

Necessary to maintain city services and parks and repair roads. Progressive Sebastopol will lobby to use a small part of this money for long overdue bike lanes for our city.

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