

# VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**BOARD POLICY NO. 1162**

**ADOPTED: 2/24/97**

**CLASSIFICATION: Community Relations**

**REVISED:**

**SUBJECT: State Election Measures**

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## STATE ELECTION MEASURES

The Office shall investigate ballot measures that affect the schools and may provide students, parents/guardians and community members with fair, complete, impartial statements of objective, relevant factual information about the important statewide ballot measures on the county. However, California law clearly prohibits public agencies from spending public funds to influence the outcome of statewide ballot measures.

The Board respects the free speech rights of its members and the public. Any Board discussion of the effect of statewide measures on the county shall be conducted in such a manner as to provide a public forum for all sides to be heard. If the Superintendent distributes a position paper to the Board on a particular point of view, information on opposing points of view should also be made available. If based on its findings the Board takes a position on a statewide measure, this position may be provided to individuals requesting such information; however, the Board shall not allow expenditure of public funds to disseminate its positions for campaign purposes. Once a Board decision has been reached, all Board members shall abide by the decision until it is amended or rescinded by subsequent Board action.

When Board members express their opinions outside of the Board meeting, it is their responsibility to respect the democratic nature of Board decision-making and always identify personal viewpoints as such.

### Legal Reference:

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