

Cerritos College Library

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CALIFORNIA PROPOSITIONS

Your search for information on the current or pending California propositions can include authoritative Internet resources and periodical databases.

Internet Sites

Use the internet to find out about the propositions that may be on California's ballot.

League of Women Voters

<http://www.lwv.org>

Secretary of State, Debra Bowen-Elections and Voter Information

Excellent for tracking items pending, in circulation, or qualified for an upcoming election. Links to previous updates are available.

http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_j.htm

The California Voter Foundation

California Online Voter Guide:

<http://www.calvoter.org/voter/elections>

California Legislative Analyst's Office

Ballot Propositions:

http://www.lao.ca.gov/ballot_source/Propositions.aspx

Newspaper and Magazine Articles

To find articles the propositions, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the **Library Home Page**.

NewsBank

ProQuest Newspapers

EBSCOHost

See the **Database Page** or handout for a complete description of the Cerritos College Library online resources.

For remote access to the library databases, login to the **Library** using your Cerritos College ID number.

Searching ProQuest

Click on **Clear all databases** and then **select only the Los Angeles Times** and click on **Continue**.

Conduct your search:

1. In the **Basic Search** box, enter the words **California ballot propositions** or the individual proposition you're interested in (e.g **proposition 19**) as your search terms to find articles about the November ballot initiatives.
2. In the **Date range** box, click "last three months" for the most current information on the ballot initiatives.

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3. For each of these searches you will get more than one article as a result. Look through the list of article titles and click on the title to see the full text.
4. You can print or email the article.

Searching NewsBank

Conduct your search:

1. Select **California Newspapers**.
2. In the **Search for** box, enter the words **ballot propositions** or the individual proposition you're interested in (e.g. "**proposition 19**" using quotation marks) as your search terms to find articles about the November ballot initiatives.
3. In the **Limit Search by Date** box, click "the past three months" for the most current information on the ballot initiatives.
4. For each of these searches you will get more than one article as a result. Look through the list of article titles and click on the title to see the full text.
5. You can print or email the article.

Searching EbscoHost

Select **MasterFile Premier**

Conduct your search:

1. In the search box, enter the words that best describe what you're looking for – e.g. **California and "proposition 19"**,
2. Results appear in reverse chronological order, with the most recent articles appearing at the top. Look through the list of articles and click on the full text or PDF icon to read the full article. You can print or email the article.
3. If no icon appears, you must get the article in paper format. *EbscoHost* tells you whether or not Cerritos College Library subscribes to the magazine.

MLA Citations- Examples

MLA Citation for Los Angeles Times Article from ProQuest

LOPEZ, STEVE. "Activist takes on Prop. 23; Woman fights Big Oil over delaying the state's global warming law."

Los Angeles Times. 26 Sep. 2010, *Los Angeles Times*, ProQuest. Web. 27 Sep. 2010.

MLA Citation for a Magazine Article from EbscoHost

Armentano, Paul, and Calvin Fay. "Should California legalize pot?." *Christian Science Monitor* 30 Aug. 2010: N.PAG.

MasterFILE Premier. EBSCO. Web. 27 Sept. 2010.