



Yes on Proposition 4

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**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

**U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein Urges Voters to Support the Children’s Hospital Bond**

*The Desert Sun and The (San Luis Obispo) Tribune Also Endorse Proposition 4*

**Sacramento, Calif. (October 31, 2018)** – During an event at Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego yesterday, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein [announced her support for Proposition 4](#), the Children’s Hospital Bond. If approved by voters, Prop 4 will authorize a \$1.5 billion bond over 15 years to expand and modernize California’s children’s hospitals.

“Proposition 4 is a wise investment of taxpayer dollars because it will have a direct impact on the health and well-being of children across California,” said Sen. Feinstein. “California’s children’s hospitals are saving kids’ lives every day, and they deserve voters’ support next Tuesday.”

Prop 4 is supported by [more than 100 elected officials, organizations and community leaders](#). [The Desert Sun](#) and [The \(San Luis Obispo\) Tribune](#) editorial boards also recently urged voters to support the measure.

Excerpts of the editorials are below:

***The Desert Sun -- ... [T]he funds would benefit some of our state’s most vulnerable residents — poor children with crippling illnesses. On balance, we believe voters should vote yes on Proposition 4 ... [T]his measure would spend a relatively small amount over 15 years to fund real improvements at facilities that have been maximizing their funding to benefit patients in dire need of their services.***

*Most of the children treated for conditions such as cancer and leukemia at the eight not-for-profit children’s hospitals that will be eligible for the bulk of the bond (about \$135 million each) are on Medi-Cal, which pays facilities at among the lowest reimbursement rates in the U.S. These facilities, along with the UC-affiliated hospitals, also handle nearly all of the pediatric organ transplants, heart surgeries and cancer treatments in California each year, regardless of a family’s ability to pay.*

*This bond — like two others that were strongly supported by voters (\$750 million in 2004 and \$980 million in 2008) — will be used for needed expansion and technology upgrades that other types of fundraising by the facilities can’t cover on their own.*

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*[T]he need for these vital services and the track records of the institutions that will be funded by the bonds make this measure worthy. Vote yes on Proposition 4.*

**The Tribune --** ... Medical science is advancing rapidly, but outdated, under-equipped hospitals cannot keep up with the demands of a growing patient population. Also, research conducted at children's hospitals plays a role in keeping all children healthy, and that translates into a healthier population of California adults.

To read The Desert Sun editorial, click [here](#); to read The Tribune editorial, click [here](#).

For more information on children's hospitals and Proposition 4, visit [www.yesonproposition4.org](http://www.yesonproposition4.org).

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**About Proposition 4: The Children's Hospital Bond Act Of 2018**

California's 13 regional children's hospitals provide specialized care to treat children and young adults up to age 21 who suffer from serious and life-threatening diseases such as leukemia, sickle cell disease, cancer, and cystic fibrosis. The hospitals handle more than 2 million visits each year, including from some of the state's lowest-income children, regardless of a family's income or ability to pay. The Children's Hospital Bond of 2018 provides \$1.5 billion over 15 years to support this critical, life-saving care.

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