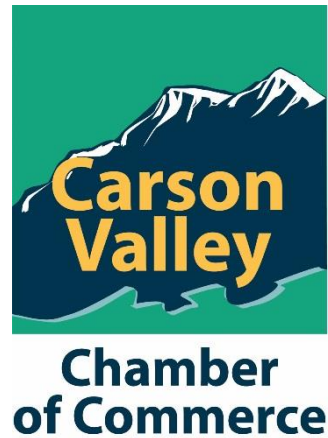


# Guns and Grass and Taxes and Gas

## 2016 Ballot Initiatives



# What's On the Ballot

- Legalizing Recreational Marijuana
- Background Checks for Private Gun Sales
  - Fuel Tax Indexing
- Sales Tax for School Capital Projects

# How Did They Get There?

- Collection of Signatures
  - Legislature

# Things To Know About the Process

- If Affirmed, requires a vote to repeal
- Once Affirmed, cannot be changed for three years
- Also Applies to cases when a repeal initiative fails

# Initiative to Regulate and Tax Marijuana

- Ends marijuana prohibition
- Regulates marijuana production and sales
  - Taxes marijuana
- Pros
- Cons
- Who is weighing in?

# Background Check Initiative

- Requires private sale to be conducted through a licensed dealer who performs a background check.
  - Dealer may charge a 'reasonable fee' for the service
    - Exemptions
    - Who is Weighing in?

# Fuel Tax Indexing

- Required by Legislature to be placed on each County's Ballot
  - Allows BUT DOES NOT REQUIRE County Commissions to Impose a Fuel Tax Surcharge every year for ten years for roads and transportation projects
  - Amount of Surcharge in a given year will be capped by an amount based on the PPI
  - Once implemented, the amount stays for ten years, but all amounts sunset in 2026
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- Who is Weighing in?

# Public Schools Overcrowding and Repair Needs

- Required by Legislature to be placed on each County's Ballot if requested by the Committee established in each County
- Will be Approved or Rejected on a County by County Basis
  - Could have been any of several types of taxes
    - Douglas opted for Sales Tax



## Other Possibilities

- **Referendum on Provisions Related to the Commerce Tax from SB 483 of the 2015 Legislative Session**
- If a majority of the voters approve the provisions of the Referendum, the provisions for the Commerce Tax and the credit for the Commerce Tax against the Modified Business Tax as approved in Senate Bill 483 would remain in effect, and the Referendum would result in no financial impact upon state or local government.

# Other Possibilities

- **The Energy Choice Initiative**

Provides for competition in the choosing of an electricity provider and for consumers to generate and sell electricity on an open market.

- **Nevada Net Metering**

Restores the previous rate design for rooftop solar customers

- **The Pupil Information Privacy Protection Initiative**

Prohibits the release of any personal information by a publicly funded educational system.

- **Healthcare Freedom Protection Act**

Prohibits the State or any local government from operating a health insurance exchange.

- **Voter ID Initiative**

Requires Photo ID to be presented to the election board officer.

- **Medical Patient Tax Relief Act**

Exempts medical equipment such as oxygen tanks and concentrators, ventilators, CPAP machines, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches and similar from sales and use tax.

# Key Dates - Statewide

- June 21, 2016

- Last day for petitioners to submit a petition for the verification of signatures.
- For statewide referenda, 55,2354 valid signatures are required.
- 13, 809 must be collected from each Petition district, which correspond to Congressional districts.

- October 3, 2016

- Statewide Petitions Published

# Key Dates - County

- July 1, 2016
- Last day to file County referendum petition with County Clerk
- Requires signatures from 10% of the voters in the last general election
- 1,812 signatures would be required in Douglas

# Resources

- [https://ballotpedia.org/Laws\\_governing\\_ballot\\_measures#Nevada](https://ballotpedia.org/Laws_governing_ballot_measures#Nevada)
- <http://nvsos.gov/index.aspx?page=1541>