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CMTA took two positions on this Fall's ballot initiatives. Below is CMTA president Dorothy Rothrock's blog message on the Association's positions.

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A Champions of MFG blog message from CMTA President Dorothy Rothrock

CMTA takes positions on 2 Fall initiatives that impact manufacturers

The November 2018 ballot includes 12 measures for voters to consider. CMTA has taken a position on two of the measures, recommending that voters support Proposition 3 to issue a bond for the financing of water projects and oppose Proposition 10 to expand local governments' authority to impose rent control ordinances. Each measure will have an impact on California manufacturing jobs and investments, as described here:

Proposition 3 creates an \$8.87 billion general obligation bond to finance projects related to water, storage, conservation, quality and watershed protection and maintenance. During the recent multi-year drought in California, manufacturers were able to maintain operations by embracing water conservation, recycling and reuse practices. Despite these best efforts, as the economy and population grows in the coming years, the demands for water will increase and our ability to serve all residential, commercial, agriculture and manufacturing needs will be stretched. This funding, with the specific inclusion of storage and supply related projects, will help keep water flowing to maintain manufacturing projects and jobs for the long term. **CMTA Supports Proposition 3**

Proposition 10 repeals existing law and would allow local governments to impose rent control on previously exempt properties. High housing costs are a challenge for manufacturers who need skilled workers near plants and facilities, but imposing rent control is the wrong way to go. In fact, it is likely that rent controls would reduce the supply and availability of housing, encourage investments in other types of development, and ultimately increase prices. We should be asking our state legislators to work on more sensible and effective ways to increase

the supply of housing and make rents and home purchases affordable for California families. **CMTA Opposes Proposition 10**

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