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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Santa Cruz Sentinel Editorial Board: “We Recommend a ‘Yes’ Vote on Proposition 4”

Sacramento, Calif. (September 19, 2018) – The Santa Cruz Sentinel has published an [editorial](#) in favor of Proposition 4, The Children’s Hospital Bond. If passed this November, Proposition 4 will authorize a \$1.5 billion bond to expand and upgrade California’s children’s hospitals. An excerpt from the editorial is below:

Proposition 4 on the Nov. 6 ballot would give the state permission to borrow \$1.5 billion to fund renovations, expansions, and upgrades at hospitals that treat children. Most of the funding is reserved for the state’s eight private non-profit children’s hospitals (\$1.08 billion) and the five hospitals run through one of the University of California campuses (\$270 million).

This is the third ballot measure since 2004 for children’s hospitals, all developed by the California Children’s Hospital Association. Voters approved the previous two. We hope voters support this one as well.

The issue is that children’s hospitals are dependent on low reimbursement rates from Medi-Cal, California’s public insurance program for lower-income residents. Because of that, the hospitals have trouble keeping current with improvements in medical technology. The Prop. 4 funds, much like the previous measures, would give health care providers the money to make vital upgrades.

California’s network of regional children’s hospitals provide treatment to more than 1 million children annually who are facing life-threatening illness or injury. They’re cared for at these hospitals without regard to their family’s ability to pay.

We recommend a “yes” vote on Proposition 4.

To read the editorial in full, click [here](#). For more information on children's hospitals and Proposition 4, visit 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 two million visits each year, including from some of the state's lowest-income children, regardless of a family's 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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