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5	LOS ANGELES COUNTY EXPOSITION BONDS. Assembly Constitutional Amendment 33. Adds section 18a to Article XI of Constitution. Authorizes Los Angeles County, upon assent of two-thirds qualified electors voting thereon, to incur an indebtedness, not exceeding five million dollars, and issue tax exempt bonds therefor; funds to be used by Pacific Exposition, a corporation, to finance, under conditions prescribed by county board of supervisors, an exposition in said county commemorating completion of Boulder Dam. Bonds to mature within forty years; interest not exceeding six per cent annually. County directed to levy special annual property tax for interest and sinking fund requirements.	YES	
		NO	

(For full text of measure, see page 10, Part II)

Argument in Favor of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 33

This amendment adds a new section numbered 18-a to Article XI of the Constitution of the State and permits the County of Los Angeles to submit to its voters the question as to whether or not it shall incur a bonded indebtedness not to exceed five million dollars in aid of the Pacific Exposition.

This is purely an Enabling Act to permit the County of Los Angeles to submit to its voters the question as to whether or not it shall aid the Pacific Exposition in this manner. It is a local question, and the voters of the State should permit the voters of Los Angeles County to determine this question for themselves, and should be supported.

Respectfully-submitted.

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Member of the Assembly,
Fifty-ninth District.
- THOMAS J. CUNNINGHAM,
Member of the Assembly,
Fifty-sixth District.
- FRANK J. WATERS,
Member of the Assembly,
Fifty-eighth District.

- WM. MOSELEY JONES,
Member of the Assembly,
Fifty-first District.
- JAMES J. BOYLE,
Member of the Assembly,
Sixty-sixth District
- HERBERT J. EVANS,
Member of the Assembly,
Forty-ninth District.
- CHAS. A. HUNT,
Member of the Assembly,
Forty-fifth District.
- JAMES J. McBRIDE,
Member of the Assembly,
Fortieth District.
- FRANK G. MARTIN,
Member of the Assembly,
Forty-eighth District.
- KENT H. REDWINE,
Member of the Assembly,
Fifty-seventh District.
- AUGUSTUS HAWKINS,
Member of the Assembly,
Sixty-second District.

6	AMENDING LOS ANGELES CITY CHARTER. Assembly Constitutional Amendment 32. Adds section 8b to Article XI of Constitution. Authorizes and prescribes procedure for amending Los Angeles city charter: (a) to grant Pacific Exposition, a corporation, exclusive possession and control, for purpose of holding an exposition commemorating completion of Boulder Dam, of any lands held by Los Angeles Board of Education or the city, under such terms as said board or city respectively may determine; (b) to authorize city council to temporarily close city streets and granting said Pacific Exposition exclusive management and control thereof for such exposition purpose.	YES	
		NO	

(For full text of measure, see page 11, Part II)

Argument in Favor of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 32

This amendment adds a section numbered 8-b to Article XI of the Constitution, which permits the City of Los Angeles to submit to its

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voters an amendment of the City Charter which would authorize the temporary use, for the purpose of holding an exposition, of land held by the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, or lands held and used by the City of Los Angeles for parks and play-ground pu

poses, and to temporarily close streets in the City of Los Angeles, such use of said properties and streets to terminate not later than one year after the close of such exposition.

This amendment is necessary for the reason that a sufficient area of ground to hold such exposition in close proximity to the business center of the City cannot be acquired without securing the temporary use of some of the properties enumerated in the Constitutional Amendment.

This Constitutional Amendment is simply an enabling act permitting the voters of the City of Los Angeles to vote an amendment to their Charter which would accomplish this result and should be supported.

Respectfully submitted,

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CHAS. A. HUNT,
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Forty-fifth District.

JAMES J. McBRIDE,
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KENT H. REDWINE,
Member of the Assembly,
Fifty-seventh District.

<p>COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE. Initiative. Adds section 21 to Article XI, Constitution. Requires appointment to county, district and municipal offices and employments be based on integrity, character, merit, fitness and industry. Excepts certain specified positions and those now excepted from such system in specified charters. Provides for county civil service commissions, empowered to provide qualified persons for appointments within county, including cities therein having no commission. Prohibits dismissals except for cause after hearing. Prohibits appointees under system from participating in county, city or district political activity. Continues specified officers and employees in office, placing them under system.</p>	YES
	NO

(For full text of measure, see page 12, Part II)

**Argument in Favor of Initiative
Proposition No. 7**

This measure would abolish the Spoils System in California. Although fifty years have passed since civil service reform began, following the assassination of President Garfield over a political job, and although the Spoils System has been denounced by President Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, Governor Landon and a host of others, still this is the first opportunity Californians as a whole have had to say whether they want the Spoils System ended in local government. No critic, irrespective of his protestations, has ever had the public spirit to translate lip service to the Merit System into action such as this. If the amendment is rejected, the spoilsman will still be in the saddle, pointing to the rejection as proof that Californians are against the Merit System.

In the words of Lincoln, the "wriggle and struggle" for political jobs is so incessant, that the major factors of the Merit System must be

incorporated into the constitution, if they are to escape legislative impairment.

The amendment makes a civil service commission mandatory in each county, but leaves it optional with every city whether it will establish its own commission. In either event, the administration will be strictly through Home Rule.

The strongest feature of the amendment is that it prevents practical politicians from getting on civil service commissions.

The amendment brings all non-policy-making positions under "Civil Service"—a policy endorsed by President Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover and Governor Landon, who declared that such luscious political plums as United States Marshals and Collectors of Customs belong under "Civil Service".

The amendment requires vacancies to be filled according to merit determined by competitive test. The mis-called "temporary" appointment, which has brought disrepute on the

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YES	
NO	

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 32—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California that the Constitution of said State be amended by adding to Article XI thereof a new section to be numbered 8b authorizing the city of Los Angeles to amend its charter in certain particulars.

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California, at its regular session commencing on the seventh day of January, 1935, two-thirds of the members elected to each of the two houses of such Legislature voting therefor, hereby proposes to the people of the State of California that the Constitution of said State be amended by adding to Article XI thereof a new section to be numbered 8b and to read as follows:

(This proposed amendment does not expressly amend any existing section of the Constitution, but adds a new section thereto; therefore, the provisions thereof are printed in BLACK-FACED TYPE to indicate that they are NEW.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Sec. 8b. The charter of the city of Los Angeles may be amended in addition to the method and the times provided in section 8 of Article XI of the Constitution in the following particulars:

(a) Granting to Pacific Exposition, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of California January 22, 1935, the exclusive possession and use, together with the management and control for the purpose of holding an exposition commemorating the completion of the Boulder Dam and the power and water developments and projects thereof, of

any lands held by the Board of Education of the city of Los Angeles, and of any lands held by the city of Los Angeles, including public parks and playgrounds, under such terms and conditions as said Board of Education or the legislative authority of said city, respectively, may determine, such possession and use and management and control to terminate not later than one year after the closing of such exposition.

(b) Authorizing the legislative authority of the city of Los Angeles to temporarily close streets in the city of Los Angeles for such exposition purposes and granting to said Pacific Exposition the exclusive possession and use, together with the management and control of said streets for said exposition purposes, such possession and use, also management and control of said streets, to terminate not later than one year after the closing of such exposition.

Proposals to amend the charter of the city of Los Angeles in the foregoing particulars may be submitted by the legislative authority of said city to the electors of said city at any general or special election (and a special election may be called therefor) held in said city, after the publication of such proposals in a newspaper of general circulation in said city for such time as shall be determined by said legislative authority. Upon the ratification of any such proposed amendment by a majority of the electors of said city voting at such election on such proposed amendment, said proposed amendment receiving such majority vote, shall become operative immediately as an amendment to said charter, without the necessity of approval thereof by the Legislature.