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Voters' Guide for the November Election

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Prop. 1A: YES

Safe, Reliable High Speed Rail Passenger Train Bond Act: At this time, \$9.95 billion might sound like a lot to spend on a high-speed rail system connecting Los Angeles and San Francisco, but a recent study indicates such a train would save \$3 billion almost immediately by liberating millions of congestion-clogged motorists from the captivity of job-sucking gridlock. To invest in urgently needed transit improvements is hardly futuristic or utopian—it's common sense. In addition, it will stimulate the state's economy.