

Metrocrest Chamber Business Voter Guide

November 2025 Constitutional Amendments – Business Impact Overview

On November 4, 2025, Texas voters will consider 17 proposed constitutional amendments. Below are the amendments most directly connected to the Metrocrest Chamber's legislative priorities: workforce, infrastructure, taxation, and a competitive business climate.

- **Proposition 1 (SJR 59) – Workforce Education Funding**
Creates permanent funds to support the capital needs of the Texas State Technical College System. **Business Connection:** Strengthens the workforce pipeline by expanding access to technical training aligned with industry needs.
- **Proposition 2 (SJR 18) – Ban on Capital Gains Taxes**
Prohibits the Legislature from imposing taxes on realized or unrealized capital gains. **Business Connection:** Preserves Texas' pro-business tax environment, encouraging investment and entrepreneurship.
- **Proposition 4 (HJR 7) – Water Infrastructure Funding**
Dedicates \$1 billion annually from state sales and use tax revenue to the Texas Water Fund. **Business Connection:** Provides long-term investment in water infrastructure, essential for economic development and sustaining growth.
- **Proposition 6 (HJR 4) – Ban on Securities Transaction Taxes**
Prohibits the Legislature from imposing occupation taxes on securities exchanges or securities transactions. **Business Connection:** Supports Texas' effort to attract national financial exchanges and maintain a business-friendly investment climate.
- **Proposition 8 (HJR 2) – Ban on Estate/Inheritance (“Death”) Taxes**
Prohibits state-level estate, inheritance, and gift transfer taxes. **Business Connection:** Ensures predictability for family-owned businesses and reinforces Texas' low-tax reputation.
- **Proposition 9 (HJR 1) – Business Personal Property Tax Exemption**
Exempts the first \$125,000 of business tangible personal property used for income production from ad valorem taxation. **Business Connection:** Provides meaningful relief to small and medium-sized businesses, reducing compliance and tax burdens.
- **Proposition 13 (SJR 2) – Homestead Property Tax Exemption Increase**
Raises the school district homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000. **Business Connection:** While primarily residential, this amendment addresses the broader property tax burden, a recurring Chamber advocacy priority.

Chamber Takeaway: Several of this year's proposed amendments directly impact the business climate in Texas — especially workforce development (Prop 1), infrastructure (Prop 4), and taxation (Props 2, 6, 8, 9, 13). These measures could shape the environment for investment, growth, and talent development in our region for years to come.