**Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, December 2022**

Details are in the December issue of the *Advocacy Communicator.*

* We have had several years of record-breaking education budgets, but it looks like those days are coming to an end. According to a report by the state Legislative Analyst’s Office, rising interest rates have led to a weakened economy and California is getting lower tax receipts than expected for this year. The LAO has several suggestions for how the state can ride out the budget cuts. The LAO expects revenue levels to get back to normal by the 2025-26 fiscal year.
* Registration is open for Sacramento Safari in the Capitol in February. Who will we send?
* The results of the General Election won’t be certified until December 15, but there are clear winners in the Orange County races. The *Communicator* has a list of new and returning state Senators and Assembly Members.
* Both of the propositions that California State PTA supported passed. Prop. 28 will provide funding for music and arts education in all California schools. Prop. 31 allows SB 793 to go into effect, banning the sale of flavored tobacco products that have enticed many of our young people to start smoking.
* The next Fourth District PTA Advocacy Forum is scheduled for Friday, January 20, at the Orange County Department of Education. Program to be announced.
* California State PTA is holding monthly Advocacy Calls. The next one will be on December 13. A list of all the dates and topics, and a link to the registration site, are in the Communicator.
* The California State PTA Legislation Conference will be on March 20 and 21 in Sacramento.

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