



NO ON PROP 5

STOP THE \$1 BILLION DRAIN FROM SCHOOLS AND SERVICES FROM FIRE TO HEALTH CARE

Prop 5 takes upwards of \$1 billion each year from schools and local services – from fire and emergency response to health care – in order to give new tax breaks to a select few Californians. Prop 5 means:

- People over 55 who can afford to buy bigger, more expensive houses get a new tax break. There are no limits to how many times a wealthy person can get a new tax break when they buy a bigger, more expensive house.
- Realtors, the only sponsors of Prop 5, make more money every time these expensive new houses are bought or sold.
- School children and communities are the ones who pay the price, with upwards of \$1 billion cut from funding for schools and local services such as fire and emergency response and health care.

The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst says under Prop 5, “Schools and local governments each would lose over \$100 million in annual property taxes early on, growing over time to about \$1 billion per year (in today’s dollars).” That’s why teachers, firefighters, health care workers, seniors, housing and homelessness advocates, local governments and middle-class taxpayers all say vote NO on Prop 5.

NO HELP FOR SENIORS, FAMILIES STRUGGLING IN SEVERE HOUSING CRISIS

Low-income seniors and people with disabilities who live on fixed incomes are struggling to hold onto their housing -- and Prop 5 does nothing to help them. Families with children are crowding into smaller apartments because incomes won't keep up with soaring rents. Homelessness has reached crisis levels in cities across California. But Prop 5 won't help the people who are hurting the most because of housing costs. That's why advocates for the homeless and affordable housing say:

“Prop 5 does nothing for affordable housing and will even make the current situation worse.”

Shamus Roller

Executive Director, National Housing Law Project

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CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAN'T AFFORD PROP 5. VOTE **NO!**

PUTS SCHOOL FUNDING AT RISK

During the recession, California schools laid off 30,000 educators, leading to huge class sizes and the elimination of programs like art and music that make a well-rounded education.

Thanks to California voters' overwhelming approval of Proposition 30 in 2012, and Proposition 55 in 2016, funding for California's public K-14 schools has increased by \$31 billion (66 percent) in seven years. Yet, according to the latest figures, California still ranks 44th in per-pupil funding amongst the states. There is so much more work to be done. The loss of \$1 billion from classrooms should Proposition 5 pass would only set back this important progress.

“Educators say NO on Prop 5 because our students and communities can’t afford another round of budget cuts. Prop. 5 would take \$1 billion or more each year from our classrooms and local services. Just as schools and communities are being made whole with the recently-adopted state budget, together we must protect the progress we’ve made for the sake of our students and working families. Join educators and vote No on 5.”

Eric Heins

President, California Teachers Association

A cut of \$1 billion to California's public schools is the equivalent of cutting \$3000 per K-12 classroom or laying off 10,000 teachers. This means larger class sizes and fewer resources for student success.

“Prop 5 presents a clear choice between the future of our students and the narrow interests of the California Association of Realtors, that’s why teachers and school workers ask for your no vote on Prop 5.”

Joshua Pechthalt

President, California Federation of Teachers Association

THREATENS EMERGENCY SERVICES, HEALTH CARE, AND OTHER LOCAL PRIORITIES

Fire and police, health care, foster care, child and adult protective services -- all of these important local functions and others are supported by property taxes. A \$1 billion hit to local government funding puts these and other crucial services at risk.

As California battles record-setting wildfires, Prop 5 threatens to hamstring our emergency response. That's why firefighters say:

“Fighting wildfires that have plagued our communities in the past few years requires more -- not less -- local resources. We just can't afford Prop 5.”

Brian Rice

President, California Professional Firefighters

In the past few years, California has made enormous progress expanding health care access and ensuring people in our communities have tools to stay healthy. But Prop 5 threatens to roll back this progress. That's why health advocates say:

“Prop 5 represents a grave threat to California's health care safety net on which we all rely, and to other vital local services that our most vulnerable families need to stay healthy...We need to strengthen our health care programs and services for all Californians, not slash them to give more tax advantages to a select few. Health care advocates say No on Prop 5.”

Anthony Wright

Executive Director, Health Access California

WHAT'S AT RISK UNDER PROP 5?

- Schools
- Law Enforcement
- Senior Centers
- Libraries
- Hospitals
- 9-1-1 Dispatch
- Domestic Violence Shelters
- Parks
- Emergency Rooms
- Ambulances
- Youth Recreational Services
- Paratransit
- Fire Protection
- Homeless Shelters
- Animal Shelters
- Clean Air And Water

THE VAST MAJORITY OF SENIORS WON'T SEE ANY BENEFIT FROM PROP 5

California voters have already changed the California Constitution to protect seniors and people with disabilities from higher property taxes and allow people who lose their homes in a natural disaster to rebuild without a tax penalty. **These protections have been locked into the California Constitution for over two decades, and are not in question.**

The vast majority of seniors won't see any benefit from Prop 5, and Prop 5's cuts to local services threaten services seniors count on:

- **Cuts to senior centers**
- **Cuts to adult protective services**
- **Cuts to ambulances and emergency rooms**

“How dare real estate interests use seniors and people with disabilities as pawns to sell more, expensive homes. Seniors can already retire on their home equity without any “moving penalty.” [Prop 5 proponents] made that up! Vote NO on Prop 5!”

Gary Passmore

President, Congress of California Seniors

PROP 5 IS FUNDED BY REALTORS TO BENEFIT REALTORS

The Realtors Association is the ONLY sponsor of Prop 5 and has already spent \$7 million to pass it because it gives a huge windfall to the real estate industry. They wrote Prop 5 to narrowly benefit their own special interests and a limited number of very wealthy property owners.

VOTE NO ON 5

