



Hold Politicians Accountable - Stop the Gridlock in Sacramento!

Proposition 11 - an initiative to help stop the partisan gridlock that has paralyzed our state government - will appear on the November 2008 General Election ballot. Following are some facts about how Proposition 11 will benefit Californians.

Why Is Proposition 11 Needed?

Year after year, partisan gridlock prevents our state lawmakers from effectively addressing our most pressing issues such as the state budget, health care, education, the impending water crisis, and the environment. Contributing to this ongoing problem is the fact that legislators currently draw their district lines and thus are not accountable to voters. Proposition 11 will change this.

How Will Proposition 11 Increase Accountability in Government?

State legislators are allowed to draw their own district boundaries to subvert the system and ensure their reelection. In fact, there is now a 99% re-election rate in California legislative races! Guaranteed re-election is not the best incentive for elected officials to be accountable and responsive to voter needs.

Proposition 11 will change the way legislative districts are drawn – giving voters a real voice and increasing accountability among our elected officials.

What Will Proposition 11 Do?

Proposition 11 will create a 14-member independent citizen commission to redraw state legislative district lines based on strict non-partisan rules. Unlike the current process, Proposition 11 will ensure that the redistricting process is open and transparent and will respect existing city and county boundaries and communities. It will exclude individuals with obvious conflicts of interest, including elected officials and their staff, from serving on the Commission. The Commission will include five Republicans, five Democrats and four members not associated with either party.

Why Is Proposition 11 Needed Now?

Redistricting occurs in California every 10 years. Maps were last drawn in 2001. To prepare for the 2011 redistricting, we need to put reforms in place now. If we don't, we risk government gridlock through 2022!

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Why Should I Support Proposition 11?

You should support Proposition 11 if you want to help increase accountability among our state lawmakers and help break the policy logjam in Sacramento. Proposition 11 will help ensure your vote counts!

Who Is Supporting Proposition 11?

Proposition 11 has broad-based bi-partisan support throughout the state including the League of Women Voters of California, AARP, Governor Schwarzenegger, former Democratic State Controller Steve Westly, former Governor Gray Davis, the California Chamber of Commerce, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the ACLU of Southern California, Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Business – California, California Forward, California Common Cause, California Church IMPACT, and local community and business groups throughout the state. And support continues to grow.

How Can I Help?

You can help by joining our coalition (sign-up form attached) and encouraging others to support Proposition 11.

For more information, please visit www.yesprop11.org or call 916-325-0056.

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