ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 66

Prop. 66 WASTES TENS OF MILLIONS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS.

Evidence shows MORE THAN 150 INNOCENT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH, and some have been executed because of poorly written laws like this one.

Prop. 66 is so confusing and poorly written that we don't know all of its consequences. We do know this: it will add more layers of government bureaucracy causing more delays, cost taxpayers money, and increase California's risk of executing an innocent person.

Experts agree: Prop. 66 is DEEPLY FLAWED.

** PROP. 66 COULD INCREASE TAXPAYER COSTS BY MILLIONS.

According to nonpartisan analysis, Prop. 66 could cost "tens of millions of dollars annually" with "unknown" costs beyond that. Read the LAO's report posted at www.NoOnCAProp66.org/cost.

Experts say Prop. 66 will:

- INCREASE PRISON SPENDING while schools, social services, and other priorities suffer.
- INCREASE TAXPAYER-FUNDED legal defense for death row inmates, requiring the state to hire as many as 400 new taxpayer-funded attorneys.
- LEAD TO CONSTRUCTION of new TAXPAYER-FUNDED DEATH ROW facilities. This initiative authorizes the state to house death row inmates in new prisons, anywhere in California.
- Lead to EXPENSIVE LITIGATION by lawyers who will challenge a series of poorly written provisions.

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"Prop. 66 is so flawed that it's impossible to know for sure all the hidden costs it will inflict on California taxpayers." –John Van de Kamp, former Attorney General of California.

** PROP. 66 WOULD INCREASE CALIFORNIA'S RISK OF EXECUTING AN INNOCENT PERSON.

Instead of making sure everyone gets a fair trial with all the evidence presented, this measure REMOVES IMPORTANT LEGAL SAFEGUARDS and could easily lead to fatal mistakes.

This measure is modeled after laws from states like Texas, where authorities have executed innocent people. People like Cameron Willingham and Carlos De Luna, both executed in Texas. Experts now say they were innocent.

Prop. 66 will:

- LIMIT the ability to present new evidence of innocence in court.
- LEAVE people who can't afford a good attorney vulnerable to mistakes.
- CLOG local courts by moving death penalty cases there, adding new layers of bureaucracy and placing high profile cases in the hands of inexperienced judges and attorneys. This would lead to costly mistakes.

"If someone's executed and later found innocent, we can't go back." – Judge LaDoris Cordell, Santa Clara (retired).

** A CONFUSING AND POORLY WRITTEN INITIATIVE THAT WILL ONLY CAUSE MORE DELAY.

Prop. 66 is a misguided experiment that asks taxpayers to increase the costs of our justice and prison systems by MILLIONS to enact poorly-written reforms that would put California at risk.

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SF Weekly stated, "Combing through the initiative's 16 pages is like looking through the first draft of an undergraduate paper. The wording is vague, unfocused and feels tossed off."

Instead of adding new layers of government bureaucracy and increasing costs, we deserve real reform of our justice system. Prop. 66 is not the answer.

"Instead of reckless, costly changes to our prison system, we need smart investments that are proven to reduce crime and serve victims."- Dionne Wilson, widow of police officer killed in the line of duty.

Jeanne Woodford, Warden

California's Death Row prison, 1999-2004

Francisco Carrillo Jr.

Innocent man wrongfully convicted in Los Angeles County

Hon. Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Mayor

City of Los Angeles, 2005 - 2013

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