REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST
PROPOSITION 4

DON'T BE MISLED BY SPECIAL INTERESTS WHO WANT TO KEEP BUYING ELECTIONS

California is the ONLY state that bans public funding of campaigns. Communities in all 49 other states have the right to adopt public financing to allow qualified candidates to compete against wealthy donors. California doesn't.

Prop 4 simply removes that ban and gives local voters the same choice everyone else has, while instituting strict taxpayer safeguards.

PROP 4 GIVES POWER BACK TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND EMPOWERS VOTERS, NOT DONORS

Prop 4 doesn't spend a single taxpayer dollar or institute public financing anywhere. It simply removes the ban to give every city, county, and the state the right to adopt public funding if local voters want it.

The details are appropriately left to each community. But any system MUST require candidates to abide by spending limits and demonstrate broad-based support in their district to qualify.

PROP 4 MAKES ELECTED OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE TO VOTERS, NOT DONORS

Corporate special interests oppose Prop 4 because public financing allows candidates to run and win without relying on them — threatening their grip on California elections.

Thousands of candidates from different backgrounds have been elected across the country using public financing, for a tiny cost. Because they don't rely on wealthy donors, they can speak their minds and work for the people, not special interests.

DON'T BE FOOLED BY CORPORATE SPECIAL INTERESTS HIDING BEHIND NICE-SOUNDING NAMES.

VOTE YES ON 4 to let local voters and communities reclaim their elections so they're won, not bought.

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