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PROPOSITION 41

CALIFORNIANS DESERVE BETTER RESULTS FOR OUR TAX DOLLARS

Prop 41 requires the State Auditor to conduct independent public audits of programs funded by proposed new taxes in order to increase transparency and accountability and drive better outcomes.

Californians pay some of the highest taxes in the country – on top of our high cost of living. This year alone, California's state government will spend more than $350 billion – a 79% increase in spending since 2019. Billions of our tax dollars have flowed into state programs like homelessness efforts, with too little to show for it.

We deserve better education, health care, infrastructure and other services in return for the hard-earned money we pay to the state.

Prop 41 requires more accountability, transparency and trackable progress of programs funded by our taxes, so that we stop funding failure and start funding successful outcomes.

Here's how Prop 41 works.

PUBLIC AUDITS TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND OVERSIGHT

Prop 41 requires the independent State Auditor to conduct performance and financial audits of the programs funded by new tax measures, with the results posted publicly. The audits must:

- Track all program spending and assess whether it's achieving its intended outcomes;
- Determine whether programs have sufficient oversight and accountability;
- Identify areas of waste, fraud and abuse;
- Recommend how future waste and fraud can be avoided and programs made more effective.

Prop 41 requires audits both *before* taxes are voted on to provide transparency to voters, and *ongoing* audits of programs funded by approved taxes to ensure accountability.

PROP 41: INDEPENDENT, PUBLIC INFORMATION FOR VOTERS ON PROPOSED TAXES

Before we vote on new taxes to fund programs, voters should have access to independent information about how those programs are being managed and whether they actually need more funding.

Under Prop 41, the Auditor's findings must be posted publicly and in the Voter Information Guide – so voters can make informed decisions about new taxes without having to rely on information from special interests or politicians.

"This commonsense, long overdue reform will finally instill some transparency and accountability in state

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spending – ensuring Californians get better government services for the taxes we pay. It provides an independent, public report card for government spending, so government programs work better for everyone." -- Pat Fong Kushida, President/CEO of the CalAsian Chamber of Commerce

PROP 41: A BETTER DEAL FOR TAXPAYERS

Prop 41 doesn't raise taxes – it protects taxpayers' interests:

- Reduces the waste and fraud that have cost California taxpayers billions of dollars in recent years;
- Requires all taxes to comply with the state's voter-approved spending limit – including its requirement that excess revenues get refunded to taxpayers.

Prop 41 ensures taxpayers get better results – not just a bigger tax bill.

"Every tax dollar we waste is a dollar that could actually help someone. Californians already pay the highest state income and sales taxes in the country – we need better transparency and accountability to make sure our tax dollars produce results. Prop 41 delivers." --Steve Westly, former Controller of California.

Please join good government groups, small business owners, accountants, taxpayers and public transparency advocates in voting Yes on 41.

For more information, visit: www.ResultsCA.org

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