

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
PROPOSITION 45

LENGTHY DELAYS AND RED TAPE ARE BLOCKING ESSENTIAL PROJECTS & DRIVING UP OUR COST OF LIVING.

Families cannot afford to live in California because we are failing to deliver the basics. California's outdated system for approving essential housing, water, clean energy, roads, schools, hospitals, and wildfire prevention projects is too slow, too bureaucratic, and too costly—driving up the cost of living for everyone.

Endless delays, red tape, and frivolous lawsuits make life more expensive and block the projects Californians need—driving up costs for housing, electricity, and water; wasting taxpayer dollars; worsening wildfire risk; increasing traffic; overcrowding schools; and delaying hospital and infrastructure upgrades.

PROP 45 *LOWERS OUR HIGH COST OF LIVING* BY MAKING IT FASTER & LESS EXPENSIVE TO BUILD ESSENTIAL PROJECTS.

Prop 45 streamlines approvals by setting enforceable timelines for project approvals; requires courts and government agencies to base decisions on the laws and regulations in place when the project application is submitted; and creates a faster, more predictable process for legal challenges while reducing frivolous lawsuits.

PROP 45 STREAMLINES CALIFORNIA'S MOST-PRESSING ESSENTIAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING:

- Water quality and supply projects
- Hospitals and healthcare facilities
- Housing, including homes and apartments
- Wildfire prevention
- Schools and classrooms
- Roads, bridges and transit
- Clean energy and electric grid reliability infrastructure

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PROP 45 WILL:

- REDUCE THE COST OF HOUSING. Permitting delays add more than \$75,000 to the cost of a new home. Prop 45 will help lower rents and mortgages and save families tens of thousands of dollars on a home purchase.
- LOWER ELECTRICITY COSTS. Delays in building clean energy and electric grid infrastructure drive up electricity costs for working families. Prop 45 helps lower electricity costs.
- PROTECT TAXPAYERS. Lengthy delays drive massive cost overruns on public projects—roads, schools, hospitals, water systems, and wildfire prevention—costing taxpayers billions more. Prop 45 cuts costly delays, reduces costs, and helps keep projects on time and on budget.
- CREATE GOOD-PAYING JOBS AND STRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMY. Prop 45 will create tens of thousands of good-paying jobs and billions in economic activity.

PROP 45 MAINTAINS CALIFORNIA'S STRONGEST-IN-THE-NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS.

California should not have to choose between protecting the environment and building the essential projects we need. Under Prop 45, projects must comply with *all* of California strong environmental laws protecting our air, water, wildlife, and health. Prop 45 *does not* exempt a single project from environmental review.

PROP 45 PROTECTS COMMUNITY INPUT AND LOCAL DECISIONMAKING.

Under Prop 45, cities and counties retain full authority to approve or deny projects, and residents keep a meaningful voice in decisions affecting their communities.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVOCATES, HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, EDUCATORS, WATER PROVIDERS,

CLEAN ENERGY LEADERS AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS SUPPORT PROP 45.

Prop 45 is supported by a broad coalition of organizations, including:

- American Clean Power – California
- California League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

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- NAACP California/Hawaii State Conference
- California Taxpayers Association
- Environmental Policy Innovation Center

YES ON PROP 45 TO BUILD A MORE AFFORDABLE CALIFORNIA.

Every year of delay means Californians *wait longer* and *pay more* for the essential projects we need. It's time to cut red tape, protect our environment and build the projects California needs to make life more affordable.

VOTE YES ON PROP 45.

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