

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST
PROPOSITION 5

Don't be misled. Proposition 5 preserves your power to recall an official by majority vote while closing the loophole that allows a replacement candidate to take office with a small fraction of the vote.

Under current law, voters decide whether to remove an official by majority vote, but the replacement can win with far less than a majority. In 2021, a replacement candidate could have become Governor with support from 28% of recall voters. That is not majority rule.

Opponents want you to believe Proposition 5 takes away your right to choose. It does not. The real question is whether someone should become Governor with support from only a small fraction of California voters.

Proposition 5 preserves the recall while separating the decision to remove an officeholder from the decision about who should serve next. If a Governor is recalled, the Lieutenant Governor - elected statewide by California voters - provides continuity of government until voters choose the next Governor through a regular election.

Voters will still choose their elected officials. But candidates seeking statewide office should earn that office in a regular election based on their qualifications, record, and plans for California, not use a recall as a shortcut to power.

A recall should decide whether an officeholder remains in office. Choosing who governs should happen in a regular election, where candidates earn the support of California voters. Proposition 5 protects the recall, respects majority rule, and ensures candidates run on their own merits. Vote YES on Proposition 5.

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