REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST

PROPOSITION 17

VOTE YES ON PROP 17

PROP 17 opponents are using scare tactics to try and stop you from fixing a nearly 50-year-old, out-of-date voting policy.

THE FACTS:

- Prop 17 will simply restore a citizen’s right to vote upon completion of their prison term aligning California with 19 other states that already do the same.

- After a similar law was changed in Florida, a parole commission study found that citizens who have completed their prison sentences and had their voting rights restored were less likely to commit crimes in the future.

- Parole is intended to be a period of reintegration into the community. Citizens on parole who have completed their prison sentences raise families, hold jobs, pay taxes, and contribute to society in every other way.

- Nearly 50,000 Californians who have completed their prison sentences pay taxes at the local, state and federal levels and yet, are not able to vote at any level of government.

DON’T BELIEVE OPPONENTS AND THEIR SCARE TACTICS. DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS SUPPORT PROP 17

- More than two thirds of the state legislature – Democrats and Republicans, supported asking California voters to consider Prop 17.

- Prop 17 does nothing to change anyone’s prison term including those convicted of serious and violent crimes.

VOTE YES ON PROP 17!

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