BALLOT ARGUMENT AGAINST PROP 25

PROP 25 ELIMINATES THE RIGHT TO BAIL FOR EVERY CALIFORNIAN

California's justice system guarantees that people accused of a non-violent crime have the CHOICE of securing their release by posting bail or by order of a judge. But Prop 25 replaces this right with an automated system of computer-generated predictive modeling based on mathematical algorithms administered by 58 different counties. Read why civil rights leaders, law enforcement, victims' rights groups and county officials all say NO on Prop 25.

CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS WARN: PROP 25 IS MORE BIASED AGAINST MINORITIES AND THE POOR

Prop 25 imposes a computer-based system of algorithms to make important criminal justice decisions. Civil rights groups like the NAACP oppose Prop 25 because it will create more biased outcomes against people of color and those from economically disadvantaged areas.

- "Prop 25 will be even more discriminatory against African-Americans, Latinos and other minorities. Computer models may be good for recommending songs and movies, but using these profiling methods to decide who gets released from jail or who gets a loan has been proven to hurt communities of color." - Alice Huffman, President, California State Conference of the NAACP

PROP 25: MAKES COMMUNITIES LESS SAFE

California's experiment with "zero bail" during the coronavirus pandemic had disastrous results as many defendants were arrested – released back on the streets and committed new crimes
within hours – and then rearrested the same day. Prop 25 will make “zero bail” permanent, which is why law enforcement throughout the state oppose it.

- “Prop 25 will endanger public safety and makes it harder for police and sheriff’s departments to do our jobs.” - Chad Bianco, Riverside County Sheriff

PROP 25: DENIES JUSTICE

California’s current system provides justice by ensuring people accused of a crime appear for trial and holds defendants accountable for their actions if they don’t.

- “Prop 25 destroys one of the best tools our communities have to make sure defendants appear and face their day in court.” - Christine Ward, Executive Director, Crime Victims Alliance

PROP 25: COSTS TAXPAYERS HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR

Prop 25 forces counties to create a new bureaucracy to determine who will and will not get released from jail pending trial. This new state mandate will cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars to implement at a time when state and county budgets are facing historic budget cuts due to the coronavirus.

- “Prop 25 will cost state and local governments several hundred million dollars each year. This will force us to cut vital public services or raise taxes, something our local communities can’t afford right now.” – Sue Frost, Sacramento County Supervisor
PROP 25: OVERBURDENS ALREADY OVER-CROWDED COURTS

Prop 25 replaces a bail system that works well at almost no cost to taxpayers with a new system that requires additional court hearings to overrule the computer’s decision, leading to even longer delays in our backlogged justice system.

- “Imagine a spouse, son, daughter or close friend stuck in jail at the mercy of computers and the bureaucracy, instead of having the immediate choice of getting out on bail or the ability to speak directly to a judge.” – Quentin L. Kopp, Retired California Superior Court Judge

VOTE NO ON PROP 25!

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