

# No More Right Wing Movie Sequels!

Give the Governor's Latest Horror Film Two Thumbs Down  
when you Vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>



**VOTE NO on 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78**

**VOTE YES on 79**



This election is a possible turning point for left and progressive forces not only in California, but also throughout the U.S. Governor Schwarzenegger and his supporters are using the November 8<sup>th</sup> Special Election to move a Right-wing agenda. Their plan attacks a woman's right to choose, tramples union rights, and slashes social services and education. The people who benefit financially from these propositions are the corporations and drug companies. Strengthening their ongoing plan to overturn the Civil Rights revolution of the 1960's and 70's, the Right continues to launch conservative ballot propositions that strip what little civil and human rights protections that Black, Latino/Chicano, Asian, Indigenous and anti-racist white movements have succeeded in winning. Ever since Richard Nixon was elected as President of the United States there has been a plan to repeal, erase, bury, burn and eviscerate any of these gains that only start to address the hundreds of years of racism, genocide and occupation that this country is built on.

Arnold Schwarzenegger's approval rating is one of the lowest in California gubernatorial history. He is hoping, that by running for another term, he will re-infuse money back into his plan to cut social services and go after public employee unions and teachers. This is our chance to stop him and his crew in their tracks.

**The following is the list of propositions and recommendations from the Bus Riders Union:**

**NO on Proposition 73- Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Waiting Period and Parental Notification.** Given the history of the U.S. Government's attempts to control reproductive rights of (mostly) oppressed nationality -- Indigenous, Black, Chicana/Latina, Asian women through forced sterilization and other coercive methods, we oppose any restriction on a woman's right to control her body. Whether you would personally choose to have an abortion or not, don't give the government a blank check to control your body or any other woman's body. Make no mistake, Prop. 73 is specifically targeted at working-class and poor women and women of color. Wealthier women will still be able to pay for abortions that don't involve coat hangers and other extremely dangerous methods that can risk the life of the woman.

This proposition is carefully worded so that you will abdicate your rights. It wants you to get hung up on the notification piece. This is about so much more than parental notification. If this proposition passes, women (young and old) will no longer have the "right to choose" in the state of California within a couple of years. With 2 new Bush appointees to the Supreme Court of the United States, Roe vs. Wade and the Casey decision will be overturned and the individual states will once again have the right to outlaw abortion.

Proposition 73 radically changes the California State Constitution to say that life begins at conception. Pretty soon, not only would abortion become completely illegal, anything a woman does to end a pregnancy --take the morning after pill, herbal and homeopathic treatments--would also become illegal. This will criminalize women (of any age) who get abortions, doctors who perform them, and create a database that the Right will be able to use to move their agenda against women's rights more broadly.

This anti-woman proposition is built on a non-existent right for parents to know. Let's be clear: A woman's right to control her own body also applies to women under 18. Besides, parents that have won the trust of their daughter will most likely be involved in providing support and guidance for them anyway. But what about the parents who threaten their daughters, physically abuse them, and yes, even sexually abuse them? The minor woman has a right to abortion; a parent has no "right" to be informed. This so-called "right to know" is a privilege to be earned, not to be legislated against the will of a pregnant teen.

Parental notification puts young women in jeopardy by placing barriers between them and access to medical services. In a recent study, 47% of minors seeking reproductive healthcare services said they would completely stop seeking these services if parental notification was mandatory—while only 1% said that they would stop having sex. (California Women's Law Center. "Young Women of Color and Proposition 73.") Young women will face severe health consequences such as delaying medical attention, seeking unsafe abortions (back-alley or self induced), and or finding their own solutions.

**The next four Propositions (74-77) that are on the other side of this flyer were put on the ballot by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger -- the same forces behind Proposition 13 that bled the resources of California's Public School System dry by giving white middle-class Suburbia tax breaks, as well as brought us the re-call election of three years ago. We urge you to vote NO on Propositions 74-77. This is all part of a broader conservative Right-wing agenda that:**

- 1) places blame on social services for the state of the economy instead of the corporate agenda which puts property rights before human rights;
- 2) cut the power of public sector unions which are fighting for jobs, civil rights, workers' rights, and expanding the public sector -- these are the only real organizations nationally that have the resources to put a dent in the Right's agenda which protects the rights of THEIR "special interest groups" (corporations and contractors) to spend all they want for their cause;
- 3) take the unilateral power to cut taxes for the wealthy, and at the same time cut social services for education, mental health, health care and transportation;
- 4) attack the voting rights of oppressed nationality communities, people of color, and immigrants by redrawing districts as they did in the segregationist Jim Crow South

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**NO on Proposition 74- *Waiting Period Public School Teachers for Permanent Status.*** This increases the length of time required before a teacher may become a permanent employee from two years to five years. This Proposition places the blame for the woes of our public education system on the backs of new teachers, most of whom are people of color. Instead of investing in their support and training, the Right is frothing at the mouth in hopes that Prop 76 passes. If it does, it would cut over \$4 Billion from our public school system each year, where hundreds of thousands of students don't even have their own books to take home. It also gives administrators more power to dismiss political or vocal teachers trying to support their students through anti-war/recruitment or bilingual education/ethnic studies campaigns. Again, this does nothing to improve student achievement because Prop 74 has no support for teachers or academic support for students. Ask any teacher you know. A two year probation is long enough, every school day is exhausting. These new teachers need our support, not blame for the fact that this state doesn't want to fund Black and Latino students.

**NO on Proposition 75- *Public Employee Union Dues Required Yearly Consent for Political Contributions.*** Prop 75 would create a bureaucratic nightmare for Unions. It requires that all public sector union employees must fill out a form every year authorizing the union to use their dues for political purposes. This is just an attempt to silence those who stand up for our rights. The Governor says nothing about the contributions of corporations that fund political causes like building prisons and freeways. Their contributions out number unions 24 to 1. If union members don't like the use of their funds, they can vote out their officers or launch a protest movement inside their union. Prop. 75 creates a dictatorship where the executive branch can control both companies and unions.

**NO on Proposition 76- *School Funding (Cuts). State Spending (Cap).*** This Proposition eliminates even the appearances of checks and balances in the California legislative system. It gives sole power to the governor to unilaterally cut social services and education without legislative approval if Governor deems that the state is in a financial crisis. It also gives the Governor the power to override the legislature on budgetary issues. Translation from Right-speak: "Financial crisis" are always targeted as social welfare programs and "Balanced budget" always stands for making tax breaks for the rich and more cuts on schools. Proposition 76 suspends the minimum funding guarantees for education while making yearly cuts to funding for K-12 schools \$4 Billion/year.

**NO on Proposition 77- *Reapportionment (re-districting).*** The 1965 Voting Rights Act requires that any of the historically racist southern voting districts that wanted to change the voting process had to be checked by the federal government because of the history of poll taxes, literacy tests, grandfather clauses, etc. that were designed to keep Black people from voting. Right now, there are districts in California that actually have Black and/ or Latino majorities, which allow people to elect their own representatives. Prop 77 would allow the Right to cut those districts in such a way that it would erase the Black and Latino majorities and turn them into white majority districts. This is called gerrymandering, and it has been done in the South ever since Blacks were allowed to vote. This is now creeping into the Southwest states of New Mexico and Texas through similar propositions.

**The following two are counter measures about prescription drug discounts. It is important that you vote NO on 78 and YES on 79 because whichever proposition gets more votes will become law. Drug companies like Johnson & Johnson, Glaxo Smith Klein, and Pfizer Inc. put Prop 78 on the ballot to confuse you.**

**NO on Proposition 78- *Discount prescription drug program (bad one)*** put forth by drug companies Prop 78 has no enforcement, no required participation in the program from the drug companies and can be terminated at any time. So basically, nothin' from nothin' equals nothin'.

**YES on Proposition 79- *Discount prescription drug program (good one)*** Prop. 79 will provide discounts to 8-10 million Californians (double that of Prop. 78.) It also has enforcement mechanisms that establish an oversight board and penalizes drug companies who don't participate in it by barring them from receiving lucrative Medical contracts. It also makes prescription drug profiteering unlawful.

So, if we let this Conservative Right-wing agenda pass, we can predict the sequel: social services like education, health care, and transportation are cut. A woman's right to choose is extinguished. Unions are stripped of what little power they still have. Corporations continue to fund lock 'em up and throw away the key legislation that helps to deregulate and unrestrict any environmental, civil or human rights protections. Remembering that the people behind these props are the same people, corporations and subsidiaries that are getting Bush's tax cuts that are for the richest 1%. These are also the same forces that profit from contracts to rebuild New Orleans into a virtually all white city and bring U.S. "democracy" to Afghanistan and Iraq. The only choice that the Right has after that is to militarize and occupy Black, Latino, Indigenous and A/PI communities to keep them in check and enforce the racial hierarchy. Pretty soon, they will be looking for weapons of mass destruction in South and East L.A.. This movie gets TWO BIG THUMBS DOWN! Let's end it and not allow another sequel.

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