

Vote “Yes” on Proposition 23

PROPOSITION 23 SUSPENDS IMPLEMENTATION OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL LAW (AB 32) REQUIRING MAJOR SOURCES OF EMISSIONS TO REPORT AND REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS THAT CAUSE GLOBAL WARMING, UNTIL UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 5.5 PERCENT OR LESS FOR FULL YEAR. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

PROBLEM: CALIFORNIA’S GLOBAL WARMING MANDATES ARE ON THE WRONG TRACK

Climate change is a serious issue that should be addressed thoughtfully and responsibly. However, now is not the time to implement AB32, California’s costly global warming law, especially since the California Air Resources Board (CARB) acknowledges AB32 cannot “change the course of climate change.”

California already has a \$20 billion deficit and leads the nation in lost jobs, home foreclosures and debt. Implementing AB32 will cost taxpayers and consumers billions and destroy over a million jobs. Voters must stop these self-imposed energy cost increases that will further damage our economy and families.

SOLUTION: PROPOSITION 23

Proposition 23 suspends AB32 until the economy improves. It preserves California’s strict environmental laws but protects us from dramatically higher energy costs. Proposition 23 saves jobs, prevents a tax increase, maintains environmental protections and helps families during these tough economic times.

PROPOSITION 23 SAVES BILLIONS IN HIGHER ENERGY TAXES AND COSTS

California’s poor, working and middle class families are dealing with lost jobs, fewer hours and furloughs. California households cannot afford \$3800 a year in higher AB32 costs. *“AB 32 will cause California households to face higher prices both directly for electricity, natural gas, and gasoline, and indirectly as businesses pass costs for GHG reduction on to consumers.”*—CARB’s Economic Allocation and Advisory Committee

PROPOSITION 23 SAVES OVER ONE MILLION CALIFORNIA JOBS

Other countries and states prudently postponed implementing their global warming laws until economic conditions improve. Without Proposition 23 higher energy prices will hit small businesses and employers, forcing more lay-offs and business closures. Other countries that passed global warming laws experienced a loss of two blue collar jobs for every one green job created. Proposition 23 saves over a million at-risk jobs, including high-paying blue collar and union jobs, and doesn’t limit green job creation.

PROPOSITION 23 PRESERVES CALIFORNIA’S STRICT PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS

California has the toughest environmental laws in the country. Proposition 23 doesn’t weaken or repeal the hundreds of laws that protect the environment, reduce air pollution, keep our water clean and protect public health. Proposition 23 applies to greenhouse gas emissions, which CARB concedes “have no direct public health impacts.”

PROPOSITION 23 PROTECTS ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICES

By stopping higher energy costs, Proposition 23 helps protect funding when community budgets are dangerously stretched—keeping teachers in our classrooms and firefighters on the street. *“Public safety is our top priority. Proposition 23 is essential to help protect funding for firefighters, law enforcement and emergency medical services.”* —Kevin Nida, President, California State Firefighters’ Association

PROPOSITION 23 EMPOWERS VOTERS NOT BUREAUCRATS

CARB’s unelected political appointees want to impose hidden taxes without voter approval. Proposition 23 lets voters, not bureaucrats, decide when we implement California’s costly global warming law.

Proposition 23’s common-sense, fiscally responsible approach is a win-win for California’s families, economy and environment.