YES ON PROP 3

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT DOES PROP 3 DO?

- Proposition 3 provides permanent funding for schools and health care.
- Since 2012, the wealthiest 2% of Californians have paid a marginally higher income tax rate (1-3 percentage points) to help fund our schools.
- Prop 3 simply extends these existing tax rates the wealiest top 2% pay with strict accountability requirements that make sure the money goes directly to schools, not Sacramento politicians.

IS THIS A NEW TAX?

- No. Prop 3 is not a new tax and does not raise taxes. The wealthiest 2% of Californians would keep paying the same rates they pay today to support education, health care, and critical safety net programs.

HOW MUCH MONEY DOES PROP 3 RAISE?

- On average, **$10 billion annually** in critical revenues.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

- Directly to schools. These revenues count towards the school funding level California's Constitution already requires, known as the Proposition 98 guarantee.
- Because that requirement gets met, billions are freed up for health care, child care, wildfire protection, frontline workers, and other critical programs.
- The specific money raised by Prop 3 goes directly to schools and community colleges, split 89% to K-12 and 11% to community colleges.

WHAT HAS THE FUNDING PAID FOR?

- Since 2012, Props 30 and 55 have sent about **$120 billion to schools and community colleges,** freeing up other state dollars for children's health care, Medi-Cal and other state programs.

ARE THERE ANY ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS?

- Yes. Prop 3 includes strict accountability measures to guarantee the money reaches the classroom.
- Funds go directly to local schools and community colleges.
- Politicians can't touch it, redirect it, or spend a single dollar of it on bureaucracy or administrative overhead.

HOW DO WE KNOW IT'S ACTUALLY BEING SPENT RIGHT?

- Every dollar is audited annually.
- Any official who misuses it faces prosecution and criminal penalties.

WHAT HAPPENS IF PROP 3 DOESN'T PASS?

- **Our schools get hit first and hit hard.** California's 8 million public school and community college students will face billions in cuts, teacher layoffs, and overcrowded classrooms.
- **Our health care faces enormous cuts.** Prop 3 frees up billions that help fund Medi-Cal for children, seniors, and families. Without Prop 3, families could lose access to preventive health care, affordable prescription drugs, and the Medi-Cal coverage that millions rely on.
- **Students will suffer while millionaires and billionaires get a tax cut.** This includes low-income students, kids with disabilities, and the schools already stretched thinnest.

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IS PROP 3 THE BILLIONAIRE TAX?

- No. That's Prop 40, a separate measure on the same ballot.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

- **Prop 3 maintains the existing income tax rates on the wealthiest 2%** — the same rates that have been in place since 2012.
- **Prop 40 is a new tax.** It's a new one-time 5% tax on what California's roughly 200 billionaires own, due in 2027. A big difference is that Prop 40 does not include clear transparency or oversight measures to ensure funds are spent as intended.
- **Prop 3 only extends what is already in place.** The choice Is between keeping a rate that's been in place since 2012 and letting it lapse.

WHO SUPPORTS PROP 3?

- Teachers, nurses, firefighters, school employees, and parents. The people who work in the classrooms and clinics this money pays for.

WHO HAS ENDORSED THE MEASURE?

California Teachers Association, California Federation of Teachers, National Education Association, California School Employees Association, California State PTA, California Nurses Association, California Professional Firefighters, California School Nurses Organization, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, SEIU California, AFSCME California, California Medical Association, and the League of Women Voters of California.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Prop 3 extends the same rates on the wealthiest 2% that have funded our schools since 2012, with the same strict accountability. It doesn't raise taxes on anyone.