



Protect California Schools

THE PROTECT SCHOOLS & TAXPAYERS ACT

This measure protects schools and taxpayers by closing loopholes that special-interests exploit to shortchange our schools and deny rebates owed to taxpayers.

THE PROBLEM:

For 40+ years, California voters have supported strong protections for public education and taxpayers.

- Voters approved Proposition 98 to guarantee funding for schools.
- Voters also approved Proposition 4 to set strict limits on state spending, including requirements to refund excess tax revenues to taxpayers.

Over time, politicians and special-interests have created loopholes to get around these voter-approved protections, weakening our schools and costing taxpayers billions.

The result: California schools receive **\$11.8 BILLION LESS EVERY YEAR** than they should — funding voters intended for classrooms, but never delivered.

And special-interests are at it again, pushing for a new tax on the November ballot with no guarantee of funding for schools — **SHORTCHANGING CLASSROOMS ANOTHER \$16 BILLION+ OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS.**

THE SOLUTION: YES ON THE PROTECT SCHOOLS & TAXPAYERS ACT

CLOSES LEGAL LOOPHOLES THAT DENY SCHOOL FUNDING

- Upholds the voter-approved guarantee for schools
- Prevents budget maneuvers that weaken classroom funding
- Ensures education funding cannot be diverted or shortchanged

PROTECTS TAXPAYERS

- Maintains taxpayer's right to refunds
- Reinforces the state spending limit
- Protects against higher taxes and wasteful government spending

STOPS SPECIAL-INTERESTS SCHEMES

- Blocks special-interest carve-outs
- Protects taxpayers' refunds from special-interest raids
- Prohibits special-interest from going around spending limits

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