Fix Classrooms. Fix the Way Schools Spend Money.

Taxpayers, seniors, parents, teachers and businesses all agree: Investing in our schools is the most important commitment we can make for our children and our future. But before we can fix schools and repair classrooms, we must first fix the way schools spend money to eliminate waste and mismanagement.

Proposition 39 on the November ballot imposes tough new requirements to hold school administrators strictly accountable for the way school bond money is spent. It protects taxpayers and homeowners while letting local voters make decisions about repairing or building classrooms to make more room for a fast-growing student population.

Passage of Prop 39 will...

- **Overhaul School Bond Spending to Eliminate Waste and Mismanagement:**
  If passed, Prop 39 will implement tough new fiscal accountability standards to ensure every penny of local school bond money goes directly toward building and repairing classrooms – and not toward administration or bureaucracy.
  Passage of Prop 39 will:
  - Strictly forbid the use of local school bond funding for bureaucracy;
  - Strictly forbid the use of local school bond funding for administrative salaries;
  - Require local school districts to provide voters with a specific list of school construction projects to be financed by a proposed bond;
  - Require school districts to commission two independent audits – financial and performance – annually throughout the life of the bond to ensure funds are expended on the approved projects and that all bond proceeds are accounted for;
  - Mandate new citizen watchdog committees comprised of local parents, seniors, taxpayers and businesses. These watchdog committees are empowered to stop any project if audits show wasteful or unauthorized spending, inform the public of abuses or waste, and vigorously investigate and prosecute violations.

- **Protect Taxpayers and Homeowners:**
  - Passage of Prop 39 would require local school bonds to be passed by a tough 55% super-majority vote.
  - Passage of Prop 39 would prohibit these votes except during regularly scheduled elections.
  - Passage of Prop 39 would place a strict cap limiting the amount property taxes can be raised as a result of a local school bond. For the average California homeowner the maximum cap is less than $100 per year.

- **Help Build and Repair Needed Schools and Classrooms:**
  California schools are among the most overcrowded in the nation. Some school districts with too few classrooms are forced to teach children in trailers and converted cafeterias, libraries and gyms. Experts predict we'll need 20,000 new classrooms just to keep up with student population growth expected over the next ten years.

  By requiring a 55% super-majority vote threshold, fixing the way school bonds are spent, and cutting waste and mismanagement, Prop 39 benefits many communities that desperately need to build schools and repair classrooms because of overcrowding and exploding student growth. Prop 39 also promotes the expansion of class size reduction programs that result in better learning and classroom discipline.

JOIN PARENTS, TEACHERS, THE STATE PTA, AARP, AND THE CALIFORNIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. VOTE “YES” ON 39!

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