

The Peace and Freedom Party says:

Vote NO on Propositions 73–78

Vote YES on Propositions 79 and 80

Proposition 73: “Termination of Minor’s Pregnancy. Waiting Period and Parental Notification. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.” Attacks the privacy rights and reproductive freedom of young women. It would lead to increases in teenage suicide, unwanted children and illegal abortions. Vote NO on 73.

Proposition 74: “Public School Teachers. Waiting Period for Permanent Status. Dismissal. Initiative Statute.” Would increase to five years the length of time public school teachers must work before being granted tenure, and make it easier for tenured teachers to be fired for union activity, sexual orientation or failure to embrace the latest corporate fads in education. Vote NO on 74.

Proposition 75: “Public Employee Union Dues. Required Employee Consent for Political Contributions. Initiative Statute.” This “paycheck deception act” would make it harder for public employee unions to engage in political activity by requiring workers to sign a form every year before any of their union dues could be spent on political activities. With unions weakened, the way would be paved for more attacks on public services. Vote NO on 75.

Proposition 76: “School Funding. State Spending. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.” Would limit the amount of state spending, reduce the guaranteed funding to schools, and give the governor dictatorial powers to make midyear cuts to spending, including cutting employees’ pay, to balance the budget. Vote NO on 76.

Proposition 77: “Reapportionment. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.” This takes the power to draw legislative districts away from the legislature

and gives it to a panel of retired judges. It would force an immediate redistricting in addition to the ones that happen every ten years after the census. Gerrymandering is a problem, whether it’s to favor one capitalist party or to favor the incumbents of both capitalist parties, but proportional representation, not “independent redistricting”, is the solution. Vote NO on 77.

Proposition 78: “Prescription Drugs. Discounts. Initiative Statute.” This is the drug companies’ phony alternative to Proposition 79, the similar initiative sponsored by labor and consumer groups. Vote NO on 78.

Proposition 79: “Prescription Drug Discounts. State-Negotiated Rebates. Initiative Statute.” This measure would require that drug companies negotiate with the state for a rebate to fund discounted drug prices to lower-income Californians, and prohibit new Medi-Cal contracts for drugs not at the best negotiated price (unless there is no therapeutic equivalent). The measure also bans prescription drug profiteering. The real solution to drug costs, as well as other health care costs, is a publically-funded universal health-care program; but this measure is a step forward which would actually save lives. Vote YES on 79.

Proposition 80: “Electric Service Providers. Regulation. Initiative Statute.” This measure would re-regulate the electrical utility industry, attempting to undo some of the damage caused by the bipartisan electricity deregulation of the 1990s. The best way to provide affordable and sustainable electric power is by publically-owned electric utilities, but this measure is a step forward. Vote YES on 80.

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