

Proposition 54<sup>5</sup> on your ballot solely because one California billionaire, after spending millions of dollars trying to influence California policy and elections, is now using our citizen initiative process to pursue his own political agenda.

What is Prop 54? It is a complicated measure that introduces unnecessary new restrictions on the way laws are crafted by the Legislature. It empowers special interests under the guise of “transparency.”

Rather than promoting accountability, Prop 54 will slow down the ability for legislators to develop bipartisan solutions to our state’s most pressing problems.

For example, many bipartisan balanced budget agreements, the Fair Housing Act (which ended housing discrimination), and last year’s bond measure to address California’s drought likely never would have happened if this measure had been enacted.

Prop 54 will throw a monkey wrench into the ability of our elected officials to get things done. It will give special interests more power to thwart the will of our elected officials. It makes it more difficult to address state emergencies.

**DON’T GIVE SPECIAL INTERESTS EVEN MORE POWER. VOTE NO ON PROP 54.**

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While it sounds good, requiring the legislature to wait three days before voting on a bill will give powerful lobbyists and well-funded special interests time to launch campaigns to attack bipartisan compromises. Special interests already have too much power in Sacramento. Prop 54 will give them more.

#### PROP 54 WILL INCREASE TAXPAYER COSTS

Anytime a comma is changed in a bill, lawmakers will now be forced to wait three days to vote on it. That will mean unnecessary and costly delays that the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst Office estimates will be in the millions of dollars -- funds that could be used to improve education, lower tuition costs, or help create jobs.

#### PROP 54 WILL INCREASE POLITICAL ATTACK ADS

Current law prohibits the use of Legislative proceedings in political campaign ads. Prop 54 eliminates that rule, paving the way for millions of dollars in ugly campaign attacks ads that will flood your screen before each election.

#### DON'T LET A BILLIONAIRE REWRITE CALIFORNIA'S CONSTITUTION FOR POLITICAL GAIN.

Who's behind this measure? Charles Munger, Jr. - a billionaire with a long history of contributing millions to candidates that oppose increased education funding, the minimum wage, plans to make higher education more affordable, and other

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progressive issues -- is the *only* donor to Prop 54. He has spent more than \$5.5 million to put this measure on the ballot.

Don't let a single wealthy Californian bypass the Legislature to rewrite our state's constitution to his own liking. Even the California Newspaper Publishers Association, which supports many of the concepts in in this measure, has told the *Capitol Weekly* newspaper, it "doesn't feel the initiative process is a good way to deal with public policy."

Prop 54 is opposed by the California Democratic Party, dozens of elected officials, environmental, labor, and other groups.

Vote NO on Prop 54. Get the facts on [www.NoOnProposition54.com](http://www.NoOnProposition54.com) and follow us on Twitter @NoProp54

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