



PROP 1D WILL TAKE \$1.6 BILLION FROM LOCAL HEALTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Don't be fooled by the deceptive ballot description you will see on May 19th. It was written by the Legislature – the same people who want to take money from local First 5 commissions to fill holes in the state budget. Sadly, they don't seem to care about the holes they will leave for children in scores of communities throughout California.

In 1998, Californians voted to dedicate tobacco taxes to local health and education programs for young children. Voters acted because Sacramento politicians were unwilling to fund these critical programs. In 2000, the tobacco companies tried to take this funding away and were soundly defeated at the ballot box. Today, the Governor and Legislature want to take these funds, even though they did none of the work to raise them. California voters already said no to big tobacco. Now we must say no to Sacramento politicians.

Prop 1D transfers 60 to 70% of First 5 revenues from local communities to the state budget for the next five years. By diverting First 5 funds to the State General Fund, Prop 1D threatens hundreds of successful efforts that are improving the health of children, providing quality preschool, and increasing child safety.

- Proposition 1D jeopardizes \$163 million in current preschool investments, threatening hundreds of programs throughout the state.
- Prop 1D endangers thousands of children's access to health insurance and undermines health and other services for up to 65,000 children with special needs.
- Prop 1D defunds preventive oral health services and dental treatment that last year served 187,000 children who would otherwise have had no care.
- Prop 1D will cripple California's most effective smoking prevention efforts that are reaching more than half a million pregnant women and parents of young children.
- Prop 1D threatens the ability of local communities to set priorities for meeting the needs of their own children and families.

Unlike the State of California, First 5 Commissions are responsible stewards of their funds, planning and investing for the long term. Enactment of Prop 1D will punish children and communities for First 5's diligent management of public dollars.

Prop 1D will undermine one of the few efforts in California to fund prevention strategies that eliminate long-term and costly problems, saving the taxpayer money. When times are tough, prevention funding is the first to go. Prop 1D will only worsen future budget problems.

If Prop 1D passes, what's to keep the Legislature from taking the rest of our children's First 5 funds the next time the state needs cash?

Protect Children and Families: Vote No on Prop 1D
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