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UNION UPDATE

No on Proposition 32

Let's make it strike 3

Voters twice rejected initiatives to silence our voices. Now, the billionaires are back with Prop. 32

Proposition 32 may seem like a remake of a bad movie to many voters. Voters have twice rejected other versions of this same effort to cripple the ability of working people to organize.

In **1998**, then-Gov. Pete Wilson supported **Proposition 226**, which was defeated when 53 percent of the voters cast "no" ballots.

In **2005**, then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger called a special election to ram through a series of measures, including **Proposition 75**. Again, that measure was rejected by 53 percent of voters.

Both times in the past, there was an anti-labor governor who raised money from wealthy conservative political donors and business leaders. In **2012**, those same wealthy special interests, including out-of-state billionaires, are supporting **Proposition 32**.

As the League of Women Voters and other good government groups point out, Proposition 32 is deceptively written to appear as if it promotes political reform. In reality, Proposition 32 cripples the ability of working people to raise money for political purposes but leaves wealthy donors, trade groups and other special interests and the super PACs untouched.

"Let's make this election strike three for the special interests," said Yvonne R. Walker, Local 1000 president. "Proposition 32 is a misleading power grab by wealthy, powerful people and groups who want to rewrite the rules in their favor."



State workers have always been active in politics

For more than 80 years, state workers have joined together at election time to support initiatives that help the state operate more efficiently and benefit working families. In 1930, state workers won voter approval for the measure that created CalPERS. Two years later, California voters approved a measure to create the civil service system so that all state workers no longer had to depend on the whims of politicians for their jobs.

Over the years, state employees have won at the ballot box, in the Legislature and at the bargaining table, but our gains can all be lost if Proposition 32 passes and state workers lose the ability to compete politically.

"We need to stop Proposition 32 now because if we don't these same wealthy special interests will most likely try to use the electoral process to cut our pensions in 2014," said Margarita Maldonado, vice president for bargaining.

Mary Kay Henry

SEIU international president rallies members



'Proposition 32 fight has national importance'

SEIU President Mary Kay Henry visited Sacramento on Sept. 29 to praise our members and staff for their long hours of work campaigning against Prop. 32.

"You are doing the most important work in the nation right now," Henry told a crowd of nearly 150 members, staff and family members. "The fight over Prop. 32 has national implica-

tions. The nation is watching what we do in California. It is essential that we defeat this measure and ensure that working families continue to have a political voice."

Retirement Security for All

Brown signs retirement savings bill

With the stroke of his pen, Gov. Jerry Brown took a bold step toward retirement security for millions of workers by signing SB 1234, a bill strongly backed by Local 1000, other SEIU locals and the American Association of Retired Persons.

“Every state should be looking at California right now because this puts our state in the forefront of addressing a very serious national crisis – retirement security,” said Yvonne R. Walker, president of SEIU Local 1000 and chair of SEIU’s Retirement Committee.

“This legislation will be a model for how our nation addresses retirement security for all workers. I fully expect other states to study SB 1234 and follow suit with their own legislation.”

SB 1234, co-authored by senators Kevin de León and Darrell Steinberg, establishes California as a leader among states in creating new retirement plans for private sector workers.

“We supported this bill because we want to see every worker have the opportunity to retire with dignity,”

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—Yvonne R. Walker
President, SEIU Local 1000



said Walker, who co-presented the bill with de León to an Assembly committee.

SEIU President Mary Kay Henry applauded the efforts of Local 1000 activists and members of other locals to pass SB 1234.

“This legislation will turn around the whole national discussion about pensions and retirement security,” Henry said. “We need to stop trying to cut pensions and instead look at creative ways to help all workers obtain a secure retirement.”

“Secure Choice” will act as a supplement to Social Security for low and middle income workers who do not have access to an employer-sponsored retirement plan. This affordable plan would be professionally managed and portable so workers could take their retirement savings from job to job.

The lack of sufficient retirement savings poses a significant threat to the state’s already strained safety net programs and exacerbates the state’s high unemployment rate as seniors are forced to work longer, leaving fewer jobs available for younger workers trying to enter the workforce.

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Has your mail ballot arrived?

Voting has already begun for thousands of Californians; make sure to vote ‘no’ on Prop. 32 & ‘yes’ on Prop. 30

Hundreds of thousands of voters should be receiving their ballots this week and, if you are registered to vote by mail, it is important for you to cast your ballot in time to be counted.

For your vote to be counted, vote-by-mail ballots must be received by a state or county election official no later than the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. on Nov. 6 – Election Day. So if you forget to mail it, you can drop off your ballot at any polling place in your county or to your county elections office on Election Day.

Currently, hundreds of Local 1000 members and staff as well

as volunteers from other unions and good government groups are campaigning against Proposition 32, a deceptive measure designed to cripple our ability to protect our jobs, wages and pensions from future political attack. We are also supporting Proposition 30, which would raise \$6 billion for education and public safety.

No on Prop. 32 & other endorsements

After an endorsement process that involved numerous meetings of members of Local 1000 and other SEIU locals, the SEIU State Council issued endorsements in a



host of state races. To see other endorsements and to volunteer in our campaign go to seiu1000.me/PST8PC

Still need to register?

It has never been easier to register to vote in California than right now.

Anyone with a signature on file with the DMV can register to vote or change their voter registration, entirely online.

Just go to sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_vr.htm

The deadline to register is **Oct. 22.**