



RECLAIM CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE

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Community Groups Call for End to Negative Attacks on Prop 30

Clergy, students, teachers, parents ask for end to negative attack ads

Los Angeles – A coalition of parents, students, community groups and faith-based organizations supporting Proposition 30 today called for an end to negative attack ads against Prop 30 funded by millionaire Molly Munger and the Proposition 38 campaign. The coalition, Reclaim California's Future, is committed to raising revenue for California schools and services, and made the case that negative ads will ultimately harm chances of any revenue measure passing.

Anthony Thigpenn, president of California Calls, said, "Our coalition is providing volunteers for the Prop 30 campaign all across the state. We are talking with thousands of new and infrequent voters in phone banks and face to face to persuade them to become part of the electoral process. We want to inspire them to come out to vote, and passing new revenues this November is critical to our children, our future, and our communities. We call for supporters of Prop 38 to make the positive case for their measure, and stop the attacks.

Thigpenn was followed by many other speakers.

*"As people of faith, we are deeply troubled by the negative ads that have been airing this week. Members of our congregations are pouring their hopes and dreams into the effort to pass Prop 30 because we care deeply about our children, our communities, and our state. The negative attacks hurt everyone, especially our young people, whose future is in the balance on November 6," said **Reverend Ryan Bell, Clergy Leader with LA Voice PICO.***

*"I have a son in high school and a daughter in college. I supported Prop. 30 after I learned how the money will be used - which is for our schools and universities. We can't afford for voters to be misled, this initiative will tax the rich to fund our schools. In this election our kids' future is literally at stake," **Maria Gomez, Parent.***

"Community Colleges and K-12 schools are being crushed under the weight of budget cuts. Enrollment has fallen in California community colleges by almost 250,000 students as a response to the nearly 25% drop in class availability within the last 3 years alone. The passing of Prop 30 will ensure that higher education is not just a luxury to be available to the elite, but

*something that is attainable by hard working students at any economic level," said **Jwyanza Hobson, President, Associated Student Government, LACC.***

*"Prop 30 will allow us to continue providing access to higher education for those that need it the most. Due to the fiscal climate in California public educational institutions have suffered greatly; however, our students have suffered more. If we really desire to provide opportunities for the people of California we will support Prop 30," **Kalynda Webber, Counselor, LA City College.***

*"The continuous budget cuts to health and human services threaten my ability to live in my community. I depend on In-Home Support Services, SSI and Medi-Cal for my basic needs and if prop. 30 fails in November, I will see more cuts to these programs and many people like me, living with disabilities will risk being institutionalized, which cost the state three times more than me living in my community independently and free!" **Julie Gaona, Member, California Partnership***

*"Prop 30 will generate critical resources for education, healthcare and public safety, mainly through increased taxes on wealthy Californians," **Nurse, Margie Keenan.***

The organizations that make up Reclaim California's Future are currently mobilizing thousands of volunteers to contact, educate and identify 250,000 new and infrequent voters to vote Yes on Prop 30. These 250,000 votes can be the margin of victory on Prop 30 as the race tightens.

***Reclaim California's Future** is a broad coalition of community groups, faith based organizations, educators, and unions committed to restoring critical funding for schools and services and to rebuilding the state's crumbling roads, bridges, and economy. Steering committee members include: Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) Action Fund, Asian Pacific Environmental Network Action (APEN Action), California Calls Action Fund, California Federation of Teachers, California Partnership, Courage Campaign, Mobilize the Immigrant Vote Action Fund, PICO California, and SEIU 1021*

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