YES on PROP 45

Building a More Affordable California

Why Educators & Students SUPPORT Prop 45

Streamlines Approvals to Build Schools & Education Facilities Faster and More Affordably

The Problem

Lengthy Delays and Red Tape are Blocking Schools and Essential Educational Facilities & Driving Up Costs

California's outdated system for approving essential projects—including schools and classrooms, higher education facilities, student housing, workforce training centers, and research facilities—is too slow, too bureaucratic and too costly. These delays contribute to classroom overcrowding, delay necessary technology upgrades, and **divert limited education dollars away from students and educators.**

- **Schools & Classrooms:** Project delays increase construction costs for K-12 schools, classroom expansions, modernization projects and seismic upgrades—stretching limited bond dollars and delaying relief from overcrowded classrooms.
- **Higher Education & Research:** Bureaucratic delays add millions in avoidable costs for universities, community colleges and education research facilities—slowing workforce training, innovation and campus expansion.
- **Housing:** Permitting and approval delays add an average of more than **$75,000** to the cost of a new home in California—pushing rents and mortgages higher and worsening housing shortages for students and educators alike.

The Solution

Prop 45 modernizes the state's outdated approval process to **build essential projects faster and more affordably.**

Prop 45 will:

- **Streamline reviews and eliminate costly delays.**
- **Curb frivolous lawsuits that block essential projects.**
- **Create tens of thousands of good-paying jobs.**
- **Expand the state and local tax base—helping support long-term, stable funding for education.**
- **Maintain community input and local control.**
- **Protect California's strong environmental, worker and tribal cultural resources protection standards.**

Streamlines approvals for essential projects, including:

- **Schools, classrooms and educational facilities.**
- **Housing**, including single and multi-family housing.
- **Clean drinking water and water supply projects.**
- **Hospitals, clinics** and other healthcare facilities.
- **Roads, bridges, transit** and other transportation infrastructure.
- **Wildfire prevention and resilience projects.**
- **Clean energy generation, transmission and storage.**
- **Broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.**

How Prop 45 Lowers Costs and Delivers Educational Facilities Faster

Streamlined Approvals—More Predictability & Accountability

- **Reasonable, Enforceable Timelines:** Agencies must approve or deny project applications within **365 days**. If the deadline is missed, applicants may request a **public hearing or workshop** where a final decision must be made within 60 days.
- **Objective Standards:** Agencies must base their review on clear, written rules—like local ordinances, environmental laws or zoning standards—that were in place when the application was submitted.
- **Public Comment:** Establishes **a firm 45-day public comment period** with written responses to all timely comments—ensuring public participation and accountability.
- **Streamlined Alternatives:** Narrows the "alternatives" requirement to two: one feasible alternative project design that reduces environmental impacts, and one describing a "no project" scenario.

Fairer Reviews—Faster, Evidence-Based Process

- **Judicial Shot Clock:** Courts must fully resolve legal challenges within 270 days.
- **Fix What's Broken:** If one part of an environmental review document is rejected, only that section must be fixed—allowing the rest of the project to move forward on schedule.
- **Objective Standards:** Courts may only overturn project approvals if agencies ignore clear, written rules—like zoning or environmental standards—that were in place when the application was submitted.
- **Evidence-Based Review:** Courts must uphold a project's approval if the agency's decision was supported by substantial evidence.

Every year of delay means fewer classrooms, higher costs, and fewer opportunities for students and educators. It's time to cut red tape, protect our environment and build projects that make life more affordable for everyone.

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