YES on PROP 45

Building a More Affordable California

Why Social Justice Advocates SUPPORT Prop 45

Streamlines Approvals to Build Essential Projects Faster and Make California More Affordable

The Problem

Lengthy Delays and Red Tape are Blocking Essential Projects & Driving Up Our Cost of Living

California's cost of living is out of control. Families cannot afford to live here because we are failing to deliver the basics. Our outdated system for approving essential projects like housing, water, clean energy, roads, schools and hospitals is too slow, too bureaucratic and too costly—**and it's driving up the cost of living for all of us.** But these delays are not felt equally: they disproportionately harm historically underinvested communities and communities of color that are too often last in line for the critical infrastructure they need to thrive.

The Solution

Prop 45 Streamlines Project Approvals to Build a More Affordable California

Prop 45 cuts red tape and unnecessary delays so California can build the essential infrastructure we need faster, **lower our cost of living** and **improve our quality of life**—all while preserving California's strongest-in-the-world environmental protections.

The Benefits: A More Affordable California

- **Accelerates the essential infrastructure California needs.** Prop 45 streamlines approvals and **reduces costs** for housing, clean energy, water, healthcare, schools, roads and wildfire prevention—helping lower the cost of living and improve our quality of life.
- **Lowers housing costs.** Permitting delays add **more than $75,000 to the cost of a new home** in California—driving up rents and mortgages, widening racial wealth gaps and putting homeownership further out of reach. Prop 45 helps build homes faster and more affordably.
- **Lowers electricity costs.** Endless delays in building clean energy and electric grid infrastructure drive up electricity bills for working families. Prop 45 will reduce electricity costs by accelerating the projects needed to deliver **reliable, affordable energy.**

Streamlines approvals for essential projects, including:

- **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.**
- **Housing**, including single and multi-family housing.
- **Schools, classrooms and educational facilities.**
- **Clean energy generation, transmission and storage.**
- **Broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.**

- **Protects taxpayers.** Years of bureaucratic delays add billions in cost overruns for roads, schools, hospitals, water systems, and wildfire prevention projects—forcing taxpayers to pay more for less while historically underinvested communities wait longer for critical infrastructure and services. **Prop 45** cuts costly delays, reduces waste, and helps **keep public projects on time and on budget.**
- **Creates good-paying jobs and strengthens our economy.** By building the essential infrastructure California needs, **Prop 45** will create **tens of thousands of good-paying jobs** and generate billions of dollars in new economic activity.
- **Protects California's strongest-in-the-world environmental laws**. **Prop 45 keeps California's environmental protections fully intact** while speeding projects that deliver cleaner air, safer drinking water, cleaner energy, and stronger wildfire protection—**helping address long-standing environmental and public health disparities.**
- **Protects local control and community input. Prop 45** fully preserves local control—cities and counties **retain the authority to approve or deny projects** in their communities, and Californians continue to have a meaningful voice throughout the project approval process.

A Balanced Approach to Lowering the Cost of Living

A **broad and growing coalition** of civil rights leaders, affordable housing advocates, healthcare professionals, water providers, clean energy leaders, and civil rights advocates support **Prop 45** because it takes a balanced approach to tackling California's high cost of living while protecting our environment.

NAACP California Hawaii State Conference · League of United Latin American Citizens 1929 · GENUP · National Diversity Coalition

**Partial List*

It's time to cut unnecessary red tape and project delays to build a more affordable California.

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