

Quick Points on Prop. 32

STOP THE SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS ACT

A new initiative called the Special Exemptions Act on the November 2012 ballot is **MISLEADING, UNFAIR** and **UNNECESSARY**. This measure claims to be about stopping special interest money in politics, but instead it is an attempt to deceive voters into passing a law that would change the rules to benefit wealthy corporate interests at the expense of middle-class workers and their unions.

The measure is not what it seems. It contains huge exemptions for billionaire businessmen and Super PACs to make unlimited political contributions and gives corporate special interests even more power.

- The measure singles out middle-class workers and their unions for unfair restraints on political spending while providing exemptions for big business. It does nothing to stop corporations or CEOs from contributing to campaigns.
- It exempts secretive Super PACs, which can raise unlimited amounts of money from corporate special interests and billionaire businessmen, and does nothing to stop anonymous donations from influencing elections.
- The measure says it will stop corporations and unions from collecting political funds through payroll deductions – but corporations *almost never* use payroll deductions to collect funds to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures; they use their vast corporate profits.
- This initiative is part of the big corporate national agenda. Corporations already outspend unions 15 to 1 on politics. This will tilt the scales of power even more toward the top 1 percent. *That's not fair.*

The measure will silence the voice of educators.

- The Special Exemptions Act will effectively prevent educators from using their political voice to protect students, improve schools and colleges, and enhance the teaching profession.
- CTA will be curtailed from being a strong advocate for increasing funding for schools and colleges, preserving adequate salaries and secure retirement plans, protecting our right to collectively bargain, Class Size Reduction, opposing No Child Left Behind, and even taking a stand on local school board races and ballot measures.
- We can't create a better future for our students and our state unless the voices of teachers, firefighters, police and nurses are heard. We are the voice for the middle class.

Members can already opt out of paying dues for political purposes.

- This initiative is unnecessary because current law already protects workers' rights. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that no one can be forced to join a union and contribute to political campaigns.
- Every member of CTA can opt out of having their dues money spent for political contributions.
- This measure attempts to fix something that doesn't need fixing in order to hide its real intent – to keep educators and unions from speaking out.



Vote NO on Proposition 32.
The Special Exemptions Act.

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