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Public Safety on the Ballot – Candidates and Propositions

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As we vote for candidates for office and ballot measures, this is what we need to know about public safety. In 2015 the violent crime rate in the U.S. rose by 3.1% but in California it was up by .6%. The murder rate in California increased by 8.5 percent in 2015, and the rape rate rose by 9.7 percent. These numbers are from a recently released FBI report. Do you feel safe?

The actions of Californians drown out the words of the politicians. For the calendar year of 2016, a record of over one million guns will have been bought in California. The politicians gave us AB 109, the prison realignment bill that gave early released to 50,000 prisoners, because the courts ruled "they were not comfortable". Prop. 47 turned felonies into misdemeanors and now felons in jail are allowed to vote. Tens of thousands of arrests were NOT made because of Prop. 47—and you wonder why crime and gun ownership is up?

We live in an era where the police are afraid to prevent crimes, since they could be sued and lose their jobs and savings if they stop the wrong person based on race, ethnicity or orientation. If a community has too many crimes caused by folks of one kind and a cop arrests another person like that, they can be sued for profiling and worse.

The next step to getting criminals out of jail early and quickly is the "end bail" movement. Lawsuits in Sacramento and San Fran could cause the end of bail—instead

unless a significant risk of violence, the courts will allow criminals waiting for trial back out on the streets.

Then we have in the schools the "restorative justice" movement. This is where classroom disruptors, a bully, a druggie or a kid with a knife is told never to do it again and sent back to the classroom. The goal is to end all suspensions and expulsions. The result of the policy are students and teachers trying to learn in a dangerous atmosphere.

The police, the elected officials, the school administrators, the government are not at fault for this situation. We, the public, must take 100% of the responsibility. We elect the school board, the legislature and allow radical groups to take over public policy. When we send our kids to school, or we go to work, yet do not protect our family by demanding protection and sound policies, we are at fault.

As we vote on November 8, do not look at Party affiliation or believe the political mail or TV ads. Find out for yourself where the candidates stand, how the ballot measures will affect your safety. You have the right to vote. Use it responsibly. The safety of your family is at stake.

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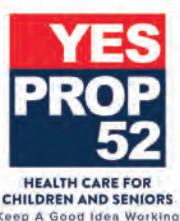
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Yes on Proposition 51*



Prop 51 keeps our students safe by solving a long backlog of public safety repairs like earthquake retrofitting, fire safety, removing lead paint and pipes. Endorsed by CalTAX because it does NOT raise taxes.

Yes on Proposition 52*



Sponsored by California's 450+ hospitals, Proposition 52 guarantees that our Medi-Cal programs for seniors, children, and low-income families will continue to receive the highest level of federal health care assistance.

No on Proposition 56*



Stop the special interest tax grab. Health insurers and wealthy special interests locked in a funding formula giving them 82% of all the new tax money. No money to fight violent crime.

No on Prop 62* Yes on Prop 66*



Victims' Families, Prosecutors, and Law Enforcement ask you to Mend, Not End, the Death Penalty. No on 62, Yes on 66! Keep the Death Penalty, End Frivolous Appeals.



Yes on Proposition 57*

Keeps dangerous offenders locked up, focuses on rehabilitation and saves tens of millions. Supporters: law enforcement and crime victims.