

NO ON PROP. 1E

Don't Cut Mental Health Care!

The Legislature's budget deal requires voters to consider several different ballot measures at the May 19 special election. One that deserves a "no" vote is Proposition 1E.

Proposition 1E changes **Proposition 63**, a voter initiative passed in November 2004. Prop. 63 added a 1% tax surcharge to annual income over \$1 million, and required all proceeds to go to new and expanded mental health programs for children and adults.

Prop. 63 is working. Over 200,000 people are now enrolled in mental health services who were not receiving treatment before 2004.

But Prop. 1E cuts a half-billion dollars from Prop. 63 programs. These cuts will cause immediate and lasting damage.

Prop. 1E will limit treatments and services for people living with mental illness. Future services are at even greater risk.

Vote NO on Prop. 1E Because:

- **IT'S UNNECESSARY.** Legislators have already raised taxes and cut services. The money Prop. 1E takes from Prop. 63 amounts to less than 0.25% of the state budget.
- **IT CUTS MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT.** Prop. 63 programs now help 200,000 people, including 50,000 children, who had no mental health services before it passed. But Prop. 1E foolishly cuts these programs by hundreds of millions of dollars.
- **IT COSTS US MORE.** The costs of untreated mental illness are higher across the board. People who never get care, or who lose their care, will drop out of school, lose their jobs and homes, and cost us more in hospitalizations, homelessness and criminal justice.
- **THE FIRST CUT IS A BAD PRECEDENT.** Prop. 1E began as a budget proposal from some state legislators to permanently redirect *all* Prop. 63 funds away from voter-approved mental health programs. The proposal was watered down to a 2-year raid – this time. If voters approve it, legislators will surely come back for more next time.
- **IT JEOPARDIZES FEDERAL FUNDS.** Prop. 1E could threaten millions of dollars in federal assistance that now helps pay for mental health services.
- **1E HAS NO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SPENDING.** Unlike Prop. 63, which has strict audits and accountability requirements, Prop. 1E puts hundreds of millions of dollars into the General Fund, where the Legislature can spend it without restrictions.

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Contribution Form

We need your help to win on May 19! Please be as generous as possible!

YES! I/we want to help defeat Prop. 1E, which cuts almost \$500 million from Mental Health Services Act programs.

Enclosed is: \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other \$ _____

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No on Prop. 1E

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