

LOCAL 21 VOTING GUIDE

ELECTION DAY 2012
VOTE NOVEMBER 6

We're Walking



We're Talking



We're Getting Out the Vote



on the **INSIDE**



Why We Need to
Vote No on 32



Your Union's
Official Election
Endorsements



STOP THE SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS ACT

A statewide proposition targeting unions will appear on the November ballot. Prop. 32, also known as the “Stop Special Exemptions Act,” is more deceptive and dangerous than any ballot measure we’ve ever faced in California. If passed, it will eliminate the voice and leverage of unionized employees, and put our

corporations, and that’s why they’re financing it. Proponents of Prop. 32 have bottomless pocket-books and know that misleading voters under the guise of campaign reform could pay off for them in the long run. While they claim the measure is about getting special interests out of politics, it will give corporations and super PACs

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salaries, benefits, and job security at risk. It’s imperative that we all vote No on Prop. 32, and talk to our family and friends about doing the same.

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porations, and that’s why they’re financing it. Proponents of Prop. 32 have bottomless pocket-books and know that misleading voters under the guise of campaign reform could pay off for them in the long run. While they claim the measure is about getting special interests out of politics, it will give corporations and super PACs unlimited spending power. Last year, Wisconsin was the national battleground to defend our right to negotiate a fair contract. This year, the spotlight has moved to California, Prop. 32, and our right to be part of the political process. What happens here will set the bar in every city, county, special district, and state in the country.

“Prop. 32 is about making the political playing

Prop. 32 is a one-two punch aimed squarely at us, and will debilitate unions’ ability to fight for their members and all working people.

First punch: Prop. 32 prohibits unions like Local 21 from receiving member contributions and making political campaign donations, while carving out exemptions for billionaires, retired corporate CEOs, and Wall St. banks who don’t need anyone’s contributions to write a huge check. It’s not surprising that the billionaires funding the measure have exempted themselves from it.

Second punch: If Prop. 32 passes, **unions will be cut out of the political process** by eliminating our ability to contribute money. Corporations and the wealthy will be unopposed in future elections, enabling them to spend freely to pass ballot measures that reduce our pensions, and elect candidates who will support legislated attacks on our benefits and wages, job security, and even eliminate our right to negotiate and have a union.

How you can help defeat Prop. 32

- **Talk to your friends and family** – it makes a huge difference when we inform those we have personal relationships with.
- **Join us** for an evening of telephone outreach to friendly voters.
- **Come on a Saturday walk** and distribute information door-to-door about Prop. 32.
- **Visit ifte21.org/content/help-get-out-vote** for more info.

field uneven by not allowing unions to collect voluntary political action funds, like Local 21’s Committee on Political Education,” said City of Oakland member Maryann Sargent. “If Prop. 32 passes we’ll have no chance of electing representatives who value our work and who are willing to stand up for the middle class.”



YOUR ASSIGNMENT: *Cut out this fact sheet and share with a friend*

Top 4 Reasons to Vote NO on 32

Prop. 32 pretends to be campaign finance reform, but allows corporations to make unlimited political contributions while silencing the voice of the middle class.

- 1 It prohibits unions from collecting voluntary donations from members to use in campaigns. Corporations don’t collect money that way – they just write a big check – so the measure won’t limit them.
- 2 If passed, billionaires and big businesses that support this measure will be back to elect their allies to public office who will then be free to go after working peoples’ pay, health benefits, and pensions. The backers have made no secret of their intention to strip public employees of the right to negotiate wages, professional development, and benefits, and to contract out our jobs.
- 3 It attacks all working peoples’ jobs and wages – unionized workers are just the first step.
- 4 It’s not real campaign finance reform. It’s full of exemptions for corporate interests, super PACs, and anti-labor groups who wrote the measure – they already have too much power in our political system and don’t need more.

For more information, visit VoteNoOn32.org

Local 21 Recommends on Election Day...

NATIONAL

PRESIDENT **BARACK OBAMA**

VICE PRESIDENT **JOE BIDEN**

CALIFORNIA PROPOSITIONS

YES on **30, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40** **NO** on **31, 32, 33, 38**

- YES 30** Increase income taxes for \$250,000+ earners; 1/4¢ sales tax hike to support public services
- NO 31** Allow Governor to make arbitrary budget cuts
- NO 32** **Stop Special Exemptions!** Limits campaign contributions from unions but exempts corporations, billionaires, and super-PACs
- NO 33** Anti-consumer auto insurance plan
- YES 34** End death penalty, save millions
- YES 35** Increase penalties for human trafficking
- YES 36** Amend Three Strikes law to require violent felony for life sentence
- YES 37** Label genetically engineered food
- NO 38** Raise taxes on the poor
- YES 40** Keep Senate districts drawn by independent commission

SAN FRANCISCO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

District 1 **ERIC MAR**

District 3 **DAVID CHIU**

District 5 **CHRISTINA OLAGUE**

District 7 **FX CROWLEY**

District 9 **DAVID CAMPOS**

District 11 **JOHN AVALOS**

BALLOT MEASURES

YES on **A, B, C, D, E, G** **NO** on **F**

- YES A** Fund Education at City College
- YES B** Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond
- YES C** Affordable housing and homeownership programs
- YES D** Consolidate odd year elections, save \$1 million
- YES E** Labor, business & community measure for fairer business taxes, \$25 million for housing and city services
- NO F** Negative impact on Hetch Hetchy, drinking water
- YES G** Call for repeal of Citizens United decision, restore campaign contribution limits

CITY OF OAKLAND

CITY COUNCIL

District 1 **DAN KALB**

District 5 **NOEL GALLO**

At Large **REBECCA KAPLAN**

CITY ATTORNEY **BARBARA PARKER**

SAN LEANDRO

CITY COUNCIL District 6 **JIM PROLA**

ALAMEDA COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

District 2 **RICHARD VALLE**

YES MEASURE B1 Increase Transportation Sales Tax to fund cities, counties, public transit

SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEVERLY POPEK
MATT HANEY

SHAMANN WALTON
GLADYS SOTO

SAM RODRIGUEZ

SAN JOSE

CITY COUNCIL District 8 Anyone but NOT Rose Herrera

YES MEASURE D Increase minimum wage

SANTA CLARA COUNTY MEASURES

YES on **A, B**

YES A Sales tax to fund ER, county services, programs to help kids stay in school

YES B Renew property tax for safe, clean water, creek restoration

These are your union's official endorsements. Please use this when you vote by mail or at the polls on November 6, 2012. Polls open 7am-8pm.

For a complete list of local, state and federal endorsements, visit ifpte21.net/content/political-action

Last Day to Register Vote is October 22, 2012!
Register at sos.ca.gov/elections/register-to-vote/



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We have a lot at stake this November.

The 2012 Election provides a clear choice for Local 21 members, but voting to elect candidates and pass measures that help secure our jobs and a growing economy is only the first step. Learn more about how you can help defend our rights and improve the lives of Local 21 members and the communities we serve by emailing **Julie Gilgoff** at jjgilgoff@ifpte21.org or visiting ifpte21.org/content/help-get-out-vote.

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These Local 21 members are doing their part

MARC DELONG ★ ★ ★ ★

Assistant Transportation Engineer
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority



GOPAL KHADGI ★ ★ ★ ★

Information Systems Senior Business Analyst
City and County of San Francisco



"From the presidential election to local ballot initiatives, this election will shape our future for years to come.

For me, **local council races are important, as they will have a direct impact on our contract negotiations next spring.** However, more critical than any particular ballot measure or candidate, is that union households get out and vote and not let special interests speak louder than real working families.

Precinct walking and phone banking is crucial because unlike corporations, union families can't afford to buy fast-talking, fancy ads. We can put our population to work and get the word out about what's best for a strong, healthy middle class.

For many families, time is a luxury and it's difficult to get out and pound the pavement or phone lines. For those who can't volunteer time, there are other ways to stay involved.

It's easy to put your money to work by contributing to the T.J. Anthony Fund for Political Action. This lets Local 21 focus our political contributions on races where we can make the biggest difference."

"It's important for everyone to do their part to protect the integrity and rights of working people. We can criticize and condemn our current political system, but until we get involved, we won't see any change. Whether donating your time, money, or standing up and voicing what's right, we all have to do something if we want to see changes. To create a better future for my children, I involve my daughters when I volunteer so when they grow up, they will know not to expect something without doing anything for it.

We have a lot at stake this November. **Corporations and anti-labor forces are trying to take away the fundamental rights of working people.** Unions were organized to protect workers' integrity, ensure decent wages, and prevent abuse. If we don't stand up to them now, they will crush us at the ballot box and take away the rights we have worked hard to secure. That's why it's critical we educate voters about issues on the ballot.

Nothing in life is free, we can put in the time now to elect the right people, or pay later."

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