

★ ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 11 ★

PROP. 11 ENSURES YOUR 911 EMERGENCY CARE WILL NOT BE DELAYED

Prop. 11 establishes into law the longstanding industry practice of paying emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics to remain reachable during their work breaks in case of an emergency—just like firefighters and police officers.

Prop. 11 is needed because a recent California court ruling could stop this longstanding practice and require EMTs and paramedics to be completely unreachable while on break. This means if the closest ambulance to your emergency is on break when you call for help, 911 dispatchers would have NO WAY to reach the ambulance crew because all communications devices would be turned OFF. Prop. 11 ensures your 911 emergency care is not delayed.

*“Prop. 11 ensures EMTs and paramedics can quickly respond to provide the critical care you need. It just makes common sense. Vote YES on 11.”—Adam Dougherty, MD, MPH, Emergency Physician*

WHEN YOU CALL 911, SECONDS CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH

It is essential that EMTs and paramedics are able to respond quickly and deliver lifesaving medical care during mass casualty events, like active shooter incidents and natural disasters. Prop. 11 requires that emergency medical crews are paid by their employer to receive additional training that meets FEMA standards for violence prevention, active shooter, mass casualty, and natural disaster incidents. YES on 11.

*“As a paramedic, I want to be there when people need help. Prop. 11 makes sure that when lives are at risk,*

*emergency care will not be delayed and we are prepared to respond to nearly any disaster.”—Daniel Iniguez, Licensed Paramedic*

PROP. 11 ENSURES EMTs & PARAMEDICS HAVE WORKPLACE PROTECTIONS

EMTs and paramedics should have workplace protections to ensure they are well-rested. Prop. 11 requires 911 ambulance operators to maintain high enough staffing levels to provide coverage for breaks. Prop. 11 also says emergency medical crews will continue receiving an additional hour of pay if they miss a break and it cannot be made up during their work shift. YES on 11.

PROP. 11 PROVIDES MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS FOR EMTs & PARAMEDICS

It takes a special type of person to be an EMT or paramedic, and it can sometimes be a stressful job. Prop. 11 requires employers to provide emergency medical crews with mandatory mental health coverage, as well as yearly mental health and wellness training. YES on 11.

Vote YES on Prop. 11 to protect public safety and to ensure EMTs and paramedics can quickly respond when you have an emergency.

Learn more at [www.YESon11.org](http://www.YESon11.org)

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