**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 6**

Vote YES on Proposition 6 to immediately lower the price you pay for gasoline.

Prop. 6 does two things. It repeals the massive increase in gas, diesel and car taxes imposed by the Legislature just last year. Second, it requires voter approval for any future attempt by the Legislature to do it again. That’s it. Here’s why Prop. 6 deserves your YES vote:

FACT: California’s cost of living is skyrocketing and working families can barely keep up. The new gas and car tax hikes can cost a family of four more than $500 per year! That’s not pennies, that’s real money.

FACT: The gas tax hike is not fair. It’s a regressive tax that hits working families and the poor much harder than the wealthy.

FACT: Californians pay about 95.5 cents to the government on every gallon of gas. That’s about $18 in taxes and fees on a typical fill-up—much more than motorists pay in other states.

FACT: California has a $16 billion budget surplus, but the Sacramento politicians decided to spend billions this year on their pet projects instead of improving roads, bridges and highways. In fact, the Legislature has actually REDUCED Caltrans funding by 18 percent over the last ten years.

FACT: 72% of all state motor vehicle related taxes and fees collected by the state are used for programs other than streets, roads and highways. It’s time to end the transportation funding shell game.

(Check these facts and learn more at GiveVotersAVoice.com)

Don’t be fooled by opponents who claim there is no money to fix roads if Prop. 6 passes. If the transportation-related taxes and fees we already paid before this new tax increase took effect were spent on transportation—the state would have $5.6 billion annually for transportation needs, without raising taxes.

Don’t be misled. Out-of-state politicians and special interests spent millions to put Proposition 6 on the ballot. Prop. 6 will make our bridges, roads and transportation system less safe, and we’ll end up paying more in the long run as roads further deteriorate.

FACT: Prop. 6 does not contain one single provision guaranteeing our gas prices will be reduced.

FACT: Voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 69 in June preventing Sacramento politicians from raiding transportation funds, ensuring funds can only be used for transportation improvements.

FACT: Prop. 6 eliminates $5 billion annually in existing transportation funding and will jeopardize more than 6,500 local transportation projects currently underway throughout California. Now is not the time to stop the progress.

FACT: Proposition 6 threatens public safety. California has more than 1,600 bridges and overpasses that are structurally deficient, and 89% of counties have roads that are rated in “poor” or “at-risk” condition. Prop. 6 eliminates projects making safety repairs to bridges and overpasses and fixing dangerous roads.

FACT: Prop. 6 will cost motorists more in the long run. The average driver spends $739 per year on vehicle expenses like front end alignments, shocks and tire repairs caused by bad roads. This measure will make road conditions worse and cost us all more in unexpected vehicle repairs.

Proposition 6 is opposed by more than 200 organizations, including: • California Professional Firefighters • American Society of Civil Engineers • League of Women Voters of California • California Chamber of Commerce • California Transit Association • Congress of California Seniors • California League of United Latin American Citizens • Latin Business Association • California Association of Highway Patrolmen

Reject Proposition 6—stop the attack on bridge & road safety.

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**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 6**

That’s why unbiased transportation experts agree the Legislature needs to prioritize its spending and gas and car tax hikes are NOT necessary to fix the roads.

“The waste of taxpayer dollars going to transportation is legendary. California could have great roads if it simply adopted basic reforms.”—Robert K. Best, former Director of Caltrans

Before raising gas and car taxes by $52 BILLION over 10 years, the Legislature should clean up the corruption and inefficiency that causes California to spend 62% above the national average to build highway lanes. Nearly a million Californians hurt by high gas prices—small-business owners, teachers, retired people, union members—signed the petition to place Prop. 6 on the ballot.

Vote YES on Prop. 6 to save your family hundreds of dollars a year by repealing the unnecessary gas and car tax increase—and end the shell game Sacramento politicians play with our transportation funds.

Vote YES on Prop. 6 to help California’s struggling middle class and working families make ends meet.

Vote YES on Prop. 6 to demand that politicians spend our transportation tax dollars as intended and promised—to maintain our streets, highways and bridges.

Vote YES on Prop. 6 to immediately lower gas prices!

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PROPOSITION ELIMINATES CERTAIN ROAD REPAIR AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING.

BY THE ELECTORATE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

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VOTE NO ON PROP. 6: STOP THE ATTACK ON BRIDGE & ROAD SAFETY

The California Professional Firefighters, California Association of Highway Patrolmen, American Society of Civil Engineers and first responders urge NO on Prop. 6 because it will stop critical transportation projects and jeopardize the safety of our bridges and roads.

Prop. 6 eliminates $5 billion annually in existing funds dedicated to fixing roads, bridges and infrastructure. Prop. 6 will stop projects currently underway throughout California to upgrade bridges and overpasses to meet earthquake safety standards and to improve the safety of our roads.

Here are the facts: • California has more than 1,600 bridges and overpasses that are structurally deficient and unsafe. • Eighty nine percent (89%) of counties have roads that are in ‘poor’ or ‘at-risk’ condition. • According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were more than 3,600 fatalities on California roads in 2016. Improving road conditions and roadway safety features have been found to have a significant effect improving traffic safety.

PROP. 6 ELIMINATES FUNDING FOR MORE THAN 6,500 ROAD SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

According to the California State Transportation Agency, there are more than 6,500 local transportation improvement projects underway in every California community, including: • 3,727 projects fixing potholes and repaving crumbling, unsafe roads • Repairs or replacement of 554 bridges and overpasses • 453 improvements to public transportation operations and services including buses and rail • 337 projects relieving traffic congestion

If Prop. 6 passes, construction will come grinding to a halt in cities and counties throughout the state, wasting money and making road conditions even worse.

VOTERS SPOKE LOUD AND CLEAR TO DEDICATE ROAD FUNDING

Voters overwhelmingly passed Prop. 69 in June preventing Sacramento politicians from raiding transportation funds and ensuring these funds are only used for transportation improvements. We should not eliminate transportation revenues that are accountable to taxpayers, can’t be diverted, and that voters overwhelmingly dedicated to fixing our roads.

PROP. 6 ELIMINATES THOUSANDS OF JOBS AND HURTS OUR ECONOMY

The California Chamber of Commerce opposes Prop. 6 because it could eliminate 68,000 jobs annually and $183 billion in economic investments as thousands of road construction projects are halted.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LOCAL LEADERS OPPOSE PROP. 6

• California Professional Firefighters • California Association of Highway Patrolmen • American Society of Civil Engineers • Emergency responders and paramedics • California Chamber of Commerce • California League of Conservation Voters • State Building & Construction Trades Council of California • California State Association of Counties • League of California Cities • California Alliance for Jobs • Latin Business Association • California NAACP • Congress of California Seniors • California League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

“Emergency responders see firsthand the safety risk to drivers caused by crumbling roads, structurally unsafe bridges and outdated infrastructure. By stopping thousands of transportation improvement projects, Prop. 6 will make our roads, bridges and transportation system less safe and lead to more traffic accidents and fatalities.” —Mark Ghilarducci, Director, California Office of Emergency Services

STOP THE ATTACK ON BRIDGE & ROAD SAFETY. VOTE NO ON 6.

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★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 6 ★

The cost of living in California is already too high. VOTE YES on PROP. 6 to immediately lower the price you pay at the pump.

DON’T be fooled by Special Interest opponents claiming there is no money to fix bridges and roads unless taxes are raised. Here are the facts:

• STATE GOVERNMENT HAS A $16 BILLION BUDGET SURPLUS, but the Legislature decided to spend billions on their pet projects instead of improving roads, bridges and highways.
• Sacramento politicians have REDUCED Caltrans funding by 18 percent over the last ten years. 72% of all state motor vehicle related taxes and fees go to programs other than streets, roads and highways.
• Higher fuel taxes are passed along to consumers, increasing the cost of everything we buy. California is already too expensive. This massive tax increase makes things worse.

One more thing the politicians aren’t telling you: HIDDEN IN THE LEGISLATURE’S GAS TAX BILL IS A CLAUSE THAT ALLOWS THE TAX TO AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE EVERY YEAR WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

Too many Californians are already struggling with the high cost of living. PROP. 6 does just two things to help make California more affordable:

First, it REPEALS the unfair and massive increase in the gas and car tax.

Second, it REQUIRES a vote of the people before the politicians can try to increase gas and car taxes again.


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